

## Consultation responses

**Question 1: Details of Licences held by responder (consultees were asked to specify which of these you are by ticking all that applied)**

Type	%
Hackney Carriage and private hire driver (dual driver)	<b>58</b>
Private hire driver	<b>33</b>
Hackney Carriage proprietor	<b>17</b>
Private hire operator	<b>8</b>
Other (resident)	<b>8</b>

**Question 4 : Do you have any comments on the introduction of refresher sessions for disability awareness training for existing licence holders?**

Responder	Consultee response
1	<i>IMHO should have been implemented 15 years ago! 3 years sounds reasonable for refreshers.</i>
2	<i>Totally unnessessary. I've bedn a private hire driver for two years and never picked up a physically disable person primarily because my vehicle is not adapted. Other disabilities are managed in a common sense approach. This proposal is disproportionian burden on drivers who seldom or never encounter customers with disabilities.if you have a specially adapted vehicle and seek contracts to regularly transport disabled people them yes fine. But it should not be a blanket approach.</i>
3	<i>As I remember I done this course every three years unnecessarily just making more money from drivers you no gone give these money to disable people</i>
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5	<i>No</i>

6	<i>Its not necessary, as you do it every day which better than any refresher, real life experience. Any changes in regulation can be sent to drivers in post saving time and money.</i>
7	<i>If it is only a refresher, drivers should have option to do that in his own time. We van do it online from an accertiated provider and provide council the certificate.</i>
8	<i>I disagree with council proposal . Regarding disability awareness course for existing drivers. As 100% wheelchair users are using business .</i>
9	<i>Why existing drivers have to do are you say existing drivers getting old I mean it's very hard these days to earn £50 and three hours why I think council just wants to make extra money from us otherwise only wokingham council care too much about disable vehicles and disability course</i>
10	<i>I wont recommend this course at all .If its necessary then it should be across the board for all council employees and council should bear the expenses.</i>
11	<i>We all trade members strongly opposed this in the past. Ones who already have done this, will have no benefit of doing it again. Utterly waste of time and money. If any thing new comes council can inform the drivers. Like other qualifications it should be taken only once. In difficult financial times, council is putting extra burden on the drivers. Utterly unnecessary.</i>
12	<i>Good idea</i>

**Question 5: Do you have any ideas as to the best way for information to be presented at this training, or any topics you wish to be covered?**

Responder	Consultee response
1	<i>The disability &amp; safeguarding training refreshers I attended at Newbury were first class, covered all the necessary requirements and very professionally presented.</i>
2	<i>Not answered</i>
3	<i>Yes allow UBER to open office in wokingham because they don't take any test</i>

4	<i>Yes allow UBER to open office in Wokingham because they don't take any test</i>
5	<i>Not answered</i>
6	<i>training manual should be given to drivers on the first and only training after passing knowledge test.</i>
7	<i>Keeping safety of local people in mind, TFL drivers should do this mandatory training as they are allowed to work locally in Wokingham by the licensing officers.</i>
8	<i>Uber . Cars are increasing in Wokingham day by day .</i>
9	<i>If council really desperate to earn extra money from existing drivers then please this course should be in Wokingham not Newbury because we can't afford to go Newbury it's take almost 40 minutes to go there plus three hours fuel or don't know about car park charges</i>
10	<i>We should discuss more about drivers welfare and council should do more to bring the Business in to the Borough and bring some new taxi ranks.</i>
11	<i>Not necessary at all.</i>
12	<i>All aspects of disability should be covered</i>

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