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Southampton and Eastleigh Licensing Partnership**



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Please ask for: Mr. Bates

Name

10<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Sir or Madam,

***Consultation on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire policy and conditions.***

As a result of the Department for Transport issuing new guidance in relation to the licensing of the hackney carriage and private hire trades and from discussions with members of the trades Southampton City Council is reviewing the policy and conditions covering this area.

We are seeking your views on the proposed policy and conditions and have set up a survey at [www.southampton.gov.uk/taxilicensingconsultation](http://www.southampton.gov.uk/taxilicensingconsultation) for you to register your views. You will also find links to the draft policy on that page. The consultation runs until 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021.

Attached to this letter is a document '20210310 Taxi Policy Changes'. This identifies the areas of change from the existing policy and conditions. The significant changes are:-

- Additional and more frequent DBS checks of licence holders
- An option whether to include operator details on door stickers for private hire vehicles
- Amendments to suitability guidance
- A new Code of Conduct for drivers

We are not reviewing our taxi camera policy but are seeking views on the policy that can be considered in any future review.

If you have any further questions or comments please send any correspondence marked "**Taxi consultation 2021**" **no later than 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2021** to the licensing office by:-

Email: licensing@southampton.gov.uk

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Yours faithfully,

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