

1. Dear Officers and members of the licensing committee,

I am writing to object to the changes proposed to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire policy.

Firstly, we, in the trade have to buy a vehicle that complies to the existing policy so I think it is unfair that the policy should be changed to allow this type of vehicle to be licensed. It fails the current test for a suitable vehicle on so many levels including the number of road wheels, the lack of doors, the lack of windows, the lack of a water tight roof to name but a few. Would the policy be changed if a driver wanted to license a soft top vehicle for Private Hire use? I doubt it.

I would like to draw your attention to paragraph 1.3 of the current policy where it states that the first objective is “the protection of public safety”. This vehicle in it’s current state does not meet this objective because the roll over protection fitted to the vehicle offers no “protection” at all because the top of the head rest is actually below where an adults head would be and in the event of an accident if this vehicle were to roll over it would be the passengers heads that would be in contact with the ground and not the roll over protection thus meaning that the full weight of the vehicle would be placed on the passengers head and the consequences of this don’t bear thinking about.

Here is a list of links to some news stories regarding crashes involving trikes. Many were fatal or very serious injuries They include a crash on Route 66 involving Billy Connolly and a bride in Blackpool losing both legs. There are many more if you search for trike accidents. Please take the time to look at some of these links and I urge you to refuse to change the policy and not license this vehicle due to it not meeting the basic objective of “protection of the public”.

Regards,

Mark Faulkner For and on behalf of Elaine’s Taxis Ltd

June 2014

<https://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/man-dies-motor-trike-driving-7321601>



[Man dies when the motor trike he was driving crashes into ...](https://www.chroniclive.co.uk/news/north-east-news/man-dies-motor-trike-driving-7321601)

www.chroniclive.co.uk

A fatal motor trike accident at the North East coast kills one man and leaves a woman fighting for life

August 2012

<https://www.express.co.uk/news/uk/342224/Two-die-in-Harley-trike-crash-horror>



[Two die in Harley trike crash horror | UK | News | Express ...](#)

www.express.co.uk

TWO people have died after a Harley Davidson tricycle crashed on Scotland's deadliest road.

May 2016

<https://www.birminghammail.co.uk/news/midlands-news/horror-trike-crash-mum-wants-11396937>



[Horror trike crash mum wants Ozzy Osbourne to back her safety campaign](#)

www.birminghammail.co.uk

Laura Simpson campaigns for change in law over helmets

July 2013 UTAH USA

<http://www.nbc11news.com/home/headlines/Fatal-motor-trike-accident-216372831.html>



[Fatal trike motorcycle accident - KKCO](#)

www.nbc11news.com

A trike motorcycle accident on I-70 left one man dead and another seriously injured.

July 2018 South Dakota USA

<https://www.kdlt.com/2018/07/14/rider-killed-in-motorcycle-crash-near-box-elder/>

[Rider Killed in Motorcycle Crash Near Box Elder - KDLT](#)

www.kdlt.com

BOX ELDER, S.D. – One person died and another was injured in a trike motorcycle crash that occurred Saturday in Box Elder. The names of the two people are not being released by state officials pending notification of family members. They were the only persons involved in the crash. A 2009 Suzuki ...

April 2018 Kentucky USA

<https://turnto10.com/news/local/police-investigating-motorcycle-accident-in-somerset>



[Police: Motorcyclist dies in serious Somerset crash](#)

turnto10.com

Somerset police are investigating a deadly crash involving a three-wheeled motorcycle and a furniture delivery truck. The motorcyclist, Eric Salvas, 31, of Swansea was killed when police said he appears to have lost control of his bike as he was heading south

July 2017 Michigan USA

https://www.mlive.com/news/saginaw/index.ssf/2017/07/second_motorcyclist_killed_in.html



[Head-on crash kills second motorcyclist within hours of ...](#)

www.mlive.com

Police believe the biker drove into the oncoming lane to go around a turning or slowing vehicle.

August 2011 California USA

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/tvshowbiz/article-2029926/Billy-Connolly-finally-opens-Route-66-trike-crash.html>



[Billy Connolly finally opens up about Route 66 trike crash ...](#)

www.dailymail.co.uk

He had long dreamed of getting his kicks on Route 66 – until a nasty accident almost put paid to a documentary he was filming about the iconic road.

December 2003

<https://www.telegraph.co.uk/news/uknews/1448158/Vigil-for-bride-who-lost-legs-on-ride-to-wedding.html>

[Vigil for bride who lost legs on ride to wedding - Telegraph](#)

www.telegraph.co.uk



A woman who lost her legs in an accident on the way to her wedding was in hospital yesterday as her fiance maintained a bedside vigil.
