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To: Licensing Team
Subject: Policy change

I am writing this email on behalf of myself and 29 other Blackburn with Darwen taxi drivers. We strongly oppose this policy as we feel this is not the right thing to be doing to move forwards with the trade.

We need more drivers that are licensed under Blackburn Council, not more deterrants. The ideas are great and I hope to end up adopting these policies in the future.

However, things like not letting people sit more than 3 tests will push the slow learners away. I ask the question that if someone books a test multiple times, surely the council will be charging each time so what is the issue with this?

The knowledge test should be scrapped altogether as everyone uses their sat nav for directions and drivers learn on the job.

The safeguarding should remain as passenger safety is paramount.

Bringing the Euro 6 policy will drive up the cost substantially, due to the condition of the used car market. This is unfair on the driver.

I suggest the council puts their effort into creating an infrastructure for electric vehicles, things like charging ports should be more visible and this way the drivers can invest in an electric vehicle which will result in savings and would be beneficial for the climate.

If you need any more information on the drivers who are under this email then get in contact and I will share the information with the principle licensing officer.

Kind regards

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