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**Subject:** Taxi Camera Consultation  
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Dear all,

In March 2012 it was agreed there would be further consultation on the condition requiring vehicles licensed by Southampton City Council to have a taxi camera fitted. The conclusion of this consultation has been delayed pending the outcome of legal proceedings. As I am sure you are aware as a result of these proceedings the condition requiring the cameras has been temporarily suspended. The Council will be considering reinstating the condition in an amended form.

I am writing to you for two reasons:

1. To offer you a chance to provide comment on the below subject areas
2. To pass this message onto your drivers for them to provide comments on the below subject areas,

To allow time to prepare a report to the Council please submit any comments ***no later than 4pm on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2013***

You are invited to comment on the following or any other aspect of the Taxi cameras. When responding please state in what capacity i.e. Driver, operator, owner:

1. Views on a mandatory condition to have visual only cameras?
2. If there is a condition to have cameras how important is it to have some element of audio recording?
3. Are there any aspects of the old camera condition you think should be altered? Such as choice of camera.
4. The Council's ring fenced Licensing budget cannot subsidise the camera programme any longer. What impact will the removal of the subsidy have on you as the advice officers receive from HMRC is the full cost is recoverable in the first year as a legitimate expense?
5. How do you view the proposal to have a requirement for all of the fleet to have a camera fitted within a shorter set period, perhaps 6 months?
6. If there is a condition to have cameras then it will be intended that data will only be disclosed on the report of a crime or a written (can be email) complaint or subject access request. What is your view on data only being accessed for complaints where the suspension of a driver is a possibility or are there any other conditions relevant?

7. Do you have concerns with the Council being the data controller?

The report will contain an option for an amendment to conditions to allow exemptions to the requirement for a camera for a very small number of specialist vehicles employed in a particular manner, effectively Executive Chauffeur Services and some novelty vehicles.

Please reply to [licensing@southampton.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@southampton.gov.uk)

Thank you for your co-operation.

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