



Derby City Council
Private Hire & Hackney Carriage Trade Meeting
Thursday, 23 October 2025 – 10.30am
Council House, Derby
MINUTES

N o	Agenda Item	W ho	Att ach
1	<p>PG opened the meeting introductions were made.</p> <p>In attendance Purjinder Gill (DCC) (Chair) (PG) Angela Rawson (DCC) (AMR) Dave Basford (DCC) (DB) Ian Clarke (DCC) (IC) – joined by Teams Asaf Afzal (D.A.T.O.A) Muhsin Nazir (D.A.T.O.A) Azhar Hussain (DHA) Siraj Nabi (DHA) Lee Roach (DATA) Ben Costello (Chads Cars) Jack Wernick (Chads Cars) Darren Fitchett (DATA) Manpreet Singh Malhi (DATA) Kevin Boole (DATA) Shameer Madarbakus (DATA) Michael Rowlands (DATA)</p> <p>Apologies Mikk Campbell (DCC) David Wilson (A2Z Licensing) Martin Walker (Chads Cars) Tim Banton (DCC)</p> <p>Minutes of meeting 13 March 2025</p> <p>AMR explained that the copy of the last minutes had become corrupted and therefore not available. AMR went through the previous agenda of 13 March confirming the items that were discussed.</p> <p>Action – AMR to ensure the minutes of this meeting are uploaded to the Taxi Licensing webpage and circulated by email to the relevant parties.</p>		
2	DATA		



Lee Roach led the meeting for DATA and the following matters were discussed by the room.

1) Enforcement of Vehicle Signage

Discussion ensued regarding vehicle signage being required on the panels all the time, even when not working and the way to points were issued with no option to challenge. DB confirmed that a licensed vehicle is technically always a licensed vehicle. If a car is seen by DB without the panels being displayed, it is likely that a letter advising of the breach will be sent to the driver asking why the 1 point should not be awarded. AMR advised that there is an option to submit a response to the letter in mitigation of any exceptional circumstances as to why the points should not be awarded. These are considered on a case by case basis. PG also advised that the current conditions are being reviewed to ensure clarity.

Action: DB to prepare some information setting out the rules around signage.

2) 5 Year rule consultation

AMR confirmed that the consultation is now live for consideration of the current entry level age of new private hire vehicles. The consultation is open until midnight on Sunday 4th January 2026 [Age & Emissions Policy – 5 Year Rule for Private Hire Vehicles consultation | Let's Talk Derby](#). Paper copies are available on request. The responses will be considered and the matter will be put before the Licensing Committee for consideration and decision.

LR raised the point that Cllr Peatfield had stated in a meeting with the trade that the existing 5 year requirements would be suspended until any Licensing Committee decision. PG confirmed that not to be the case as current policy remains in place until such time as it is changed. AMR confirmed the same.

3) Engagement with the Trade

Concerns were raised about communication with the trade in general, focusing around the delays in responding to emails and telephone messages. The was even more concerning when licences/plates were due to expire within a few days. AMR asked the attendees at todays meeting to remind their members/associates a reminder of the importance of submitting well in advance of the expiry date. It is not good practice, nor fair on applicants who follow the correct procedure, to have last minute applications taking priority. PG confirmed the fees and charges report will be going to January 2026 Committee. AMR advised that any requests for fee breakdowns should be sub mitted by way of a Freedom of Information request.

Action: AMR to revisit how communications are managed within the team, including, but not exclusively, the possibility of having the telephone line open for set periods during the day.

D.A.T.O.A. (and DHA)

1) Minutes/Actions from March 2025

Addressed in section 1.

2) Point System Review

PG advised this is an ongoing piece of work which was not a simple process. It is likely that the relevant reports will be lined up for the January Committee.



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UPDATE - Since the meeting took place, the matter has been deferred to the March Committee meeting to ensure completeness of the review process.

3) Private Hire plying for Hire and parking in a 'Prominent Position

The matter was discussed by the group in general explaining that the difficulty around the perception of Illegally Plying for Hire. The concept of 'prominent position' is a subjective statement but the matter will be monitored.

4) Availability of Licensing Staff

Discussed in item 3 of submission from DATA

5) Transparency of Taxi Licensing Fee Usage

Discussed in item 3 of submission from DATA. AMR also advised of the availability of the Freedom of Information process.

6) School Haven Access for Taxis

Response from Tim Banton, DCC Traffic & Transport

There is not a general exemption for taxis to enter School Street style School Safe Havens. The primary goal is to reduce motor vehicles and create a safer, healthier, and more pleasant environment for children, parents and the wider community. With this in mind, exemptions to the restrictions are kept to a minimum to achieve the full benefits. However, to minimise disruption and inconvenience to residents, zones times have been kept as short as possible to the start and end of the school day, and in addition the extents of all the school safe haven zones has also been kept as small as possible, this means that drivers or passengers arriving during the closure periods only have a short distance to walk if they parked on the edge of the scheme. To avoid any confusion about school term dates, we've made all the entry signs foldable, and we close them during the holidays so any motorist can see when the zones are in operation.

For more information on School Safe Haven check out the FAQs https://s3-eu-west-1.amazonaws.com/ehq-production-europe/627a606d4583e324569c19135e563ad6a5f377f0/original/1689086827/e939f762d5c4d3d9b3bace96b662e1c4_School_Safe_Havens_FAQs.pdf?1689086827

'School Street' style Safe Havens operate during term time at the following schools (Oct 2025)

Primary School	Streets	AM Restriction	PM Restriction
Redwood Primary School	Redwood Rd (SH01)	08:15 - 09:00	14:30 - 15:30
Markeaton Primary School	Bromley St (SH02)	08:30 - 09:00	14:45 - 15:45
Ridgeway Infant School	Uplands Ave (SH05)	08:15 - 09:00	14:30 - 15:30
Reigate Park Primary Academy	Reigate Dr (SH15) and Finchley AV (SH16)	08:30 - 09:00	15:00 - 15:45
St George's RC Academy	Uplands Ave (SH05)	08:15 - 09:00	14:30 - 15:30
Rosehill Infant School	Reginald St (SH09)	08:30 - 09:15	14:30 - 15:30
Bishop Lonsdale CE Primary School	St Albans Rd (SH10)	08:30 - 09:10	15:00 - 15:45



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	<p>7) Review of Siddals Road and Phoenix Street Bus Lanes Item discussed and it was requested that the issue of 'taxi' on bus lanes be replaced with WAV (Wheelchair Access Vehicles only) by way of the image that is used by Nottingham City Council. Action: PG/AMR to look at outside of the meeting</p> <p>8) Choice of Taxi Colour: i) Yellow or ii) Black with Yellow Sash AMR advised that the current requirement of black with yellow sash was implemented as part of the Taxi Strategy and consulted upon. Part of the reasoning at that time was that it was financially beneficial to owners to have a black car have a yellow strip attached rather than having to respray a black vehicle yellow.</p>																										
3	<p>Any other business PG asked the room for AOB, none raised so meeting closed.</p>																										
4	<p>Next meeting: 22 January 2026 @ 10.30am at the Council House</p>																										



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