

Surveillance Camera Commissioner responses to the Department for Transport consultation on taxis

The Department for Transport [ran a public consultation in early 2019](#). It invited respondents to submit their views on the measures proposed in the draft Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle (PHV) Standards.

In April 2019, the then [Surveillance Camera Commissioner Tony Porter responded to the consultation](#), focusing on the guidance in relation to proposals for blanket licencing requirement for CCTV in taxis.

In July 2020 the Department for Transport published the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards. These include a number of standards that taxi and PHV licensing authorities are expected to implement. The standards also state that all licensing authorities should undertake a consultation on in-vehicle CCTV in taxis and PHVs.

[A public consultation ran in early 2021](#) seeking views on whether the installation of CCTV in vehicles would have either a positive or adverse effect on the safety of taxi and PHV users, including children or vulnerable adults, taking into account potential privacy issues.

In March 2021 the [Biometrics and Surveillance Camera Commissioner Fraser Sampson responded to the consultation](#), focusing on achieving a fair balance of intrusion and interference against the general principles which arise from enshrined human rights and legitimate expectations.