

# Appendix G

Council	Licence Alternate HCVS	Restrictions /Conditions on Alternate HCVs	Comments
Wolverhampton	Yes	No	<p>1) We have an approved list of hackney carriages which includes both traditional black cabs and alternative purpose built vehicles. The vehicles however must have the bulkhead driver/passenger division screen, be wheel chair accessible and comply with all hackney carriage regulations.</p> <p>2) No addition restrictions or conditions are imposed on alternative vehicles</p>
Derby	Yes	No	<p>At Derby City Council we do license alternative purpose built cabs.</p> <p>There are no age restrictions in place.</p> <p>No restriction on colour which differs from main fleet, all hackney cabs in Derby are yellow.</p>
Coventry			<p>We also adopt the PCO conditions of fitness.</p> <p>This is where it gets confusing. Rightly or wrongly I assume "purpose built" means a vehicle built from scratch to be a hackney. My understanding is that the PCO conditions of fitness does not require a vehicle to be "purpose built" it simply requires a vehicle (purpose built or converted) to meet the conditions of fitness.</p> <p>We license purpose built LTI vehicles and Metrocabs and converted Mercedes Vito Taxis, all of which meet the PCO conditions of fitness. However, like you, we are reviewing our policy. My advice would be to survey the need of your wheelchair users/groups so whatever decision you make is an informed one</p>

<b>Tamworth</b>	Yes	No	In Tamworth we do licence alternative purpose built Hackneys  All Hackneys other than LT/Metrocab etc must be black in colour, they must be wheelchair accessible no vehicle at first licensing can be over 4yrs of age; however a vehicle replacing a currently licensed vehicle can be over 4 yrs of age so long as it is younger than the vehicle it is replacing. All Hackneys are off the road at 12yrs of age unless they apply for consideration under the 'exceptional Age Policy'. To be considered for this it must have passed two of its last three fitness tests at first submission and as the title suggests MUST be in exceptional condition. This would mean I would inspect its cosmetic condition over and above its standard fitness test
<b>Stockport</b>	Yes	No	We licence any purpose built vehicle providing that it meets our criteria. We do not allow rear loading wheel-chair loading such as Diablo. No restrictions on the eurocab being purpose built. Others have to have M rated seating and EU approval. Colour, black or dark colour and badged up as Hackney.
<b>Chichester</b>	Under review	Under review	We are in the same boat as you. We only licence hackneys that comply with the London CoF. Do please give a ring on 01243 534744 and we could compare notes. I am presently working on a Committee Report for the 11th Feb 10
<b>Reading</b>	No	No	All of our Hackney fleet are London style cabs apart from the Mercedes Vito which got approval from the Public Carriage Office. We're keeping our heads down over the Liverpool decision.
<b>Bolton</b>	Yes	No	In Bolton we have licensed any 'specially converted' hackney carriage vehicle for a number of years, so we

			<p>have Vito's, E7's, a Citroen something or other, a VW and probably others.</p> <p>All originate with one of the specialist converters (Jubilee, Bernard Mansell, Cab Direct etc).</p> <p>We used to ask for Low Volume Type Approval to eliminate any back street conversions but now many come through with full M1 WVTAs.</p> <p>We take the view that the 'for hire' light &amp; 'taxi' decals are sufficient to distinguish a hackney vehicle from a PHV for the purposes of sec 48(1)(a)(ii).</p>
<b>Purbeck</b>	Yes	No	<p>We are only a small rural authority, but we are currently engaging with our neighbours at Weymouth &amp; Portland B.C. and West Dorset D.C. with a view to joint working. Consequently we now have the same policy/conditions. In answer to your query, if the vehicle has 4/5 doors, an engine capacity of 1600cc or more and is less than 6 years old, we'll licence anything</p>
<b>Stockton</b>	Yes	No	<p>We recently reviewed our specs and now require all new hacks to be wheelchair accessible but have allowed existing saloons to be replaced with another saloon.</p> <p>All our hacks have to be black irrespective of the type of vehicle. We don't have an age policy as such but we have introduced an emissions policy which does regulate the age of the vehicles that can meet the various standards.</p> <p>You will find a full copy of our vehicle specifications in our policy document a copy of which you will find on our website through the link below.</p>
<b>S. Holland</b>	Yes	No	<p>Please find attached our Hackney Carriage specification. LTI, Peugeot E&amp; and Mercedes cab should comply.</p>
<b>Sheffield</b>	Yes	No	<p>We in Sheffield do allow converted vehicles on as licensed hackney carriages, but we do have a rigid specification I have attached a copy of this for your attention</p>

<b>Stevenage</b>	Yes	No	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Do licence alternative types of hackney carriage.</li> <li>2. We do not have an age or livery policy for hackney carriage. We require our PHV's to display Council door signs as a means of helping the public to tell the difference.</li> </ol>
<b>Three Rivers</b>	Yes	No	<p>We do like to keep our private hire and hackney fleets reasonably distinguishable and so do only licence purpose built Hackneys as Hackney carriages. Most of our fleet are the LTI models, but we also will licence the Peugeot, Fiat, any Euro cab and the Mercedes Vito. We don't have any special conditions for them, other than the general ones restricting the age to nothing over 10 years old unless in exceptional condition, with no livery conditions.</p> <p>The only problem with the euro cabs is that they can also be used for private hire so if someone wants to licence it for a Hackney we insist the roof "For Hire" sign being put on the car at the manufacturer and taken off if it is for private hire.</p>
<b>Basingstoke</b>	Yes	No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We have a 'fleet' of 55 purpose built vehicles. Our committee have authorised several manufacturers models that can be licensed as HCVs (so long as they are newer than three years of age at first licence (no colour restrictions), these are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>* LTI models</li> <li>* Peugeot Eurotaxis (and variations of (E7's, Euro7's etc) (As this is the same base model as the Citroen Eurotaxi, these have also been accepted)</li> <li>• VW Caravelle</li> <li>• Mercedes Vito</li> <li>• TW200</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>I hope this clarifies your enquiry, please let me know if you need anything further, I attach our notes and conditions.</p>
<b>Preston</b>	Yes	No	<p>In Preston we do licence alternative hackney carriages.</p>

			<p>Hackney carriage licenses are restricted to 187 and all hackney vehicles must be wheelchair accessible.</p> <p>We do not operate any age restrictions.</p> <p>Vehicles other than Fairways, London International TX range and Metrocabs have to be coloured black.</p> <p>Any alternative hackney type vehicle will be accepted as long as it meets the requirements set out in the hackney specification.</p> <p>The full specification can be seen at <a href="http://www.preston.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAA0ADQAMgAZAHwAFABGAGAEAbABzAGUAFAB8ADDAAfAA1">http://www.preston.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAA0ADQAMgAZAHwAFABGAGAEAbABzAGUAFAB8ADDAAfAA1</a> and go to page 23.</p>
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