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Summary of Taxi Association's request for review of conditions / pre-consultation – received 16.9.2008				
Topic	Comment	From whom	Condition number in draft shown in Appendix	Response
Re-using vehicle to get a new licence	No need for this condition and 1.1 will remain on the licence for each subsequent renewal or transfer	John Jones, Chairman High Town Taxis and Taxi Association	1.2 & 2.3	Agreed - this has been removed
Written authorisation needed before new vehicle is purchased	Remove this condition because the compliance test should approve any vehicle that complies and refuse any that doesn't	As above	3.2	Agreed – this has been removed
Wheelchair access	a) A licence issued initially for a wheelchair accessible vehicle cannot at any time be transferred to a non wheelchair accessible vehicle. b) A spare vehicle can be any vehicle that complies with condition 22 including a saloon car	As above	3.3 a	a) Agreed - now in as 4.2. b) The spare vehicle condition has been removed as no legislative power exists to licence a spare vehicle
Replacement vehicle	Remove this condition to take out the first sentence and then the second sentence is already covered by previous conditions	As above	3.3 b	This is now 4.2c and has been amended. The 8 year and 15 year age restrictions have also been removed.

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Vehicle testing	Would like to see this removed for various reasons	As above	3.4	This is now 4.3 and follows advice in government best practice guidance
Vehicle signage	Remove - the sign shall be capable of being so operated that it indicates clearly and conveniently to persons outside the carriage whether or not the vehicle is for hire	As above	8 a	Agreed. The wording is now in 11.1.a. - sign shall be so operated that at night it indicates clearly whether or not the vehicle is for hire
Size of sign	Size of sign is wrong and check size of lettering	As above	8 c & d	Agreed - The corrected size is now at 11.1 c & f
Licence plate	Possibly take out obligation to fix to bumper or under the number plate but keep securely fixed to the rear of the vehicle	As above	9.1	Amended. Now at 12.1
Late applications	Add: if any application and payment is received before the renewal date it will be accepted that the application is in process. In such cases the vehicle can only be used if it has a current plate that is in date.	As above	9.5	Amended. Now at 12.5 -12.6 and 12.7
Stated fees	Does this mean that firms that are advertising cuts should have a tariff sheet that tallies?	As above	11.5	Now at 14.5. Yes - if discounts are being offered we would expect to be notified if prices differ.

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Vehicle testing	Would like to discuss the practical need for two tests. If required would like to see it linked to mileage and include disabled access vehicles from age 5.	As above		Agreed. Now at 21.2. Two tests advised by Government
Failure of test	Would like to discuss the practicality of suspension for minor faults. Obviously if a stop notice is given that would be a different matter.	As above	17.3	Now at 21.3.
Ramps	Ramps are not carried by vehicles with tail lifts and many vehicles don't load wheelchairs from the nearside passenger door. This condition could be done away with because it is covered by condition 20.11.	As above	20.9	Agreed. Now at 7.7
Wheelchair access	Remove this condition because it is covered by condition 20.11	As above	20.12	Agreed. Now at 7.10
Spare Vehicle	The spare vehicle must comply with all standard conditions for licensed vehicles other than magnetic door signs which will be allowed. A wheelchair accessible licensed vehicle will be allowed a saloon car as a spare vehicle	As above	22.0	There is no legislative power to licence spare vehicles
Notification	Replication of 22.3	As above	22.6	As above - spare vehicle condition(s) removed
Vehicle damage	Replication of 12.1	As above	23.1	Agreed. Now at 15.1

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CCTV	Take out the last sentence because that is only necessary for the evidence to be admissible in court	As above	24.1	This has now been changed and is re-worded at 24.1
First aid kit	Too big and wasteful	As above		Public Service vehicle standard is deemed appropriate for a licensed vehicle and is therefore adopted by Council.
Internal plate sticker	Possibly remove these internal stickers altogether because they do not serve any practical purpose	As above	7.0	This is for the passengers to look at if required whilst within the vehicle
Testing	Take out mileage restriction or at least reduce waiting time for re-tests	As above	7.0	Testing is arranged by our partner contractors Amey Wye Valley Ltd. It is out of licensing control.