

# Derby private hire concession 'welcome'



GMB Union, representing private hire taxi drivers across Derby, have today welcomed news that Derby City Council have voted to scrap a controversial policy limiting the age of licensable taxi vehicles in the city to just five years.

A meeting of the council's influential Licensing Committee last night voted to allow vehicles up to 9 years to qualify, after a year long campaign by drivers and GMB.

**Craig Thomson, GMB Organiser, said:**

"Nine years is better than the disastrous limits being imposed on drivers.



“This is an important step and a welcome sign that the Council’s leadership have listened to drivers across Derby.

“There are however still important questions to be answered about how these plans will be rolled out, and what protections will be in place for drivers.

“That will be our union’s focus over the coming months and we’d urge any private hire driver in the City to get GMB on your side today”.

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