

Proposed wording to appear on the Council's 'Consultations' webpage

Consultation on Taxi and Private Hire Proposed Emissions Policy

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council has committed to tackling Climate Change and reducing pollution in the Borough, and is proposing to phase in a requirement that all licensed private hire and hackney carriages licensed in the borough meet or exceed the same emissions standards as set by the London Ultra-Low Emissions Zone.

To assist the trade with the cost of transitioning to greener vehicles it is further proposed to remove the requirement for all hackney carriages to be purpose build taxis. It is proposed it will remain a requirement that all hackney carriage are wheelchair accessible, except for a very limited number of hackney carriages that will zero emissions (e.g. electric), so as to encourage the use of these vehicles until suitable zero emissions wheelchair accessible vehicles are available.

Epsom & Ewell Borough Council wants to hear what the licensed trade, residents and local organisations think about the proposals. A 6-week public consultation runs from 19 June until 30 July 2023. Details of the proposal, including the timescale for implementation, can be viewed via [this link](#)

Hard copies of the draft policy can be viewed at libraries in the Borough and the Town Hall.

To give feedback on the proposed licensed vehicle emissions policy please email: licensing@epsom-ewell.gov.uk or write to the Licensing Team, Epsom & Ewell Borough Council, Town Hall, The Parade, Epsom, Surrey, KT18 5BY

[The link above will provide details of the proposed emissions policy as shown in section 8 of the main report]