

## Taxi Licensing Scrutiny Review

### Lists of Councils who have a) retained quantity controls & b) changed their policy to mainly quality controls

#### a) The 87 councils who have made a policy decision to retain quantity controls are:

1. Aylesbury Vale. Survey by Mouchel 2008. Licensing committee agree to keep 50 restricted plates. Cabinet member agreed September 10th 2009. 57 taxis.
2. Barnsley. TPI Survey adopted, issuing 5 new licenses and retaining quantity controls. Surveying next 2011. 67 taxis.
3. Barrow in Furness. Surveyed 2009. Retained quantity control. 151 taxis.
4. Basingstoke. 02/02/10 Council agreed to survey SUD. HC vehicle license fees to increase by £273 for the year 2010/11 to pay for survey. 55 taxis.
5. Bath and North East Somerset. Two Zones. Bath City restricted. Surveying demand 2008/2009. Plate numbers increased to 122 taxis.
6. Bedford. Committee voted 04/12/08 to suspend managed growth for 12 months. Never independently assess. 70 taxis.
7. Birmingham. Council decided to stop issuing new plates in October 2008. Currently surveying. 1405 taxis.
8. Blackburn Darwen. Last Halcrow survey 2005. No plans to survey 2010. 68 taxis.
9. Blackpool. Voted on 11/02/2010 to retain restricted policy 256 , 44 horse drawn. 300 taxis.
10. Bolton. Last surveyed 2007. 110 taxis.
11. Bournemouth. Halcrow survey. Full council decided on 18/4/06 to retain quantity controls. Quotas policy currently under review. 249 taxis.
12. Bradford. In October 2008 councillors decided to keep taxi quotas, and from January 2009 adopt a 100% WAV policy. 225 taxis.
13. Braintree. Surveyed 2009. Still restricting. 84 taxis.
14. Brighton and Hove. Surveyed 2009. Currently issuing 2 new WAV plates a year. 530 taxis.
15. Calderdale. Zoned, Halifax remains restricted. TPI Survey 2007. Plans to survey 2010. 37 taxis (in Halifax zoned area).

16. Cardiff. Voted to lift numbers control On 14th January 2003. Voted to re-restrict early 2010. 893 taxis.
17. Carrick. KNW survey 2005. 5/1/06 decided to issue 2 plates in Truro zone + 1 a year for the next 3 years. Now part of the new Cornwall Council. Restrictions review early 2010. 82 taxis.
18. Chester le street. Now part of Durham County Council. Restrictions to be reviewed.92 taxis.
19. Chorley. March 2010 decided to keep taxi quotas after 2008 SUD survey! Surveying 2011. 36 taxis.
20. Colchester. Resolved to accept findings of 2008 survey. Surveying 2010/11. 130 taxis.
21. Congleton. Only zone in the new Cheshire East Council that still restrict. Council to review that restriction in due course. 38 taxis, although limit is 42.
22. Corby. Voted on 15th April 2008 to keep restrictions. 114 taxis.
23. Derbyshire Dales. Re-restricted 2008. 78 taxis.
24. Dover. Conducting SUD survey 2010. 69 taxis.
25. Durham. Now part of Durham County Council. Taxi quotas to be reviewed in due course. 74 taxis.
26. Ellesmere Port. Now part of Cheshire West and Chester Council. Taxi quotas to be reviewed in due course. 51 taxis.
27. Exeter. 11/02/08 the licensing committee decided to retain current restrictions. Surveying Spring/Summer 2010. 61 taxis.
28. Halton ua. Retained policy of restriction. last survey 1998. Limit is 267 taxis (although not all are taken up).
29. Harrogate. Voted on 19/03/09 to retain quantity control. 149 taxis.
30. Hastings. Council retained restricted policy on 10/7/06. Planning to survey in 2011. 48 taxis.
31. Havant. Committee decision taken in Feb 2004 to keep restricted policy. Last Survey 2003. No plan to survey this year. 40 taxis.
32. High Peak. Restricted policy retained after KNW survey in 2007. No plans to survey 2010. 131 taxis.
33. Hyndburn. Last surveyed 2002. Plan to review 2010. 62 taxis.

