

SMBC APPROVED HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council have approved the following makes and models of vehicles which can be licensed and used as Hackney Carriage Vehicles with the Council.

The current approved Hackney Carriage Vehicles are listed below:-

London Style Hackney Carriage Vehicles

- All London style cabs(TXI, TXII TX4)
- Metro Cabs (Manual, Auto, Auto Series II, Series III, TTT)
- Carbodies (London Style - FX4,Fairway)

Purpose Built Hackney Carriage Vehicles

- Citroen Sentinel
- Citroen Le Cab Noir
- Citroen Dispatch
- Citroen Eurocab
- Fiat Dakota
- Fiat Scudo
- Fiat Eurocab
- Fiat TW200 (Taxi range)
- Ford Tourneo Custom
- Mercedes Eurocab
- Mercedes Vito
- Nissan Voyager NX8
- Nissan Primastar
- Peugeot E7
- Peugeot European
- Peugeot Expert
- Peugeot Expert Combi
- Peugeot Voyager
- Renault Traffic
- VW Eurocab (Transporter)
- Vauxhall Vivaro (Combi)

These vehicles must be of the required design and specification, can only be **BLACK** in colour, must have either a 'Whole European Type Approval Certificate' or have a 'Low Volume Type Certificate' for the conversion and must have a roof sign with the word 'Taxi'. They are allowed to display advertisements, please see the guidance notes below. All **NEW** Hackney Carriage Vehicles will be subject to a 'Taxi' MOT.

Tinted Windows

Many vehicles are used for the carriage of children and vulnerable persons. On Wednesday 4 July 2018, the Licensing Sub Committee agreed to change the policy in respect of tinted windows. Vehicles must only have windows with manufacturers tints that allow a minimum light transmission of **20%**. Any glass fitted that shows a light transmission below **20%**, or any additional tint film, will not be permitted.

Proprietors of vehicles used solely for executive or VIP work may apply for an exemption from having tints that shows a light transmission below 20%, on production of appropriate evidence of this work. This will be at the discretion of the Council and each exemption requests will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

GUIDANCE NOTES FOR LIVERY ON HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES

All **'Purpose Built' Hackney Carriage Vehicles** to have livery providing:-

- 1) The HCV will not be allowed to carry whole livery and that the colour of the vehicle must remain black throughout the period of the licence. The HCV should not be 'wrapped'.
- 2) Any advertisement displayed upon the exterior of the HCV shall be located on each side of the vehicle and quarter panel. No advertisement will be permitted on any of the rear glass including the rear windscreen.
- 3) No advertisement shall be displayed upon the interior or exterior of the HCV which contains, promotes or involves drugs, gambling, alcoholic drinks, politics, nudity (partial or otherwise) or sex (including articles or products associated with birth control) without the permission of Solihull Council.
- 4) No advertisement which has been prohibited by the Advertising Standards Agency shall be displayed upon the exterior or interior of any HCV.
- 5) No advertisement shall be displayed in such a manner so as to contravene the Road Traffic Acts or the Road Vehicle (Construction and Use) Regulations.
- 6) No advertisement shall be displayed within the interior of the HCV.

All **'London Style' Hackney Carriage Vehicles** must comply with all the above except they are allowed to have full livery (wrap).

The proprietor should maintain the advertisement in a clean and tidy condition and any advertisement found to be shall to be damaged, defaced or out-dated will result in the failure of the 'Taxi' MOT.

Any advertisement, which, in the absolute discretion of the Council, is considered to contravene any of the above will result in the livery being removed forthwith.

If you require any further clarification please contact the Licensing Team.