

Comparison between Spelthorne & Runnymede tinting criteria

Spelthorne's current policy requirements on tinting

Front windscreen – 75%
Front passengers – 70%
Rear passengers – 22%
Rear windscreen – no restriction

Runnymede's proposed policy requirements on tinting

Front windscreen – 75%
All other windows – 70%

Exemption for EPH vehicles.

Exemption for “larger” (i.e. 8 seater) MPVs – so as not to restrict choice in this regard for trade.

Recommended position for Spelthorne to take

Front windscreen – 75%
All other windows – 70%

Exemption for EPH vehicles or if a good reason is provided (i.e. Mums & Sons).

No exemption for larger MPVs, Runnymede's policy was amended on appeal by the trade, in conjunction with Unite. However, Spelthorne's fleet features a limited number of 8 seater vehicles so we don't anticipate this would be an issue. Furthermore, a perusal of autotrader shows the perception that there are no vehicles available to be false.

It is worth considering that Volkswagen's default level of tinting may be subject to change, & would specify 65% transmission of light on the rear windows (in place of a lesser level of transmission typically seen with privacy glass). It therefore *may* be necessary to reconsider the level of tinting for the “all other windows” criteria at a later date – I would suggest that this be considered if necessary at such a time as the policy needs to be reviewed, when the DFT's best practice guidance is issued.