

Top Light survey

Gedling Borough Council Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence Conditions, at condition 6 (iv) state that a roof sign shall be affixed to the roof of the vehicle in a proper manner and position at all times.

The reason for this condition is that it is necessary to be able to clearly identify the vehicle as a hackney carriage, as opposed to a private hire vehicle. This is crucial for the safety of members of the public to allow them to identify that a vehicle is a hackney carriage and as such is one that is entitled to ply for hire and can be flagged down. It also crucial in the identification of the vehicle as a hackney carriage to enforcement agencies countrywide.

A request has been made to remove this condition, the Environment and Licensing Committee wish to seek the views of the public and stakeholders in relation to this condition.

Q1 Do you consider that this condition should be removed?

Yes

No

Comments:

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This report was generated on 19/01/22. Overall 40 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'.

The following charts are restricted to the top 12 codes.

Do you consider that this condition should be removed?



Comments:

I feel it is important for this condition to remain so that officers are able to clearly identify the vehicle as a hackney carriage, as opposed to a private hire vehicle. I also feel it is important for the safety of members of the public to allow them to identify that a vehicle is a hackney carriage and as such is one that is entitled to ply for hire and can be flagged down. It also crucial in the identification of the vehicle as a hackney carriage to enforcement agencies countrywide.

Whilst actually working as a Hackney carriage vehicle then the sign should be displayed as to let the public know that it is a working Hackney carriage vehicle. When the driver isn't working then I believe it should be removed, or option to remove sign stopping confusion as to a working or none working vehicle. Also if the driver is on a personal holiday then why should they have to have a sign saying they are a taxi.

There have times where my vehicle has been broken into because people know taxi drivers carry cash and leave valuables such as sat nav inside of their vehicles. We will become more of a target to these criminals showing them that this is a taxi. Also we use our vehicles for personal use ie travelling to other cities, which doesn't look very good at all.

the top sign should be allowed to be removed when the taxi is not working for fares as it is nice going on holiday displaying your top sign and people trying to flag you down.And how doe's this work if you take the car abroad say like France.

After speaking to many customers they have no idea that there is a difference between a private hire taxi and a Hackney carriage. They only recognise London type taxis as Hackney carriages.

I believe Top sign only be used when cab drivers are working. Because I'm some areas Cab Drivers been attack by public when they were out with the families. Most Of the Cab Drivers Use the same car for family purpose and they will identify easily for the target.

Also change the rule of meter calibration certificate as majority of the Hackney drivers works for private hire and don't use the council meter, also how it is possible to update same dates twice in one Calendar year, this is unfair as the vehicle testing fee is already high enough for six months other councils change less than this for one year.

Yes because alot of drivers they only work as private hire they never ever worked as a Hackney..so having top sign on all time is unnecessary....

If out of area or not working then it will not attract attention. Also when parked the roof sign cannot be stolen and reduce the risk of car being broken into.

Many drivers working for private hire companies

It states on the plate that it is private hire or hackney and they are different colours the roof sign is out dated

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Comments:

Should only be required while on duty.

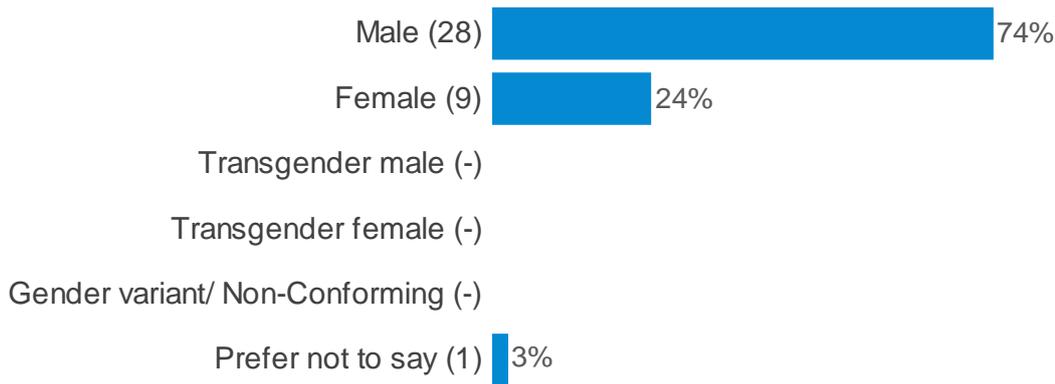
How else would I know it's a genuine taxi?

Gedling Hackney Carriages should be clearly identifiable so if I want to hire one I am able to see it easily. If the taxi roof sign condition is removed perhaps you could consider having a distinctive colour for them? There are lots of local companies who do cheap car wraps. Perhaps bright yellow like Derby or a combination of yellow and Gedling red. (A bit like the old Nottingham black and white cabs).

