

Consultation response on ELAP seats, wheelchair accessibility for Hackney Carriages and disability awareness training for existing licencees.

- Hackney Driver
 - I do not support replacement of former ELAP fitted vehicles by a side door wheelchair accessible vehicle.
 - There is not enough rank space or work for more than an additional 5 Hackney Carriage vehicles.
 - I do not support a requirement for drivers to undertake disability awareness training on renewal of their licence.

- Private Hire Drivers x 2 (same responses)
 - I support disabled awareness course to better educate drivers.
 - Side entrance ramps are very expensive; such vehicles are very large, not good on the rank, and unpopular with people who do not have a disability; rear entry disabled access vehicles are better off and look nicer; leave vehicles with ELAP seats or return to 'normal' Hackney Carriages; new Hackney Carriage plates to be issues with rear entry disabled access are preferable.

- Hackney Driver:
 - The existing ELAP seat vehicles are barely used by customers requiring that sort of assistance.
 - There is a lack of work for current wheelchair accessible vehicles.
 - There is a perception that wheelchair access vehicles have a higher tariff or are only for wheelchair users, resulting in the proprietors taking on school contracts or private company contracts to make a living.

- Hackney Driver
 - Do not support 5 more Hackney Carriage vehicle licences as no jobs come on to the ranks requiring wheelchair accessibility from the side, which has forced owners to work LCC contracts or with private firms.
 - I do not support retention of the requirement for 8 Hackney Carriages with ELAP seats as these are rarely used for that purpose.
 - I do not support a requirement for any former ELAP seat vehicle to be replaced by a vehicles fully wheelchair accessible from the side.
 - I support disability awareness training on renewal for drivers, but only those driving wheelchair accessible taxis or ELAP seat Hackneys.

- Hackney Driver
 - Do not support 5 more Hackney Carriage vehicle licences as there is not enough space for more vehicles. There are already 53 Hackneys and only 4 vehicles parking space.
 - I do not support replacement of former ELAP fitted vehicles by a side door wheelchair accessible vehicle.
 - ~~I support a requirement for drivers to undertake disability awareness training on renewal of their licence.~~

- Hackney Driver
 - Do not support 5 more Hackney Carriage vehicle licences as there is not enough space for more vehicles. Not many jobs in Clitheroe that require a fully accessible wheelchair vehicle.
 - I do not support retention of the requirement for 8 Hackney Carriage vehicle licences to require that an ELAP seat should be fitted to the vehicle. Not enough space on the taxi rank.
 - I do not support replacement of former ELAP fitted vehicles by a side door wheelchair accessible vehicle. From personal experience I have driven an ELAP seated vehicle for 18 plus years and no passenger has needed the requirement
 - I support a requirement for drivers to undertake disability awareness training on renewal of their licence.

- Hackney Driver x 3 (same responses)
 - Do not support
 - Do not have customer coming to the rank with disabilities due to being in wheelchair. Depend highly on pre-booked journeys
 - ELAP seat in car for over 8 years and have not used it in 8 years and more than 7 vehicles are operating in Ribble valley with ELAP seats and wheelchair access and I do not feel we need to improve the numbers.