34. Kingston upon Hull. Halcrow survey 2009. 170 taxis.
35. Kirklees. 2009 survey finalised. Before councillors April/May 2010 for decision. 250 taxis.
36. Knowsley. Last surveyed 2005. Plans to do so again sometime. 240 taxis.
37. Lancaster. Committee 21/04/08 decided to keep restrictions. Surveying end of 2010. 109 taxis.
38. Leeds. Keeping taxi quotas via committee decision March 2010. 537 taxis.
39. Leicester. Last surveyed 2009. 338 taxis.
40. Lincoln. Policy unchanged, keeping restrictions. Last surveyed 2004. No plans to survey 2010. 31 taxis.
41. Liverpool. Restricted policy unchanged. Survey by Mouchel, committee decision 24/07/2008. Surveying 2010/11. 1426 taxis.
42. Maidstone. Survey complete, committee decided to retain restrictions on 22/01/09. 48 taxis.
43. Manchester. Has a policy of issuing 30 new licences annually. Committee voted on 01/06/09 to review restrictions/waiting lists as currently 1000+ waiting. Surveying late 2010. 1031 taxis.
44. Mid Sussex. Surveyed in 2007, and surveying in 2010. 154 taxis.
45. Newcastle on Tyne. Voted on 16/05/2008 to retain restrictions. Looking at the situation 2010. 780 taxis.
46. Newcastle under Lyme. Surveyed 2009. 51 taxis.
47. North East Lincs UA. Retained taxi quotas 2010, after delimiting 2008. 235 taxis.
48. North Tyneside. Surveyed 2009. Still restricting. 204 taxis.
49. Nottingham. Last survey 2005, no plans to survey 2010. 411 taxis.
50. Oldham. Full council meeting on 27/11/2008 voted to keep taxi restrictions following SUD survey. Next survey planned for 2011. 85 taxis.
51. Oxford. Keeping restricted numbers policy TPI survey 2002 and spring 2006. Surveyed 2009, before committee June 2010. 107 taxis.
52. Pendle. Voted to retain quantity controls, no survey. Ignored LO advice, open to legal challenge. Last surveyed in 1998. Surveying this year. 71 taxis.

53. Penwith. 2005 decided to retain restrictions without having a recent survey. Now part of Cornwall Council. Restrictions to be reviewed early 2010. 39 taxis.
54. Plymouth ua. Decided on 24/5/05 to retain current restricted policy. Plate Value 20k. Lost a legal challenge to its TPI survey on 7/3/06. Aspects of the survey deemed fraudulent. Plymouth council undertook another survey in 2006 by Halcrow which found no unmet demand. Plan to consult public 2010, and then consider Independent SUD survey. 366 taxis.
55. Poole ua. On 10/3/05 voted to retain controls. Intention is to top up their 2005 in-house survey in 2006. No plans to survey 2010. 78 taxis.
56. Portsmouth. Last surveyed 2006. Surveying 2010/11. 234 taxis.
57. Preston. Halcrow survey, 21/04/2009 Committee retained restricted policy. 187 taxis.
58. Reading. Delimited 2008. Committee decided to freeze applications until March 2010. Survey late 2009. 214 taxis.
59. Restormel. KNW Survey. Committee date 21/6/06. Voted to retain present policy 74 H/C/V. Now part of Cornwall Council. Restrictions to be reviewed early 2010. 74 taxis.
60. Ribble Valley. Voted in November 2008 to keep restrictions. No record of ever surveying, nor any plans to. 53 taxis.
61. Richmondshire. Survey carried out 2008. 65 taxis.
62. Rochdale. Last surveyed 2009. 109 taxis.
63. Rotherham. Committee decided on 12/09/09 to retain taxi quotas. 52 taxis.
64. Scarborough. Committee resolved on 23/03/2009 to increase taxi numbers from 97 to 105 following survey by Halcrow. 105 taxis.
65. Sefton. Survey completed 2006, 2008. Surveying 2010. 271 taxis.
66. Sheffield. Re introduced a policy of quantity control in Jan 2008 after years of badgering by the local taxi trade. Surveying demand late 2010. 857 taxis.
67. Southampton. Surveyed 2008. Issuing 8 plates 2010 and 8 plates in 2011. 267 taxis.
68. Southend on sea ua. Change of policy to quality control on 23/2/06. Yearly issues of 8, 10, 12, 14, licenses, followed by complete de-limitation. Decided in 2009 to retain limits. 276 taxis.
69. South Tyneside. Unmet demand survey complete, issuing 12 licenses and retaining quantity control. 236 taxis.

