



East Cambridgeshire District Council

Notice of Determination of Licensing (Non-Statutory) Sub-Committee Hearing

Decision Notice

Date of Hearing: Wednesday 10 September 2025

Sub-Committee Members: Councillor Martin Goodearl (Chair)
Councillor Lorna Dupré
Councillor Keith Horgan
Councillor Julia Huffer
Councillor John Trapp
Councillor Gareth Wilson

Officers Lin Bagwell – Licensing Officer (Enforcement)
Stewart Broome – Licensing Manager
Maggie Camp – Director (Legal Services)
Patrick Adams – Senior Democratic Services Officer

Licence holder: **Taxi Driver**

Other Persons: **Representative from taxi company**

Decision

The decision of the Licensing (Non-Statutory) Sub-Committee (in exercise of the powers delegated by East Cambridgeshire District Council as Licensing Authority) was to:

Suspend licence JNT/126 until such time as a Blue Lamp Trust practical driving assessment pass certificate is provided to the Licensing Authority

Section 61(2B) has not been enacted, and therefore, the suspension will take effect in 21 days, or if an appeal is lodged with the Magistrates' Court, at the disposal or withdrawal of any such appeal.

Reasons for the Decision

Members felt that the evidence demonstrated that the taxi driver had fallen below the level expected of a fit and proper driver in the eyes of the Council through his many speeding indiscretions; however, they felt a revocation was a disproportionate response.

In arriving at this decision, Members also considered the support shown by the taxi driver's employer, together with an explanation of the systems in place to prevent future occurrences, and the remorse shown by the taxi driver.

The Blue Lamp Trust course provides a comprehensive refresher on driving standards, and it was deemed appropriate that the length of suspension should be tied to the need to pass this assessment.

Members determined that for reasons of public and passenger safety, the taxi driver should be required to pass the Blue Lamp course.

The applicant has a period of 21 days from receipt of this decision notice in which he can make an appeal to the Magistrates' Court (see below).

Right of Appeal

There is a right of appeal against this decision. Notice must be given to the Clerk to the Cambridge Magistrates' Court, The Court House, Bridge Street, Peterborough PE1 1ED within 21 days of notification of the Licensing (Non-Statutory) Sub-Committee's decision. Email: cb-enquiries@hmcts.gsi.gov.uk

Signed: Councillor Martin Goodearl
 (Chair)