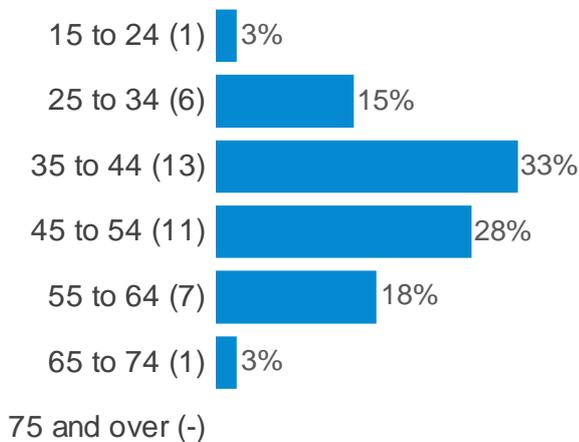
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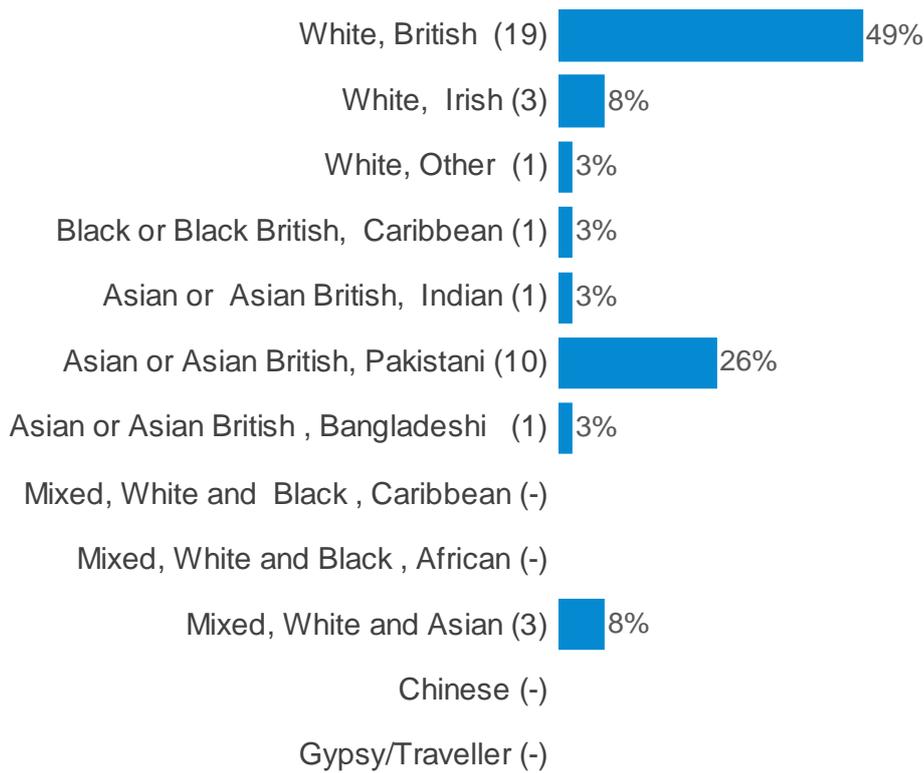


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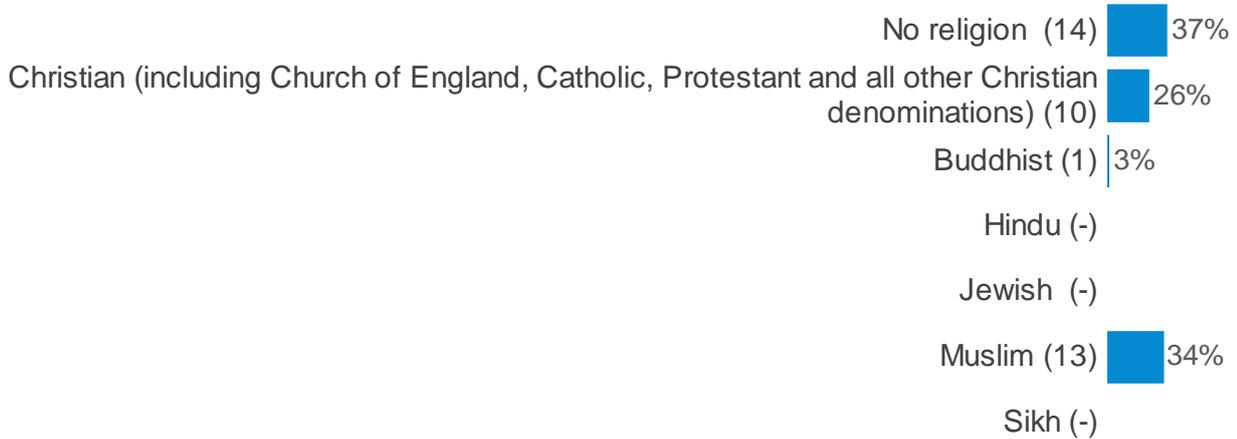


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To which of these groups do you consider you belong?



What is your religion?



Any other religion:

Not applicable

Do you have a disability?



Which of the following best describes your sexual orientation?



Other sexual orientation:

Not applicable