

Notes from Emissions Meeting 21st July 2023 AY 1:30pm

Paul Holliday (PH) and Karen Whibley: - Licensing Officers

Attendance

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Notes/Comments

- [REDACTED] – Wanted to know where the facts for pollution levels came from. PH explained that they were published (pollution matters) and he has e-mail them to [REDACTED]. He explained that in fact 6 deaths in 100 is due to pollution emission is the biggest contribution. And were not saying it just the Taxis causing the pollution but as a council we need to lead the way
- [REDACTED] would like to know are the council vehicles Euro 6 ? and will they meet the new emission standards being set out? And would also like to know what cars the members driver and if they will meet standards.
- [REDACTED] – members of the public particularly women traveling alone have said that they want Hackney style vehicles as they like separate compartment.
- [REDACTED] – also mention about the Hackney electric vehicles with no wheel chair access will really effect the wheel chair passengers also asked if the council will be putting gin charging points on the taxi rank.
- Paul Holiday explain as we will be expecting you to meet the Low emission standards we are trying to help by lifting the requirement to have taxi style cars but it doesn't mean they can not still have them.
- It was also ask if a scrappage scheme would be introduced? PH advised that no scrappage scheme or money would be given to help cover costs. But what could we do to make it work for them, [REDACTED] said they would need longer to implement Euro 6 (PH Asked them

to let us know how long do you need, the cost and reason for the extra time so we can out this to members).

- ██████ asked that could we be flexible could it just apply to new vehicles or at least Euro 5 not Euro 6? As quite a few drivers are getting older can they keep vehicles until they retire look at the individuals? He feels they are being forced to pack up due to their age not wanting to pay out for new vehicles as might not be working much longer. PH ask to so what ages would we apply this too? Asked to put it in writing so we can get the an understanding of that he is proposing.
- ██████ also commented that it's not cheap and its hard to get seconded hand one too.
- ██████ is Euro 5 the minimum Standards as report states that 75% already meet euro 5/6 so its unfair to hit just the Taxi trade. As only 25% isn't compliant Ph Explain that the plan is to come away from Euro 5 too, euro 4 is being targeted first as its is more pollutive
- ██████ aske the difference between Euro 4 and 5 petrol and diesel - PH explained that the standards applied were different to petrol and diesel so the euro4 diesel are more polluting than euro 4 petrol
- ██████ also asked if vehicles could be licensing on a month to month basis (short term) as no firm will hire out to Epsom plates (Hackney style Vehicles) PH advice to write it into his proposal idea
- ██████ also asked if taxis can do it when the whole borough goes Euro 6.
- ██████ commented on cars/vehicles and even council vehicles stop there, its always being parked on the High Street Rank makes it useless, can they get cameras? PH advised to make a complaint/report it to us date time so we can log it on our service request so we can build up a case to go to surrey county council.