

Please select one of the following options.	What age limit would you suggest?	From what age would you suggest six monthly testing should take place if your proposed age limit was adopted?	What would you suggest for the criteria in respect of licensing vehicles according to the mileage of the vehicle?	Do you have any other comments?
Retain the current age policy of eight years with six monthly testing from six years.	5	3	unlimited, it should depend on the vehicle condition, and moreover the cabin comfort for the passenger - high mileage will mean potentially uncomfortable seats.	
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Retain the current age policy of eight years with six monthly testing from six years.	8	6		
Retain the current age policy of eight years with six monthly testing from six years.	8	6	I don't feel that the mileage is particularly relevant as it is the over all condition of the vehicle that should be monitored for wear and tear and suitability as being roadworthy.	No
Retain the current age policy of eight years with six monthly testing from six years.	8	6		
Retain the current age policy of eight years with six monthly testing from six years.	8	6	mileage isn't an issue on modern cars, its condition that is more important	I have travelled in cabs in other boroughs who have eased restrictions, some of the cabs are sheds
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Retain the current age policy of eight years with six monthly testing from six years.	6years	6years	base it on average mileage	customer safety is priority, the newer the taxi the better the safety will be.
Retain the current age policy of eight years with six monthly testing from six years.	8 years	5 years	Less than 150,000 miles.	
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Reduce the upper age limit to less than eight years.	5	from the start	20000 miles	
Reduce the upper age limit to less than eight years.	6	6	The vehicle will show wear and tear with high mileage. This should be looked at a six years with the on going 6 month check	I think The Licensing Manager changes and allows rules for people that are in her favour. The real driver who pay the required amount and adhere to the rules and there RE OTHERS SHE ALLOWS TO GET AWAY WITH MURDER. 2 TEIR SYSTEM
Reduce the upper age limit to less than eight years.	6	6years	milage isnt a problem if the vehicles roadworthy and clean	for the licensing offices to act when they recieve complaints from the public about certain drivers overcharging constanly and do something about it not to brush it under the carpet,we as drivers pay their wages its about time Mrs Calvert and her staff done what they get paid to do
Reduce the upper age limit to less than eight years.	7	7	why would milage make any difference if the vehicle has passed its test and is roadworthy then thats fine	why are hackneys working on private hire systems and charging time and a half for 5/6 seater jobs and every otherjob using the meter instead of the cheapest tarrif and nothing ever gets done

Reduce the upper age limit to less than eight years.	6 years	every 6 months	over 100.000 miles every 10.000 miles	maintain a high safely standard rather than a poorer one
Reduce the upper age limit to less than eight years.	6years	Mileage criteria maybe evry 40k	As above	
Reduce the upper age limit to less than eight years.	Five years	Five years		
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Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	10	5	VEHICLES OVER 100,00 MILES TO HAVE 6 MONTHLY CHECKS (PRIVATE HIRE AND HACKNEY CARRIAGE	
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	10	5		
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	10	9	long as it passes m.o.t mileage not an issue	
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	12	8	As long as vehicle is properly maintained and this can be shown ie compulsory servicing as per manufacturer guidelines,mileage irrelevant.	
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	12	8		IF A VEHICLE IS OK FOR THE ROAD WITH AN ORDINARY M.O.T THERE IS NO REASON WHY IT CAN NOT BE FOR USE AS PRIVATE HIRE.
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	12	10	N/a	no
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	12 years or longer	8 years	As long as the vehicle is in very good condition,it shouldn` t not matter what mileage is on the vehicle.	Vehicles last much longer than they us to,so age should be extended.Chester and Ellesmere port have vehicles older than 8 years.
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	12years	10years	does not matter on mieage just the conditon of the car.	

Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	12years	6years	None. Purely based on vehicle age and physical condition	Possible extra checks on vehicles registered as Cat C on VOSA's database due to possible poor quality repairs being carried out to return them to the road.
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	12years old	10 years old	If the vehicle is tested and meets my standards mileage should not matter .	As a private hire driver i have found it very difficult when looking for a car on a budget .. I have always found myself with high mileage cars that were on the age limit , were as i could of bought if there was an olderage limit i could of purchased a better condition car with less miles eg 2005 vauxhall vectra 125000 miles fair condition £2000 2003 vauxhall vectra 50000 miles immaculate condition £1200 Same car same features , what does age matter !!!!
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	12yrs	7yrs	i don't see what the mileage has got to do with it if the car passes the test clean and tidy regularly serviced which is to a drivers benefit mileage should not come into question	i think it is about time with modern cars these days the age limit is increased not forgetting the economic climate we are living in
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	15 years	8years	I wouldn't , as long as the car was fit for purpose then mileage should not be an issue	
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	any	8		
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	any age as long as can pass test	5 years		
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	no age limit	8 years	not relevant as vehicle in good condition and service will go round the clock	
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	no age limit		if it passes the emissions test it should not matter	provided it passes the VOSA test then it is roadworthy
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	none	5	Mileage of vehicles is irrelevant, if as parts wear they are replaced with new genuine manufactured replacement items then the vehicle is 'As new'. Any reputable driver/company would follow this practice as it is their livelihood at the end of the day.	All boroughs should follow the same set of rules be it on age limits or any other matter.
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	none	none	none	not should be sufficient

Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	none	none	none	The condition of the vehicle should be determined by the annual test and not artificially determined by the Local Authority. If the vehicle is clean and safe, and legally passes the existing stringent Taxi test, then its age and mileage has no effect on its use as a taxi and in fact quite the opposite. The cost/benefit analysis for a driver to replace cars with newer cars, that are quickly deteriorated by passengers, is heavily against a driver/owner.
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	none	six	none	
Increase the upper age limit to more than eight years.	Would not have a limit, as long as vehicle is safe and clean	10 years	Mileage would not matter as long as it passes the mot/taxi test	Think the current rules are ridiculous, us drivers have to spend fortunes on new cars, take out loans etc to pay for them, some have to rent them at £90 per week as they can't afford a new car or get credit forcing them to sometimes work a 70 hour week, its just wrong
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Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10	5	Mileage is irrelevant if the vehicle has been properly maintained. Which is why I'd allow a well looked after 10 year old car, but with a reduction in the 6 month test age to 5 years to catch out lower mileage vehicles that HAVEN'T been maintained. My qualification....a recently retired PH driver who had cars with up to 250k on the clock.	I always thought it ridiculous that WBC has no conditions attached to boot size. I'm not advocating a policy requiring estates because many hatches actually have a bigger boot space than some estates. An example being my Vectra hatchback that had a bigger capacity than a Focus estate. It could be based on a simple cc formula, to ensure that a car turning up to find a family needing the airport with 3 large or 4 small cases could fit in. I did jobs where the people (who don't always say where they're going....particularly on auto-bookings) had to wait for me or another large car to come because the original car despatched wasn't up to the job. Also on enforcement, with random inspections...just forget dents and scratches...nobody in the public is bothered by a car with a dent in the wing. What they DO complain about is dirty interiors. Andy Steele...ex PH
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10	6	Mileage should not make a difference as mot would pick up faults so long vehicle is kept in a good condition.	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10	6	75k	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10	7	If a car runs well and is in good condition then 10 years is not old	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10	8	The test it takes now will suffice ... Weather its done the miles	

Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10	8	Less than 150000 miles	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10	8	non	milage criteria would be difficult to implement due to different performance of vehicle types i.e could the same criteria be applied to a Ford Focus and a BMW ? In these times of reduced margin any increase in costs is pushing drivers to extend working hours and days this constitutes a far greater saftey risk then a well maintained 10year old car
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10	8	none	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 yrs	none six monthly testing is not needed	Mileage does not matter on modern cars provided they well serviced.	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	1 year	as long as the vehicle meets the above mileage is not a problem.	the vehicles that the council license reflects upon them.
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	10 years	mileage with modern cars is not an issue so long as properly serviced and maintained.	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	10 yrsrs		
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	5 years	No restriction Modern diesel cars are able to run to very high mileages if serviced correctly Also how the vehicle is driven and maintained is more important than whats on the "clock"	In the current economical situation I would say its a "Fair Policy" to allow vehicles to be licensed up to 10 years with 6 month tests from 5 years,this would ensure that drivers,even with newer cars,that drive slightly "Fast" would still have the suspension ,tyres and lights checked more often. I think the age of the car and mileage is far less important than the condition of the car. Many thanks
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	6 years	none	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	6 years	vehicle should have no more than 3 hundred thousand on the clock	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	8 years	I think the condition and safety of the vehicle is more salient than the mileage, so I don't believe a mileage related criteria is relevant	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	8 years	none	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	8 years	unfair, some cars can be bought unknowingly clocked by seller.	Hurry up council this has been a long overdue. cost of car, fuel and insurance etc is making this trade impossible to earn a living wage. 10 years for a car would make it more affordable. Modern cars are more reliable and safer than ever before.

Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	8 years	As long it's in good condition mileage doesn't matter	Modern cars, are better built, re safety features, and doesn't matter how much mileage as long as it is safe.
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	8 years	none if car is roadworthy	in these times of financial hardness a longer life of vehicles makes more sense and reduce the width of back seat to accomodate more fuel efficient cars in these enviroment friendly times.
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	8 years	I think as long as the owners can provide evidence that there vehicle has been properly serviced at correct intervals the vehicle should be allowed to work upto 10 years with 12 monthly testing	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years	from 6 years as normal	as long as vehicles pass the m.o.t at that time	its a lot easier to renew and cheaper to renew the carpet and engine than thousands fore another car.
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 years max	Six years	the cars go through government MOT and are also checked by council officials for the condition of the car. When they get to six years old, they are MOT'd twice a year, and I think that in itself shows that the car is more than road worthy.	None
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10 yrs	8 yrs	Mileage is just a number and I personally don't think it should be an issue. If a car is well looked after a modern engine can easily pass 200,000 miles.	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10years	6 years		
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	10yrs	7yrs	as long as the vehicle is in good order and repair,mileage should be irrelevant.	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	12 years	10 years	mileage shouldn't be put into consideration when testing for a licence.	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	12 years	10 years	unlimited mileage its only interior @exterior.For the public. Engine would be controlled by the emissions test on the M.O.T.	Perfectly good vehicles have to be passed on at eight years causing hardship to owners.Also the need to,M.O.T a brand new car or one that is not three years old is ridiculous
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	12 YEARS	9 YEARS	The mileage of a vehicle is of no importance if the vehicle is kept in a satisfactory condition.	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	12years	from 10 years	according to the vehicle age.	we are not earning that much money to buy a new car every eight years and doing mot every six month.so kindly increas the age limte.

Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	15 but think it really more depends on the type and condition of car.....that's most important.	10..... Taxi mot and services are enough already, plus council random stop checks. So that already is 4 checks in 1 year period, which in the government taxi laws is more than enough already	Mileage should not come into it, as some taxi do airport runs and as we all know motor way miles is different to local round town miles. Make model condition of car most important	A £15,000 2006 Audi a6 Avant full service history is a lot different to £4000 2006 vauxall vectra with no service history. Different league. but getting treated the same.....which car is doing a better job, and presenting the council better?????.....so why should Audi have 6 months checks.....
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	any	year 9		
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	As most vehicles age so well now, i feel 10yrs is fair.	6 monthly testing after 8yrs	I don't believe the vehicles mileage should be taken into account at all. The vast majority of vehicles will not reach the age limit criteria, as the engines would expire before then anyway.	Regarding the attachments of licence plates to vehicles: We agree that velcro is an unsuitable and unreliable method. But double sided tape and especially cable ties are more than adequate and secure and fit for purpose. I have seen Approved double sided tape and cable ties available from Halfords and Wilko's. We feel it is unfair and unsuitable punishment to be suspended for using cable ties, and ask for leniency. Regarding hackney carriage taxis queuing in West Kirby: Hackney carriage's are queuing and waiting for extended periods of time on the double yellow lines outside The Wro and The Red Door businesses, between the hours of 9 and 12pm, every Friday and Saturday night. The que is causing a dangerous hazard for all drivers pulling out from Bridge Road as the Hackneys are obscuring visibility to the junction. This is a very busy area during these times, as customers and staff of these businesses are crossing the street. Double yellow lines are for dropping off and picking up only. The private hire vehicles are being forced to double park or park across the street to collect booki
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	at least 10 years	8 years onwards	none	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	ten	eight	that all vehicles are subjected to a criteria check on the appearance of exterior and interior making sure that vehicle is in a suitable condition and vehicle plates are to be renewed every six months from the age of eight years old and and mileage should be wavered on the aspects of the quailty and maintainance of the vehicle	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	Ten years	After eight years	None	
Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	ten years	ten years	Mileage shouldn't be the major concern, so long as the vehicle is safe for the passengers and is well looked after.	I think a cap of eight years is too low for vehicles in this day and age, also in this economic climate it is unfair to expect cab drivers to be changing there cars when in some cases they may have a lot of life left in them.

