

## Consultation Feedback

Set out below is the response to the consultation document:

The courts take a disapproving view of a taxi driver carrying anything that may be used as a weapon albeit as a perceived safety measure.

Appendix A of the draft policy – Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Leasing Criminal Convictions Policy (Section 6) covers many levels of convictions including actual body harm (ABH) and common assault. Section 7 includes convictions for possessing a weapon. In other words the appendix covers convictions rather than giving advice.

However, Appendix B Section 9 deals with the Conduct of Drivers. Perhaps it could include a paragraph to the effect that **the driver must not have about his or her person or within the vehicle anything that could be construed as a weapon.** This would tie in with the theme of the appendix.

Kind regards,

Cllr Phillip Dredge

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Dear Sir/Madam

Travelling regularly around mainland (EU) Europe it's noticeable how many countries such as France adopt a simple **standardised** policy for taxi identification.

The roof of the vehicle has bright red display light for 'in use' and a green one for 'available for hire'. They are clearly visible, always located on the same part of the vehicle roof and offer real clarity regarding availability and what the vehicle is. Here in the UK we appear to have a mix of orange and other displays, i.e. not a uniform means of clear identification.

Perhaps this policy could be adopted in our districts?

With thanks

Yours sincerely

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