

Derby Council risk putting taxi owners out of business.



Controversial changes to the City's taxi licencing regime have caused uproar, says GMB.

GMB Union, representing hundreds of Derby City private hire taxi drivers, has today called on Derby City Council to think twice about controversial reforms to the City's taxi licensing rules.

The plans will threaten the licenses of hundreds of drivers using vehicles made before 2021.

Council bosses have proposed to slash the licensable age of vehicles from fifteen years old to just five.

The Council's plans will put Derby out of step with neighbouring city's such as Nottingham, where the licensable age of taxi's is set at 10 years.



Craig Thomson, GMB Regional Organiser, said:

"We all want a greener city, but these plans put all the burden on the working people of Derby.

"Private hire taxis are a central part of peoples' daily lives; these plans could see hundreds of the drivers forced out of work.

"Instead of working with drivers and their Union, the Tory opposition councillors pushing this change seem to be taking a one sided approach to reach the 2035 target."

"Working people make Derby and we won't stand by if the voices of our city's drivers are ignored".

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