

Date: 10th June 2016
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Dear Sir

Consultation on Hackney Carriage Vehicles

Local authorities can, but do not have to, limit the number of hackney carriages in its area. If a local authority wishes to limit the number of hackney carriages it must be satisfied that there is no “unmet demand”. (Times in the day or evening where the public are unable to get a hackney carriage vehicle)

To evidence any unmet demand, a survey must be undertaken. The law does not place any requirements on local authorities wishing to remove limits on hackney carriage vehicles - they are free to do so at any time

Blackburn with Darwen Council last considered this issue in 2012/3 when a survey was commissioned. The surveys can only be relied on for a period of three years, so to maintain a limit on the hackney carriage fleet another survey will need to be commissioned.

There are only 2 options available to the local authority, (please indicate on the attached sheet which option you prefer and return to licensing by **11th July 2016**)

- 1) To delimit entirely the number of hackney carriage vehicles and, allow market forces to determine the number of hackney licences within the borough.

- 2) To undertake a further survey of unmet demand this will determine the appropriate number of hackney carriage vehicles for a borough of this size. Should this option be chosen the costs associated with undertaking the survey will be added to the hackney carriage fees and spread over a period of three years. (as in previous years)

Yours sincerely,

D M Riding

Principal Licensing Officer

Unmet Demand Consultation 10th June to 11th July 2016

Name

HCV number

Company name

Please indicate your preferred option by placing a tick in a box

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Please send your response in the enclosed prepaid envelope by 11th July 2016