70. Stevenage. Last surveyed 2006, propose to survey 2010/11. 100 taxis.
71. St Helens. Last surveyed 2006. No plans to re-survey. 63 taxis.
72. Stockport. Removed restrictions 2009. Council having a rethink. Still restricting, but adding 5 a year for the next three years. 120 taxis.
73. Sunderland. Halcrow survey. Committee decided on 02/02/2009 to keep taxi restrictions. 349 taxis.
74. Tameside. Last surveyed 2009. 149 taxis.
75. Test Valley. Currently consulting with the trade with a view to ending taxi quotas. 35 taxis.
76. Thurrock ua. Halcrow Survey, Committee 27/9/06. Issuing 2 licenses each year for the next three years then undertaking another survey. Surveying 2010. 100 taxis.
77. Torbay. Decided 29/05/2008 to keep taxis restrictions. Surveying 2010. 162 full-time, 7 summer only taxis.
78. Torridge. Survey in 2008, retained quantity controls July 2008. 49 taxis.
79. Trafford. Mouchel survey 2009. Committee to decide on 18/06/2009. 143 taxis.
80. Tunbridge wells. Surveying late 2010. 100 taxis.
81. Wakefield. TPI Survey. Decided to Issue 39 licenses, 21 in Wakefield zone 18 spread across the other 11 zones. Last surveyed 2006, no plans to re-survey. 115 taxis.
82. Warrington. Keeping restrictions after 2009 survey. 154 taxis.
83. Weymouth. 2006 TPI survey. Members voted to retain restrictions. Surveying 2010. 80 taxis.
84. Wigan. "Closed" Regulatory committee meeting, 8/9/06 voted to retain restricted policy. Decision confirmed by Cabinet on 21/9/08. Halcrow survey, 136 hacks. Wigan is the only authority in the country that held their decision making in private. In fact they would not release any survey or related data to the public, before a decision on numbers was made.
85. Windsor and Maidenhead. Council retained quantity controls 21/07/2008. All zones merged. Reviewing 2010. 96 taxis.
86. Wyre. Survey 2008 found no unmet demand. Committee met 26/05/2008 policy unchanged. 160 taxis.

87. York UA. Surveying early 2011. Issuing two plates July 2010. Plate values 40k. 179 taxis (from July 2010).

**b) The 68 Councils who have changed their policy from Quantity to mainly Quality control since the time of the DfT Study are:**

1. Adur. Unofficial Quality control policy WAV only.
2. Amber Valley. Changed policy to quality control July 2004. Error in DfT Stats of March 2004.
3. Ashford. Removed restrictions on 3/3/05, quality control.
4. Babergh. Removed restrictions on 01/04/09.
5. Basildon. Implementing new policy of no restriction 1/4/05 Quality control
6. Bassetlaw. Quality control WAV only.
7. Blyth Valley. No Survey? Now part of the new Northumberland County Council. Decision on taxi restrictions to be made in due course. No longer restrict following committee meeting 05/03/10.
8. Bracknell. Decided in 2009 to limit taxi numbers. Decided to re-delimited 2010.
9. Bristol. Removed restriction November 2007.
10. Burnley. Changed policy from Quantity control, to quality control on 12/12/06.
11. Castle Point. Changed policy 6/1/03 Quality control.
12. Chelmsford. Decision to lift numbers control made on January 26th 2005. Quality control.
13. Cherwell. Policy changed to Quality control.
14. Chester. Removed restrictions July 2008.
15. Conwy. No restriction on numbers, Quality control, Wav only.
16. Copeland. Issuing 4 licences in 2006, 3 in 2007 and totally removing numbers control on 1/1/08.
17. Crawley. Lifted numbers control September 2002 Quality Control.
18. Denbighshire. Have lifted restrictions with no stipulation of wav requirement.

