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Summary of Taxi Association's pre-consultation meeting of 9th April 2009 – concerning a first draft				
Topic	Comment	From whom	Condition in first draft version.	Response
Charge for Committee	We would like to see this charge removed as it is seen as a deliberate obstacle to prevent genuine queries plus the cost is prohibitive. It must be taken into account that we already pay for council services through other means such as tax and rates etc	John Jones, Chairman High Town Taxis and Taxi Association		Licensing staff have delegated powers which do not include late applications. Licensing have to pay for this service and it would be unfair to the rest of the trade to bear this cost.
Wording of conditions regarding manufacturers	Contradiction of 1.5 & 2.3	As above	1.3	Agreed – this has been re-worded
N1 category	Need clarification on the purpose and use of N1	As above	3.1	This was discussed during the meeting and Matthew Lane provided clarification for the group.
Colour of vehicle	Objects to single colour	As above	4 b	This requirement ensures that when a vehicle is repaired, all its panels are of one colour.
Wheelchair seat	Needs further discussion regarding wheelchair access being counted as a seat	As above	6.11	There is no discretion regarding this. We can only licence vehicle up to 8 passenger seats

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Vehicle signage	Signs for private hires. This constitutes a policy change that we would object to plus the wording stipulates two signs on each front door which we don't believe was intended	As above	10 e	Signs on private hire vehicles help clarify to the public that they are not for hailing and can only be pre-booked .
Vehicle signage	Need to discuss present sizes of lettering already agreed by the Council.	As above	10 g	Discussed and not contested
Smoking	Wants only two no smoking signs	As above	10.2	Agreed - The new condition is 11.2 and says two or more signs
Inspection of vehicle	Objects to more than one test	As above		Now in condition 21.2. This is felt necessary for safety reasons due to the removal of the age restrictions. It is in line with best practice guidance.
Limousines	Wants an age restriction on limos	As above	24.1	Now in condition 25.1. As required by the Regulatory Committee, this was removed due to the cost of the specialist vehicle.