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Sent: 06 February 2019 21:07
To: licensing
Subject: Taxi badge and Drivers plate Licensing issues.

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Dear Sir,

You present test for the taxi badge /license is too easy and the new topogeographical test should be banned as this is opening floodgates to the taxi trade.

I have no objection to anybody making a living in the area. The old fashioned test the local knowledge test should be used as a benchmark and the new taxi drivers must know the area off by heart.

Public safety and customers service is at the heart of any respectable licensing office or local government. There too many taxi drivers in the area Newcastle under lyme area who cannot speak English properly and communication plays a fundamental part of the job being a taxi driver. I would propose to you the following:

- (1) Taxi test - 20 routes off by heart.
- (2) English test in verbal and written competency.
- (3) Introduce in local Bylaws that hackney carriage cannot go out of area and work as a sub contractor .

I would be grateful, If you can put my opinions to the licensing committee and I am willing to attend any meetings.

Kind regards

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