19. Easington. Changed policy to quality control in late 2005.
20. Eastbourne. Removed restriction 2009. Must be WAVs less than 12 months.
21. Eastleigh. Voted on 21/6/05 to remove numbers control in favour of quality control. Effective 1/7/05
22. East Lindsey Quality control.
23. East Northants. Quality control. Should not have been included in the OFT or DfT restricted statistics. Changed policy March 1997.
24. East Riding. Removing restrictions, multiple zoning delayed process rectified in November 2006.
25. Fylde. Removed restrictions 8/3/05, Quality control.
26. Gosport. Removed restrictions on 16/3/05 Quality control.
27. Great Yarmouth. Voted to remove limit on numbers 22/12/04 Quality control.
28. Guildford. Lifted numbers control in June 2004
29. Gwynedd. Removed restrictions October. Proposing grandfather rights for incumbent proprietors.
30. Harlow. Decision to remove numbers control taken in December 03. No longer restrict.
31. Huntingdonshire. Removed restrictions 2008.
32. Ipswich. Changed policy on 8/4/05 Quality control.
33. Kerrier. Now Quality control. Should never have been in the OFT or DfT restricted list. Changed policy in 1974.
34. Kettering. Quality control. Implementation 1/4/05
35. Kings Lynn. Survey complete. Committee voted in October to remove Quantity controls.
36. Luton ua. Voted on 8/3/05 to lift quantity control in favour of Quality control.
37. Merthyr removed restrictions 1/12/04 new policy of Quality control.
38. Middlesborough ua Quality control.
39. Mole Valley. Change of policy Feb 2005 from quantity control to quality control.
40. New Forest. Committee voted on 18/9/05 to remove numbers control on 1/4/06.

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41. Reigate and Banstead. 30/6/05 full council voted to remove restrictions, quality control.
42. Rugby. Licensing committee decided Jan 2010 to remove restrictions from April 2013.
43. Salford. Removed restrictions 13/04/09.
44. Selby. Quality control WAV only.
45. Sevenoaks. Delimited WAVs 2008.
46. Slough UA. Quality control.
47. Solihull. Voted to lift numbers control on 4/4/05
48. South Bedfordshire. Lifted numbers control on 9/3/05 quality control policy already in place.
49. South Ribble. Resolved to de limit numbers on 7/3/05.
50. South Somerset. Quality control.
51. St Eds. Removed restrictions 2008.
52. Stratford-upon-Avon. De-limited numbers June 2004. Q/C. Error in 2004 DfT T&PH report.
53. Stoke on Trent ua. Removed quantity controls on 11/2/08 in favour of a policy of quality controls.
54. Swindon ua. Voted on 20/7/05 to remove restrictions in favour of quality control.
55. Teignbridge. Committee voted to immediately remove quantity controls on 26/3/08.
56. Thanet. Decided on 17/5/05 to remove restrictions and also create one Taxi zone.
57. Torfan. Cabinet decided to end restrictions 01/07/08.
58. Wansbeck. Survey costs paid for by local taxi trade, Council voted on 5/7/05 to accept the survey findings and retain restrictions. 30 H/C vehicles. Now part of Northumberland Council. Restrictions to be reviewed in due course. No longer restrict following committee meeting 05/03/10.
59. Walsall. Removed restrictions 1/4/05 Quality control policy.
60. Watford. Last survey 2001. Finally removed Quantity controls on 13/11/06 after

initial decision in October 2005 was legally challenged for lack of consultation.

61. Welwyn Hatfield. Re-restricted in 2003 Set to remove restrictions on 11/4/06.
62. West Somerset. Quality control.
63. Wolverhampton. Removed restrictions late 2005 quality control.
64. Woking Policy Change of quantity control to quality control taking effect on 11/4/08.
65. Worthing. Removed restrictions 2008.
66. Wrexham. Removed restrictions on numbers. Has recently implemented English language tests.
67. Wycombe. Policy change in principle to remove quantity controls July 2004. Full council meeting on 14/4/08 expected to confirm new policy of quantity controls. Restrictions to end Sept 2009. Must be WAVs.
68. Wyre Forest. Halcrow survey carried out, paid for by license holders. Decided on 18/5/05 to phase out numbers restrictions by issuing 10 new licenses immediately by ballot, 5 in 2006 and 2007 and completely remove numbers control in 2008.