

Kent LA's Policy Stance on Taxi/PHV Window specification

Ashford (Section 1.19.1)

Vehicles are manufactured and produced with window glass in various tints or film coatings from clear to jet-black, the latter making it impossible to view into the passenger compartment. The removal of film coating from windows is far less expensive than the changing of glass. These heavily tinted windows may be of concern to women passengers travelling alone, and parents of children travelling unaccompanied. Many of the vehicles supplied with tinted glass are acceptable with reference to the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986, however in the interests of the reassurance of passengers, tinted glass should have a minimum 30% light transmission and should not restrict all view into the passenger compartment will not be accepted on licensed vehicles. Exemptions may apply to executive hire vehicles (those permitted not to display external plate) where appropriate.

Canterbury (Section 6.1.6)

Tinted windows No licensed vehicle shall normally have privacy glass unless the tinted glass is included in the vehicle's standard manufacturing specification or the vehicle is not used for general public hire but is used for airport collection services or for private business hire. See also Road Vehicle (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986 (as amended).

Dartford (Section SL10)

Any tinted glass in the driver compartment to conform to the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use Regulations) 1986 (as amended)⁴⁸ .

Dover (Section 9.2)

Vehicle windows shall have visual transmission of light of not less than 75% in respect of windscreens and not less than 70% in respect of all other windows and rear windscreen.

Folkestone & Hythe (Section 4.1)

All windows must meet the requirements as prescribed by the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations. (75% light transmission windscreen, 70 % light transmission front passenger windows). However, in the interest of passenger safety, no windows shall be fitted with mirror / tint such that it restricts all view into the passenger compartment. Vehicles already licensed at the date when this policy came into effect will continue to be licensed until they are replaced. Replacement vehicles (permanent or temporary) must comply with this condition.

Gravesham (Section 4.1.10)

Not have tinted/privacy/glass unless it is included in the vehicle's standard manufacturing specification, complies with the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations and is approved by the council. In all cases, glass that restricts all view into the passenger compartment will not be permitted.

Maidstone (Section 23)

All windows must meet the requirements as prescribed by the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations.

Medway (Section 18.1.10)

Not have tinted/privacy glass unless it is included in the vehicle's standard manufacturing specification, complies with the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations and is approved by the council. In all cases, glass that restricts all view into the passenger compartment will not be permitted.

Sevenoaks (Section 4.15)

Tinted windows All windows must meet the requirements as prescribed by the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations

Swale (Section 1.3(d))

There is no restriction to the level of tint for glass windows in the passenger compartment. However, for the safety of passengers, tinted glass in the windscreen and front doors must comply with The Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations 1986

Tunbridge Wells (Section 26.1)

All windows must meet the requirements as prescribed by the Road Vehicles (Construction and Use) Regulations

Tonbridge and Malling (Section 8.4)

Private hire and Hackney carriage vehicles must have at least 75 per cent of light passing through the front windscreen, 70 percent through both front side facing windows, and 50 per cent through all other side facing windows. To allow plate exempt vehicles who undertake executive work to have rear side facing windows with a higher tint than 50 per cent