Appendix 2

Summary of comments against the draft policy requirement that Hackney Carriage vehicles be white in colour.

31 responses:

- Objects to colour policy (taken 5 years to develop company, cars stand out to customers)
- Questions colour policy which will incur costs why not display crests instead.
- Is intention is to phase in colour policy and why white?
- Disagrees with colour policy due to cost and difficulty with identification if involved in accident.
- Instead of colour, suggests colour coded roof sign and distinctive side markings
- Opposes colour policy because of cost
- Opposes colour policy, suggests hackney carriages should have large top signs, plates on back and front and badges on both front doors. Private hire vehicles to have different plates.
- Opposes colour policy due to availability and cost. Suggests more than one colour for hackney carriages, standardised top signs and hackney carriage plates to be same colour but with different markings.
- Opposes 2012 as colour policy implementation date.
- Colour policy too much of a "one size fits all solution".
- Considers white colour policy should be optional.
- Will have to change the colour of my vehicle.
- Does not agree with all hackneys carriages being white, due to cost.
- Does not agree with colour policy. DfT's best practice guidance recommends visible signage. Will seek judicial review if imposed.
- Disagrees with colour policy
- 3XDoes not agree with white as colour suggests Silver and either striping or coloured boot and bonnet.
- Opposes colour policy due to cost
- Agrees with whole of policy except for colour policy which should be proprietor's choice.
- 2XOpposes colour policy
- Opposes the colour white suggests silver
- Opposes colour policy as not in the public interest suggests PH vehicles should be the target of colour policy and educating the public.
- Opposes colour white suggests silver
- Opposes colour policy due to cost and discrimination against hackney carriage trade.
- Disagrees with colour policy. Will be judicially reviewed.

- Disagrees with colour- suggests Silver as easier to obtain.
- Opposes colour policy. Detrimental to public safety. Commercial ramifications considerable. More appropriate to impose on private hire vehicles.
- Opposes transitional period for colour policy. Existing cars should be allowed to stay licensed until they end their life then replace with white vehicle
- Don't agree with colour policy

Summary of comments against the draft policy requirement that Hackney Carriage vehicles be white in colour.

4 responses

Agrees hackney carriages must be white. Agrees hackney carriages should be white. Agrees with colour policy Agrees with colour policy. Half fleet (64 cars – silver)

Summary of comments against Driving Proficiency Test.

13 responses

2xObjects to driving test because of cost Will NVQ be acceptable instead of driving test? Disagrees with DSA test because of cost. Asks if intention is to phase in tests Does not agree to re-take driving test. Disagree with driving test as over 30 years driving experience Disagrees with Driving Proficiency Test 3X Disagrees with Driving Proficiency Test Opposes DSA test and knowledge test Doesn't agree with DSA test as will deter future applications. Suggests the DSA as a deterrent, i.e. making anyone who has 7points on their licence at any one time, or has points for dangerous driving to complete it.

Summary of comments in favour of the Driving Proficiency Test

3 responses

Approve of qualifications and driver proficiency tests. Knowledge tests should be properly conducted. Agrees with DSA Test. Every driver should have to complete it within a year.