Increase the upper age limit to ten years.	Unlimited	8 years	As long as the vehicle is in good roadworthy condition as per the MOT test, and the bodywork is damage free and interior clean and tidy, the mileage is irrelevant. Vehicles today can expect to reach mega miles and still run perfectly well. Maybe the council could insist on inspection of servicing records	This survey is long overdue, having to replace what can be a perfectly servicable vehicle at eight years old is a nonsense and puts driver in debt needlessly.
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Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	5	From new, the mechanical state of taxis can depreciate quickly	Nothing	Yes, more regulations around taxi drivers hours, their speed and also pricing to be visible in the taxi and enforcement operations
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Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	10	8	Body work,emissions,brakes and steering	They should be subject to the same procedures as buses.
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	15	8	No limit as there are hackney carriages with 1000000 miles on the clock	This would reduce financial strain on taxi drivers
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Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	15	8 years	none	So long as a vehicle is well maintained and looked after and is roadworthy it should be allowed on the road as a taxi.
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	20	10	as long as its in good condition mileage shouldnt come in to it	talk to the people that matter because its their lively hoods you are trying to change and maybe they might make a ..better living out of it instead of working 70 plus hours a week . if you do 6 months test bring the price down along with the cost of plates
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Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	-	6	this makes more sense than the age of the car as you can assume its like non-taxis, some that will be run into the ground by the more aggressive drivers and others that plod along on a sunday pace.	as long as it is in good working order and a presentable condition i dont see an issue. an increase of re-assesments or spot checks would ensure that safe practise is being met.
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	10 years	6 years	Once between 100 000 - 150 000 miles has been reached, tested every 6 months.	As long as I car, has safety features and is clean and tidy, that should be all that matters. I have been in a 16 year old private hire vehicle in chester, and that was in better condition than some of the newer cars I have been in.
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	10 years	as at present 6 years	mileage should be irrelevant provided the vehicle passes the relevant test and is considered to be of good order	thank you for being open minded enough to consider this general proposal.

Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	10-12yr	after 6yr old do 6monthly plating	as long as engine working correctly then let it work on	i used to work in private hire office's and they asked for this a few yrs ago as long as driver look after there vehicle then there shouldn't be a problem as by the time they finish paying finance on their vehicle then they have to start over again and there is that many private hire now the drivers are struggling and working longer hr's off which is dangerous to try and earn a living then they have to get new car's. Other area's as in Neston E'port Chester Wrexham have the policy your thinking about and it seems to off worked for them over the yrs you let Hackney Carriage Drivers have there vehicle an quite a lot are approx 15yr old so i think if they can have their vehicle on the road that long give private hire a chance
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	12 years	7 years	if vehicle has been maintained to the highest condition mileage should not count	
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	12 years	3 years	A "well maintained" vehicle can easily cope with 300,000 miles. I therefore suggest 250,000 miles	I believe that the MOT should be carried out every 6 months after the vehicle is 3 years old on the grounds that taxis tend to do more mileage than the average vehicle. Also settle cars are not owned by the driver and therefore tend to be less cared for so at least every 6 months they would be subject to cleanliness and safety checks. The extra cost to carryout 6 monthly MOTs is only a minor increase in running costs to the owner but a clear advantage for the public.
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	15 years	3 years onwards	mileage is irrespective	
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	15 years	8 years	Any mileage	
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	15 years.	3 years old or older.	Mileage is of no relevance, which the Council never seems to grasp. Any vehicle can continue to function with higher miles on te clock if you keep throwing money at it, it should be purely down to condition inside and out. By introducing the restricted ages on vehicles, it now means a vehicle is judged by the letters or numbers on it's registration plate, hence why there are far more vehicles plated that have been write offs or severely accident damaged. Most private hire drivers aren't stupid, we are NOT going to try and run a car with 250k miles on the clock, it's not viable nor is it reliable enough.	As i am forced to purchase a newer vehicle, the quality has suffered for the price. However, if there was a far broader spectrum of vehicle age allowed, i would much rather use an older Mercedes or Audi or Lexus which i can buy for half the price of my base level Kia. But the policy of age related cars has NOT increased the quality of vehicles, it has only pushed people like myself, a typical PH driver, into buying the best AGE car i can for the LEAST money. Personally, no driver will drive something not reliable so the mileage issue is a misconception. My opinion, open up the age, 6 month plates on anything over 3 years old and absolutely NO vehicles that are prior write offs.

