

## **Background paper – Consultation Feedback**

As a taxi driver in Cheltenham for the last 30+ years I cannot understand why the council would ever want to consider giving the private information of a taxi driver in the town, displaying this information on a drivers license has got to be in contravention of my Human , Civil and Data protection rights, having said information displayed on my license ( home address and phone number) , leaves my family vulnerable to burglary or attack, while I'm working, also with some of the undesirable people I have to deal with on a daily basis, I would not display this information, in fact I refuse outright, I strongly object to this issue, when it comes to consultation I wish this email from me to be used as my objection to this issue.

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**CHELTENHAM**  
BOROUGH COUNCIL

# Consultation on Technical and Policy Amendments for Taxi and Private Hire Licences

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## Your Details

**Name:** Enter your name.

**Address:** Enter your full address.

**Plate or badge number:** Enter your badge or plate number.

**Organisation:** Enter name of organisation (if applicable).

Firstly objection to the drivers badge,  
I object to the proposed Taxi Driver Badge on  
personal safety to me and my family.  
And as far as I'm informed by a Security  
operative under the 1974 Data protection Act,  
also against my Human Rights.

Second  
I object on personal safety to the Safeguarding  
course and implementation of said proposal.

**How to respond** : I should not be used as a gross  
and as above may cause a threat  
In writing by returning this consultation document to: to me or my family's  
well being

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Electronic copies can be emailed to [licensing@cheltenham.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@cheltenham.gov.uk)

If you need further information, please contact the licensing section on 01242 77 5200.

**Consultation responses must be received no later than Monday 9 November 2015.**

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## 2. Safeguarding training for licence holders

The council is proposing a new policy requirement that all licence holders be required to undertake safe guarding training. The introduction of the training will form part of the council's fitness assurance for licence holders.

The proposed training will:

- be free for taxi and private hire licence holders;
- be scheduled to take place around the county (including Cheltenham) with both afternoon and morning sessions;
- be delivered by the Gloucestershire Safeguarding Children Board and Gloucestershire Constabulary; and
- only have to be undertaken once.

The proposed mandatory training will generally deal with the signs of CSE, trafficking and other safeguarding issues and how licensed drivers can identify these activities and the means of reporting this to the appropriate authorities.

It is also intended to ensure licensed drivers are themselves equipped to guard against false and misleading safeguarding related allegations.

There will be an exemption clause for licensed drivers who have already undertaken comparable training by a recognised training provider.

### Do you have any comments to make about the proposed new policy requirement?

[Click here to enter your response.](#)

WITH SO MANY LICENSE HOLDERS IN CHELTENHAM  
WILL THERE BE ENOUGH TIME AND AVAILABILITY  
TO DO THIS SAFEGUARDING TRAINING BEFORE  
THESE LICENSES NEED TO BE RENEWED

**Do you have any comments to make about the proposal to replace the current paper licence bundle with the new style paper licence?**

Click here to enter your response.

EVERYONE I HAVE SPOKEN TO ABOUT THIS NEW STYLE OF LICENCE ARE AGAINST HAVING THEIR ADDRESS ON THE LICENSE FOR ALL TO SEE. THE DRIVERS FEEL THEY ARE VULNERABLE ENOUGH IN THEIR VEHICLES WITHOUT HAVING WHERE THEY LIVE ON DISPLAY TOO.

**Do you have any comments to make about the style or design of the new style paper licence?**

Click here to enter your response.

SAME AS ABOVE.

**Do you have any comments to make about the style or design of the new style paper licence?**

I personally disagree, with the design of the new paper licence.

- 1) Having a photo and name of the driver in the car windscreen (viewed from the road).
- 2) Having the driver's home address in the car windscreen. (Viewed from inside the car).

Both aspects of the design are very dangerous for the safety of the driver and his family at home. As thieves can then target a driver's home, when knowing full well, the driver is out working. Also, a drunk passenger can then wait, for a driver to come home and assault them. Because, they "now" know where you live !!!!!

Drunk passengers are a serious danger to the driver and his home and family!

If this is taken up by the council. I am afraid, that I will be seeking legal advice on the safety issues.

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To whom it may concern,

I would if I may like to voice my support and opposition to the new proposed licence style.

The addition of photo ID and expiry date is exactly what is needed for the public and law enforcement officers. However the addition of personal address of the driver is in my opinion not something the public should be privy to. If I came into the local council offices would I see an identification badge hanging around somebodys neck with their personal address on it? If I asked to see the warrant card of a serving police officer would I see their personal address on it? NO I think is the answer! If this new style of licence is issued for me to display in my vehicle with my personal address on I will conceal it from the public. I think it would be an infringement of my civil liberties and my right to keep any aspect of my personal life private.

Please acknowledge receipt of this email of my opposition to this proposed change.