



County Hall, Nottinghamshire, NG2 7QP

Subject: Proposal for CCTV Installation in All Licensed Taxis across Nottinghamshire

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Dear Chief Executives,

We are writing to urge you, as senior leaders across Nottinghamshire's district councils, to consider the adoption of a mandatory or voluntary policy for the installation of CCTV in all licensed taxis within your respective authorities.

Currently, no local authority in Nottinghamshire requires CCTV in taxis—an absence of protective infrastructure that leaves children, young people, vulnerable adults, and taxi drivers themselves without critical safeguards. We believe that implementing CCTV across licensed vehicles is vital to ensuring the safety and security of all service users and drivers.

This proposal is informed by the serious failures identified in **Professor Alexis Jay's inquiry into Rotherham Council**, where over a period of 16 years, at least 1,400 children were horrifically exploited. Professor Jay's report laid bare a "collective failure" by both the police and council services to intervene, compounded by, "**weak and ineffective taxi licensing arrangements that left the public at risk.**" Despite identifying issues with taxi licensing ahead of the report's publication, Rotherham's efforts were insufficient to protect vulnerable passengers. We must learn from their painful experience and act now—not after harm has occurred.

The recent findings of **Baroness Louise Casey's review** further underline the national urgency. Her investigation exposed systemic institutional failures that allowed perpetrators to continue abusing vulnerable children—some as young as 10, many in care or living with disabilities—because no agency took responsibility, and the systems in place failed to connect the dots. Baroness Casey identified "blindness, ignorance, prejudice, defensiveness and even good but misdirected intentions" as barriers to effective safeguarding.

We are therefore calling on every district council in Nottinghamshire to take proactive steps by introducing a **mandatory, or at minimum, a strongly encouraged voluntary policy for the installation of CCTV in all licensed taxis.** Such measures offer:

- **Protection for vulnerable passengers;** particularly children/young people, individuals with SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities), and vulnerable adults.
- **Protection for drivers;** shielding them from false allegations or threats to their own safety.
- **Transparency and accountability;** supporting law enforcement and social care when incidents arise.

Furthermore, it is imperative that steps regard the potential for circumvention/avoidance of drivers. Whereby, current taxi licensed drivers move to other local authorities/companies such as Wolverhampton, and UBER.

We invite councils to join in this collaborative effort to support and discuss policy holistically. Particularly, with the inevitable local government re-organisation in the next couple of years.

As public servants, we have a duty of care to act now preventing the kind of tragedy and systemic neglect seen in other regions. **Councillor Rory Green**, Cabinet Member for Children and Families, and **Councillor Joseph Rich**, who brings both his public office and professional experience as a taxi driver, and **Councillor Hana John**, Cabinet Member for Education and S.E.N.D, have been given the honour to serve the people of Nottinghamshire, from May 2025. The leader of Nottinghamshire County Council, **Councillor Mick Barton**, wholeheartedly agrees with this push for policy. Together, we strive to advocate for a policy that demonstrates our shared commitment to; safety, justice, and accountability.

We welcome the opportunity to meet in person to discuss details of such a significant proposal. Additionally, we would be pleased to present to your licensing committees and executives, or provide councillors with intel regarding the; evidence, benefits and implementations for the policy.

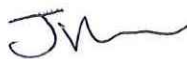
We look forward to your consideration and leadership.

*Please refer to the attached: 'legal and statutory grounds for action.'

Yours sincerely,



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***Legal and Statutory Grounds for Action**

We respectfully draw your attention to the following key legislative and statutory frameworks that support this proposal:

Children Act 1989 and 2004

- Local authorities have a **statutory duty to safeguard and promote the welfare of children** under their jurisdiction (Section 11).
- This includes ensuring children are protected from the risk of harm in all environments—including during travel in licensed vehicles.

Children and Families Act 2014

- Reinforces the responsibility of local authorities to **work together to support and protect children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND)**.
- Many such children are especially vulnerable to exploitation and abuse during transit, particularly when unaccompanied.

Care Act 2014

- Imposes a **duty on local authorities to prevent and protect adults at risk of abuse or neglect**.
- Vulnerable adults—particularly those with learning disabilities or mental health challenges—are regularly transported by taxi, often under council contracts or care arrangements.

Equality Act 2010

- Places obligations on public bodies to **make reasonable adjustments** and to promote equality, particularly for individuals with disabilities.
- CCTV contributes to an accessible and safe service for people who may otherwise be at higher risk of victimisation.

Local Government Act 2000

- Empowers local authorities to promote the **economic, social and environmental well-being** of their area. Ensuring safe transport options aligns directly with this aim.

Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards (2020)

- Issued by the Department for Transport under the Policing and Crime Act 2017, this guidance urges licensing authorities to adopt measures that **mitigate risks to passengers**, stating:

"The Department considers that CCTV can provide additional deterrence to prevent the occurrence of crime and reduce the fear of crime for both passengers and drivers."

Working Together to Safeguard Children (Statutory Guidance)

- Local authorities are required to coordinate safeguarding efforts and promote multi-agency responses that identify and prevent abuse.
- CCTV provides critical evidence in safeguarding investigations, enabling quicker, more accurate responses. **[END]**.