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Subject: RE: Torbay Council Taxi Policy consultation

Hi Shaun.

As Disability Champion at Living Options I have read through the policy detailed below.

If the Licensing Authority currently retains a quantity restriction regarding the number of Hackney Carriages licensed by Torbay Council would it be possible to demand a pro rata number of accessible Taxis for each licenced company? Trying to book Accessible Taxis for many disabled people, but particularly for those who are not able to transfer from their wheelchairs, is often hard as they seem to be so limited in numbers. The demands of accessible taxis during the school run can mean that for disabled adults they can struggle to get transport to attend work. There is also often limited provision in the evenings/weekends so this limits disabled people's opportunities to have equal access to social activities. Many thanks, Leila

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