



Further to your information request FOI/EIR 25/26-320, please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Please provide the following information regarding East Cambridgeshire District Council's restricted private hire vehicle licence scheme:

1. The number of vehicles currently licensed under this scheme.
2. The number of licensed operators under this scheme, including the names of those operators.
3. Details of how compliance and vehicle checks under this scheme differ from those applied to standard private hire vehicle licences.
4. The date on which the restricted private hire vehicle scheme was first introduced.
5. Confirmation of whether details of vehicles and operators licensed under this scheme are published on the council's public licensing register, and if not, the reason why.

Response:

1. 1361 as of 30th September 2025
2. One: 24X7 Group
3. They are exactly the same.
4. First licence was issued on 10th March 2025
5. There is no legal requirement to maintain a public register of private hire vehicles and operators, however, basic details are contained on a form of public register. All of our taxi licensing documents that drivers and vehicles are required to display now contain a QR code that takes the enquirer directly to the public register entry for that licence when scanned with any modern mobile phone.

It was decided that due to the limited nature of the work permitted by these drivers and vehicles, a two-sided licence badge in the front windscreen containing a QR code to make the document live was sufficient to ensure that any person entering or needing to enforce at a school would be able to ascertain the status of the vehicle prior to entering. This level of signage is in line with other Licensing Authority's requirements across England, such as Transport for London.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 25/26-320.

If information has been refused, please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk and request a review. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.