

Appendix B

Consultation responses

Respondent 1

I believe that all hackney cars should be use at least 15 years Anything less then 15 years is west of money Electric vehicles is to expensive No driver will buy 60.000 vehicle For this job.

I rather spend 3000 vehicle from south Gloucester and work bristol This trade is finished,

Respondent 2

I think the age limit should be raised to 20 years to make the purchase of the vehicle viable in the current climate of Uber taking most of the taxi trade

Respondent 3

Too whom

It seems that bcc is now pursuing electric taxis for a cleaner Bristol , this seems-a great ideal on the face of it but can you inform me and the trade how the charging network is being implemented around the city .

Some time ago there was trade discussions about electric cars and following consultations with the national grid about rapid chargers or the lack of them. their response was that the grid was at maximum capacity and could not supply any more chargers ,extra capacity will not come on line until Hinckley point nuclear power station comes on line in ten years plus .

So my question to you is why put a policy in place when the infrastructure is not in place to service the taxis and the investment you expect this trade too make

Respondent 4

Many thanks for so many changes, electric vehicle, removing taxi ranks & Shifting taxi ranks from Baldwin street to Victoria st (Well Done), Leniency towards Uber & other private hire companies, imposing tarrif 1 until 10pm thus reducing hackney drivers income, slicing my income to make Mr Megan happy so that he doesn't loose his school run contracts as due to increase in fare he will loose school runs, allowing out of town cars to work in Bristol and kicking out Bristol Drivers from work.

Please tell us how do we pay the finance for the cars you have required. I used to work 35-40 a week, now I will have to work 70-80 hours to make the same money. I am father of two kids please tell me when do I see them if I have to be on work all the time or else how do I fund this type of car, pay the finance for such a car or even Euro6 that you are requiring whereas my income is sliced to half due to your policies, please don't blame the government for everything.

Please stop giving us lollipops that's it's not in your hands, or you are working on it with trade reps, as everyone else before you have said the same thing for the last 15 years, so please don't beat behind the bush and be blunt and say it to our face " find yourself another job" as we are giving away your work to an international

organization who is not paying tax, not complying with rules and regulations, whose 95% drivers are from other councils where knowledge and driving tests are exempted to bring them into this business. They operate right under your nose but you can't take action like Reading Council or you don't want to take action as all the taxi drivers believe Bristol Council is complicit not innocent.

If you are asked, Will you do the same job or quit if you are told to do the same job for half price e.g from £30k per year down to £15k per year working 40 hours a week.

How can you ask us to invest that much money to buy such an expensive car or even Euro 6, not even London has imposed this kind of restrictions, whereas the income in Bristol may not be even 1/6 of London hackney drivers income, especially in the current circumstances, whereas we are worried how to feed our kids.

Please remember we are only left with the option to be on the roads protesting, keeping the roads blocked until the world realize the problem, as you will see it very soon in the coming weeks, as we believe our government and council especially is either incompetent or complicit,

Respondent 5

There is no need to consult re the above as you have already made your mind up on killing the Taxi trade with all your policies. Your approach and dealings with the H/C trade nothing but dictatorial and very detrimental to the livelihood of the genuine taxi drivers, their families, approx. 5000 people, the city of Bristol and its residents. How do you expect drivers to spend great deal of money when you and the government are giving our work to others. you are actually taking the Micky.

You care nothing about the clean air its an excuse to have a good Go at these taxi drivers, make them out of a job or even bankrupt.

You have to wake up to reality and start treating us reasonably and with respect. And remember that those Hackney Carriage Taxi Drivers will not give up and will fight your dictatorial attitude until you start listening.

I DO NOT agree with your policy and you should change it to suite BRISTOL HACKNEY TAXI DRIVERS which in turns benefit the people of Bristol.