

Current Condition	Proposed New Condition	Reason for Proposal	Comments Received from Trade
<p><u>Tinted Windows</u></p> <p>3.60 No glass, with the exception of a tinted sun-strip along the top of the windscreen, shall be tinted to such an extent as to obscure the view of the inside of the vehicle from a distance of 4 metres.</p>	<p><u>Tinted Windows</u></p> <p>3.60 Tinted windows must comply with the Road Vehicles (Construction &amp; Use) Regulations which specify the minimum levels of light that must pass through the windscreen and front side windows. The limits are:</p> <p>The light transmitted through the windscreen must be at least 75%. The front side windows must allow at least 70% of light to be transmitted through them.</p>	<p>The existing condition is ambiguous.</p> <p>An increasing number of new vehicles come with tinted rear windows as standard.</p> <p>Norfolk Constabulary and Norfolk Fire Authorities have been consulted and do not require visibility in the back of licensed vehicles in order to promote public safety.</p>	<p>Two members of the trade are asking that in addition to factory fitted tinted windows that we allow film ‘tints’ to be fitted.</p>
<p><u>MOT Testing (Annex D)</u></p> <p><i>Compliance Testing Standards</i></p> <p>8. Whilst vehicles which are less than 3 years old do not require a standard MOT test they are required to have a compliance test.</p>	<p><u>MOT Testing (Annex D)</u></p> <p><i>Compliance Testing Standards</i></p> <p>8. All vehicles (hackney carriages and private hire) require a compliance test before first licensed, however they do not require a standard MOT test also unless they are 1 year (from date of first registration) or older.</p>	<p>It was proposed at the last review to remove the requirement for licensed vehicles to have both the standard MOT and the Council’s compliance test from new. The Council therefore changed the condition to require an MOT from 3 years in line with private vehicles. We need to change this as DVSA standards require a hackney carriage vehicle to be MOT tested from 1 year old (regardless of what our conditions state). It is considered reasonable that private hire vehicles should be tested to the same standard.</p>	<p>No comments received objecting to this proposal</p>
<p><u>Safeguarding Training</u></p> <p>No current requirement</p>	<p><u>Safeguarding Training</u></p> <p>All existing licensed drivers and new combined driver applicants will be required to undertake Safeguarding Training as prescribed by The Borough Council.</p>	<p>Central Government are currently looking to introduce the requirement for all licensed drivers to undertake Safeguarding Training. The training should raise awareness in light of issues involving licensed drivers and child sexual exploitation (CSE) across the country. The Borough Council, in line with other Councils wish to introduce this requirement ahead of any changes to the law.</p>	<p>No comments have been received opposing the introduction of this condition.</p>