Public Consultation Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles for Taxis

Community Engagement Forum members,

South Gloucestershire Council’s Regulatory Committee have agreed to consult on a proposal to publish a list of all licensed vehicles.  In summary, the Committee wishes to provide users of the licensed taxi and private hire service in South Gloucestershire with as much information as they can to enable an informed decision on how best to travel.

The Council is also consulting on a specification for wheelchair accessible vehicles. Statutory guidance states that a vehicle should only be included in the authority’s list of wheelchair accessible vehicles if it would be possible for the user of a “reference wheelchair” to enter, leave and travel in the passenger compartment in safety and reasonable comfort whilst seated in their wheelchair. The definition of “reference wheelchair” is set out in detail in the specification.

This consultation will be open until **8th December 2019.**Your response or observations, in writing, should reach this Licensing Authority by **no later than 23.59hrs on Sunday 8th December**.

You can respond to this consultation in the following ways:

* Read the proposed specification for Wheelchair Accessible Taxis [here](https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/gf2.ti/-/1067810/55848645.1/PDF/-/Proposed_Specification_for_Wheelchair_Accessible_Taxis.pdf)
* Read the proposal for public register of accessible licensed vehicles [here](https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/gf2.ti/-/1067810/55848613.1/PDF/-/Proposal_for_public_register_of_accessible_licensed_vehicles.pdf)
* Read the  [Access for Wheelchair users Taxi and Private Hire Vehicles Statutory Guidance](https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/gf2.ti/-/1067810/55944101.1/PDF/-/access_for_wheelchair_taxis.pdf)
* Read the Initial Equality Impact Assessment and Analysis [here](https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/gf2.ti/-/1067810/55848677.1/PDF/-/Initial_EqIAA__WAV_list__reference_wheelchair.pdf)
* Complete the[**online questionnaire**](https://southglos.researchfeedback.net/s.asp?k=156837785969)
* Download and print a [paper copy of the survey](https://consultations.southglos.gov.uk/gf2.ti/-/1067810/55851557.1/PDF/-/WAV19__Questionnaire_Final.pdf) to post to us or hand in at a local library or one stop shop
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