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Hi Phil

FIT AND PROPER POLICY CONSULTATION RESPONSE FROM RADIO TAXIS

Radio Taxis understands that there should be a fit and proper policy to help protect the public. Overall the policy is fantastic. We feel 7 points to remove a licence is extremely harsh and unfair. We think that at 7 points the driver must go onto Driver Awareness Training at his expense, and the ban should be from 9 points as a professional driver. We understand Taxi & Private hire drivers should be professional drivers but simple mistakes can happen. Prior to a licence being taken away at 9 points the driver should have a meeting with the licensing panel/Phil Bates to discuss reasons etc.

***I think every effort should be taken before taking a licence away. Do not agree with the full ban for 5 years. . I think when points are removed from their licence under the required amount they should be able to reapply.**

Please note the licensing removed the Topography for Private hire to entice them to plate in Southampton. Adding the 7 points proposal may make them plate elsewhere if a neighbouring district don't take up this policy.

Kind Regards

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