

Tees Valley Policy Comparisons – Tinted Windows

<p>Stockton-on-Tees</p>	<p>The windows (excluding the windscreen which must have a minimum light transmission of 75%) of any vehicle shall not have been treated so that less than 70% of light is transmitted through it, unless the following criteria can be met in which case there will be no minimum light transmission:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The vehicle is an executive hire or novelty hire vehicle or stretched limousine operating under an Exemption Notice or exceptional circumstances apply; and</li> <li>• The vehicle will not be engaged at all in any contract or provision of vehicle for the carriage of school children or based around the carriage of unaccompanied children/young persons (i.e. under age 18 years). The driver must not act as the accompanying adult; and</li> <li>• Approval has been given by the Council.</li> </ul> <p>134. Existing licensed vehicles that do not meet this standard will be allowed 'grandfather rights' to be licensed until such time as the vehicle is changed or ownership of the vehicle is transferred, at which time this standard must be complied with. Pg 20</p>
<p>Middlesbrough</p>	<p>In the interests of public safety it is important that passengers carried in licensed vehicles are capable of being seen when viewed from outside the vehicle. Therefore, the Council's specification relating to the use of tinted windows in licensed vehicles is as follows: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) The windscreen shall have a minimum light transmission of 75%</li> <li>b) All other front windows of the vehicle shall have a minimum of 70% light transmission,</li> <li>c) All rear windows of the vehicle shall have a minimum of 30% light transmission, unless the following criteria can be met in which case there will be no minimum light transmission:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The vehicle is an executive hire or novelty hire vehicle or stretched limousine operating under an Exemption Notice or exceptional circumstances apply; and</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The vehicle will not be engaged at all in any contract or provision of vehicle for the carriage of school children or based around the carriage of unaccompanied children/young persons (i.e. under age 18 years). The driver must not act as the accompanying adult; and</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Approval has been given by the Council.</li> </ul> </li> <li>d) the Council will allow a 3% (of the minimum specified reading) error margin in line with the testing instruments manufacturers recommendation. For example therefore, a 3% error margin for a rear window reading equals 0.9% (rounded to 1%). This means that a reading of not less than 29% light transmission will be accepted for rear windows Pg 26.</li> </ul>
<p>Hartlepool</p>	

	<p>Hartlepool BC has a duty to protect children and young people from all forms abuse including, amongst other things, trafficking and Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE).</p> <p>As the licensing authority for hackney carriages and private hire vehicles, the Council believes it is important that any children or young people using such vehicles can be safe and feel safe. To help ensure this, the Council considers that it is reasonable and proportionate to take steps to ensure that children and young people remain visible once they have entered a licensed vehicle – or to put it another way, that they do not become invisible.</p> <p>This can be partly achieved by ensuring that front and rear windows allow a minimum amount of light to pass through – thereby allowing front and rear passengers to be seen from outside the vehicle.</p> <p>The Council’s specification relating to the use of tinted windows in licensed vehicles is as follows: -</p> <p>a) The windscreen shall have a minimum light transmission of 75%</p> <p>b) All other front windows of the vehicle shall have a minimum of 70% light transmission, unless the following criteria can be met in which case there will be no minimum light transmission.</p> <p>c) All rear windows of the vehicle shall have a minimum of 30% light transmission, unless the following criteria can be met in which case there will be no minimum light transmission. Pg 51.</p>
Redcar	<p>The front windscreen allows at least 75% of light through and the front side windows allow at least 70% of light through<sup>2</sup>. All other windows should allow at least 34% of light through Pg 8.</p>
Darlington	<p>The Council’s specification relating to the use of tinted windows in licensed vehicles is as follows:</p> <p>a) The windscreen shall have a minimum light transmission of 75%</p> <p>b) All other windows of any vehicle shall have a minimum of 70% light transmission, unless the following criteria can be met in which case there will be no minimum light transmission.</p> <p>251. The minimum light transmission criteria is relaxed in the following circumstances:</p> <p>a) The windscreen<sup>10</sup> and front side windows<sup>11</sup> of any vehicle exempt from the criteria, when the vehicle is an executive hire or novelty hire vehicle or stretched limousine operating under an Exemption Notice, and</p> <p>b) The vehicle will not be engaged at all in any contract or provision of vehicle for the carriage of school children or based around the</p>

	<p>carriage of unaccompanied children/young persons (under age 18 years unless accompanied by an adult other than the driver). The driver must not act as the accompanying adult, and</p> <p>c) Written approval has been given by the Council. NB any exemption granted by the council does not remove the need for compliance with the relevant Construction and Use Regulations. Pg 24</p>
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