

To:  
Rob Thomas  
Principal Licensing Officer

Spelthorne Borough Council  
Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-Upon-Thames  
TW18 1XB

Dear Sir,

Re: Clause regarding window tinting requirements on licenced taxis.

On behalf of all Spelthorne Taxi and Private Hire drivers we would like to object to the way this clause is being interpreted and implemented.

Most of the vehicles are fitted with standard glass from factory as can be found on other vehicles of the same make and model. The drivers themselves have not modified the vehicles or applied anything that would alter the tint of the glass.

It is unreasonable and impossible for drivers to be expected to change the glass that has been fitted to the vehicle by the manufacturer from the factory.

If there are any drivers who have modified their vehicles and used aftermarket tinting services then these vehicles can be asked to remove the material applied to tint the glass.

In summary we object to the expectation that glass fitted from factory by the vehicle manufacturer will be changed as this is not feasible practically or financially.

Furthermore changing or modifying any part of the vehicle from factory specification will invalidate the insurance and may compromise safety.

Yours Sincerely,

All Spelthorne Taxi Drivers