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Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	5 years	12 months	A maximum mileage should be set for each 6 month period so if a vehicle exceeds the set mileage it would be subject to a retest.	To subject Private Hire vehicles to a 6 month test period with a mileage limitation would assist in the control of second hand vehicles bought for use as taxi's where there is no history of use or service & maintenance
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	5 years	3 years	more checks on the emissions	have the testing completed by only 1 or 2 approved garages therefore eliminating the garages that are owned or ran by "mates" and maybe not up to standard
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	5 years	3 years	pollution control in regards to emissions a more thorough check	The testing should be carried out in only one or two council approved centers therefore eliminating the tests done by "mates"
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	5 years	3years		
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	I would propose no age limit subject to condition AND a maximum emissions class being used (to try and incentivise a lower carbon fleet)	3 years (MOT for cars at this age)	None	See my point on carbon above, this would be a good time to introduce an emissions criteria.

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Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	none	from new	any mileage limit is stupid as it is not an indicator of vehicle condition	get a life
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	Obviously we dont want cars from 1980s on the road but think a limit will be irrelevant if the car is well looked after.	6 years	Today's vehicles mileage should not come into it as long as the car is in very good condition and looks presentable	I am a NVQ Assessor for RPVD and I have delivered this course in Sheffield, Chesterfield, Leeds, Kirkby, St helens, Sefton and the Wirral. In each of these areas the age restrictions are different. I have always said out of all these areas Wirral is the most strict when it comes to plating a car. The reason is you could get an 6-8 year old car which has been used a lot and looks a bit worse for wear, but on the other hand you could get a 10 year old car which has been well looked after and looks in top condition. I think the MOT test station should have the responsibility of saying which car is suitable or not regarding the comestics of a vehicle. Obviously it can also be regulated by the councils weekly out and about checks and if they think standards are not being met then that mot station should be contacted and appropriate action taken.
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	Same age limit as placed on Hackney Carriages at present. (You may HAVE to do this under European legislation on Restriction of Trade)	Same as for a new car's first MOT. Namely, 3 years.	Mileage is irrelevant as modern cars are built to cover many more miles than cars built 10 years ago.	I believe that the Authority's current policies with regard to Private Hire and Hackney Carriages is liable to put the Authority in a precariouse position as regards to European legislation on Restriction of Trade. It is my humble opinion that it is only a matter of time before the Authorities position is challenged in the European Courts and that the Authority will be unable to explain why there is a current restriction on the age of a Private Hire taxi and yet none on Hackney carriages.
Remove the current age policy and introduce six monthly testing (and therefore six monthly licences) for all Private Hire Vehicles regardless of age.	Same as hackneys	6 years	As long as the vehicle is in a safe condition	No
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Introduce criteria relating to the mileage of the vehicle.	8yrs or 100k mileage which ever is the soonest	6yrs or 80k mileage	100k except in exceptional circumstances	
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Introduce criteria relating to the mileage of the vehicle.	N/A	10	Need to cobsider general wear & tear & whether vehicle has been in any accidents apart from ensuring repairs & maintenance conply with manufacturers requirements	
Introduce criteria relating to the mileage of the vehicle.	No greater than five years.	Six months from first registration as a private hire vehicle.	Licence revoked at 80,000 miles.	
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	5 years	Abolished	mileage should not predetermine the suitability of a vehicle to carry passengers, however mileage should determine frequency of maintenance checks/ services. Example: A service or mini MOT should be carried out every 12 months, 6 months after/ before the annual MOT, proof of this should be provided and any works required carried out within 1 month of the test. This would in effect create a 2 yearly safety/ roadworthy check, this policy should also be applicable for newly registered vehicles too, this would make it fair to all, but also make newer vehicles just as safe as any other.	