

Hackney Carriage Waiting List Questionnaire.

186 questionnaires were sent out to drivers on the waiting list and we received 63 replies which equates to a 34% return.

Of these the breakdown of position on list is as follows:

1-25.....9
25-50.....7
50-100...18
100-150..17
150-186..11
Anon.....1

Current Policy.

15 new Hackney carriage vehicle licences were issued on 1st July 2008. An additional two licences are to be issued on 1st July 2009 and then a further two at six monthly intervals. This policy will be reviewed after three years.

In view of the current economic situation., do you agree:-

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| a) That the current policy should continue as stated | Yes 25 No 25 |
| b) That the current policy should be deferred for 12 months | Yes 12 No 23 |
| c) That the current policy should be deferred indefinitely | Yes 21 No 23 |
| d) Some alternative proposal, please state: | |

20 comments were added here with no stand out suggestions. More ranks, plate owners to only have one plate, defer for a longer period. One mentioned the University bus is killing trade and another wanted 8 new plates issuing now and then to be capped at 181 (he is no 4 on list)! A few thought that plates should only be owned by those who drive them and that they should not be rented out. Two respondents suggested deregulation.

Please add any other comments you may wish to make:

48 comments were made. The majority of feeling was that plates should not go to people who don't drive and that it should be one plate per person and that plates should not be allowed to be sold on. Plates should go to those that will use them and the council should check how many actually work and those that don't should have the plates replaced by someone who would work. A few comments cited that work was on the decline and more plates would make matters worse. Five comments wanted more ranks as more plates would mean less room on the

present ranks which were already full. A couple of respondents thought that they would be needed because tourism would increase in the city due to the financial climate. If plates were introduced could they be cars and not WAV's. One thought that it would stimulate employment. Another cited the introduction of the University bus as a big factor in loss of trade. Others thought that more plates would make financial hardship worse as there would be less work. One respondent wanted drivers hours introduced which would free up room on the ranks. One person wanted the council to force people to use taxis and another wanted a curb on the number of private hire vehicles licensed. Another was appalled that a council can still allow primitive elitist practices as printing money on plates.

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