

Appendix A

Consultation on age of vehicles

Name	Age of vehicles extension	Comments on age of vehicle extension
1.	Yes	Extend the maximum age on all vehicles
2.	Yes	An extra year should be considered
3.	Yes	Extend as long as properly maintained as cost are continually rising
4.	Yes	Extension on normal cars to a minimum of 10 years old if the vehicle is maintained
5.	Yes	Extend the age of all vehicles, if car passes MOT then good to go
6.	Yes	As long as your taxi passes the MOT and is kept in a clean condition you shouldn't have to change
7.	Yes to standard cars only	Wheelchair accessible vehicles – no extension Standard vehicles – extend to 12 years
8.	No	All vehicles should stay as they are otherwise the standard of vehicles could suffer
9.	Yes	An extra 2 years on all vehicles with the cost of living going up so are the price of new vehicles as long as it is maintained and 2 test per year many of them are still in very good condition.
10.	Yes	Extending the age is one less thing to worry about
11.	Yes	In my opinion a cars age doesn't always determine its overall roadworthiness. More modern cars and especially electric vehicles will have a much longer life span than traditional cars due to better technology that exists today and the fewer moving parts of the EV. Providing that the vehicle still meets the requirements and passes it taxis based MOT and the interior is in good condition the vehicle should be allowed to stay on the road. After 10 years the interior could be showing some heavy wear and tear but is would be much cheaper to renew the interior of a vehicle than to replace it
12.	Yes	two year extension on all vehicles in the current circumstances would be appropriate
13.	Yes	An extension on all vehicles would be helpful
14.	Yes	Given the cost of things and the increase in petrol car repair etc I think we do need an increase
15.	Yes	Personally I don't think any driver would want to go back thirty odd years, when the majority of vehicles were only just roadworthy. Because of the reliability and robust of modern vehicles I think some sort of extension based on the vehicles own

		testing performance may be an answer, say two consecutive fails (or so many in a certain time period) and it then has to be replaced. When I replaced my previous vehicle there was nothing wrong with it only that it had reached the age limit.
16.	Yes	I would support an extension on the age limit of all vehicles
17.	Yes	I strongly agree with an increase in all vehicles life being extended to me all vehicles should be allowed to stay on as a taxi for as long as vehicles pass the council strict test, there should be no age limit for car or cabs
18.	Yes	I personally believe and am for an extension on both wheelchairs accessible vehicles and non-wheelchair accessible vehicles. I think it would be acceptable to test these vehicles 3 times annually to ensure safety and compliance
19.	Yes	Two years on all vehicles the price of cars and wheelchairs have gone up quite dramatically in the last two years. Fuel has gone through the roof.
20.	Yes to wheelchairs only	Regarding cars is they were given an extra two years the cars are given a hard life on the taxis and driver do look after them but by the time they have reached 10 years they could have 500,000 miles on them and are tired inside and out. The cab are purpose built for the trade and are commercial vehicles so used to the hard life, but if to be extended past their 16 years should maybe have a 4 month test instead of a 6 month test
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22.	Yes	An extension on all vehicles considered
23.	Yes	Extension is needed the price of cares is through the roof especially black cars. The age limit should be changed immediately
24.	Yes	Great idea as long as road worthy and clean
25.	Yes	Should be extended by two years for 1 st registration this would allow drivers to find cheaper vehicles when searching the used car market. All vehicles should be allowed a further two years on expiry of age of vehicle. Make unlimited age restriction on wheelchair cabs this would encourage some drivers to keep cabs as sometimes there is a shortage.
26.		Age limit to bring a vehicle on should stay the same as it is now
27.	Yes	An extension on all vehicles is a good idea as long as strict testing is in place, as long as a vehicle is safe and meets the criteria it should be able to remain as a taxi. A minimum of 14 years should be considered followed by six monthly tests.
28.	Yes	An extension on all vehicles is fair in the current economic climate. Maybe cars should be 7 years from first registration to 12 years as long as road worthy and clean. Second hand cars have increased by 57% which makes it very expensive to buy a vehicle under 5 years.
29.	Yes	An extension to all taxis extended to at least 5 years as only the Council test.
30.	Yes	Car age limit should be increased for vehicles already licensed
31.	Yes	Great idea to prolong the life of all the taxis we currently use. As we are all aware car prices as well as everything else have rocketed over the past few months and we are finding it hard to source a car which would meet Halton taxi standards at an affordable price. Another 2-3 years extension would really be welcomed but only of a car was to pass a test and to be kept to an acceptable standard of cleanliness.

32.	Yes	Extension on all vehicles
33.	Yes	Extension all vehicles would be a good idea especially for wheelchair cabs if cabs are forced off the road because of their age, then disabled passengers would have problems getting transport. The reason being not many drivers could afford the £50,000 plus price tag to replace them. The age limit for vehicles coming onto the job should remain the same.
34.	Yes	Life of all vehicles should be extended, the age to which the vehicle should be allowed to come on should remain the same.
35.	No	It would be a mistake to go down that route, the public of Halton know what they are getting with a good standard and safety. I think it is the drivers responsibility to cater for the purchase of a car/cab
36.	Yes	If the vehicle is kept serviced and passes its test twice a year then the life should be longer.
37.	Yes	Wheelchair cabs should be no age, cars maybe 12 years old with 12 month test upto 6 years and minimum age of 6 years to be let on.
38.	Yes	An extension is needed on all vehicles, if an extension is to be approved 3 tests a year and must pass its test
39.	Yes	Age vehicles come on should be over 5 years. Rather than just extending the final age of the vehicle.
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41.	Yes	
42.	Yes	I think the age of vehicles should be raised at least for a time as the cost of even a 2 nd hand vehicle is crazy at the current time. I can't see a problem with this if a taxi passes its compliance test and its emissions are ok
43.		Why is there an age limit if a vehicle passes its test then it's safe for the road, drivers don't keep them more than 6-7 years anyway. So no limit and once reaches 10 years old have three tests a year
44.	Yes	Agree to the extension to the ages of non-wheelchair accessible vehicles and I wish to propose an amendment to the accessible vehicles to the extent that the age limit is abolished
45.	Yes	Extend the age of vehicles to 12 years without affecting the general condition of the taxi fleet and the age vehicles are brought on at from 5 to 7
46.	Yes to wheelchairs only	To wheelchair accessible vehicles not a lot around at the moment and if it passes a test I don't think they should have an age limit.
47.	Yes	I feel the age of all vehicles should be increased as drivers spend a lot of money keeping their vehicles on the road and new vehicles are more expensive
48.	Yes	Agree to an extension because in the current climate the cost of new vehicles has increased dramatically and makes it harder to afford, should be for at least 2 – 3 years
49.	Yes	Age limit for all vehicles should be extended, vehicle should still have a limit they come onto the system
50.	Yes	Age of vehicles should be raised to 12 – 14 years, age vehicles can come on should be 6-7 years instead of 5
51.	No	Not necessary

52.	Yes	An extra two years is good
53.	No	Not necessary
54.	No	I personally don't see any need to an extension