

Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Policies Consultation - BCP Licence Holders Survey



We are consulting on proposed changes to the following Hackney Carriage and Private Hire policies for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP):

- Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Policy
- Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy
- Private Hire Operator Policy.

These policies set out the principles that BCP Council propose to apply in exercising its Hackney Carriage and Private Hire functions from 2025 to 2030.

Before any decisions are made, we would like to hear your views on the proposed changes to all three policies and on other relevant questions relating to wheelchair accessibility.

All the documents and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) can be found on the main consultation page: haveyoursay.bcpccouncil.gov.uk/taxi-policy-consultation and on request in any BCP library. If you have any questions or need support completing the survey, please email taxi.privatehire@bcpcouncil.gov.uk.

The consultation will close at **11:59pm on 28 April 2025**.

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Q1 Are you responding as a:

(select all that apply)

- ☐ BCP Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver
- ☐ BCP Hackney Carriage/Private Hire vehicle proprietor (please tell us the name of your business/organisation below)
- ☐ BCP Private Hire Operator (please tell us the name of your business/organisation below)

Please tell us which organisation you are responding on behalf of?

Q2 How did you find out about this consultation?

(select all that apply)

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| ☐ BCP Council's social media | ☐ Bournemouth Echo |
| ☐ Other social media | ☐ Word of mouth |
| ☐ BCP Council website | ☐ Councillor |
| ☐ BCP Council email | ☐ None of the above |
| ☐ BCP Council press release | ☐ Other, please specify below |
| ☐ BCP Library | |

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Q3 Which of these taxi and private hire journeys have you worked on in the last 12 months?

(select all that apply)

- ☐ Prebooked journey through a BCP Council licensed operator such as PRC Streamline, United Taxis, Mobile Radio Cars or Ariel Taxis

☐ Prebooked journey via a nationwide operator such as Uber or Bolt

☐ The customer flagged me down on the street

☐ The customer got into my taxi at a rank

☐ None of the above

☐ Other, please specify below

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Proposed changes to the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Policy

In this section, we will ask for your views on the proposed changes to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Policy for the BCP area. Please read the Table of Proposed Changes for this policy before responding to the questions.

Q4 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes to the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Policy for 2025-2030?

(select one option per row only)

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Q5 If you selected 'somewhat disagree' or 'strongly disagree' for any of the proposals, please tell us why below. Please make it clear which proposal you are disagreeing with by writing '(a)', '(b)' etc before your comment.

Q6 Is there anything else you would like to say about the proposed changes to the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver Policy?

Proposed changes to the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy

In this section, we will ask for your views on the proposed changes to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy for the BCP area. We will also ask you about wheelchair accessibility.

Please read the Table of Proposed Changes for this policy before responding to the questions.

Q7 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes to the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy for 2025-2030?
(select one option per row only)

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree	Don't know/not sure
(a) No longer restrict the number of new Hackney Carriage licences that we allow to be issued in the Bournemouth and Poole areas, to allow anyone who wants a Hackney Carriage licence to apply for one	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
(b) Remove the requirement for all new Hackney Carriage vehicles to be wheelchair accessible, so that any approved vehicle can be licensed as a Hackney Carriage	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
(c) Require Operators (who take pre-bookings for journeys) to have a minimum number of wheelchair accessible vehicles in their fleet	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

Q8 If you selected 'somewhat disagree' or 'strongly disagree' for any of the proposals, please tell us why below. Please make it clear which proposal you are disagreeing with by writing '(a)', '(b)' etc before your comment.

Q9 How often do you drive a wheelchair accessible taxi for work?

(select one option only)

- ☐ Daily
- ☐ Weekly
- ☐ Monthly
- ☐ A few times a year
- ☐ Never

Q10 Is there anything else you would like to say about the proposed changes to the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Policy?

Proposed changes to the draft Private Hire Operator Policy

In this section, we will ask for your views on the proposed changes to the Private Hire Operator Policy for the BCP area.

Please read the Table of Proposed Changes for this policy before responding to the questions.

Q11 To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed changes to the draft Private Hire Operator Policy for 2025-2030?

(select one option only)

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Somewhat agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Somewhat disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree
- ☐ Don't know/not sure

Q12 If you selected 'somewhat disagree' or 'strongly disagree' for any of the proposals, please tell us why below. Please make it clear which sections of the draft Private Hire Operator Policy your comments relate to.

Q13 Is there anything else you would like to say about the proposed changes to the draft Private Hire Operator Policy?

Further comments

Q14 Is there anything else you would like to say about the proposed changes to the draft Hackney Carriage and Private Hire policies?