

Good Morning,

I am writing to you in order to express my view for the introduction of vehicle road worthiness testing.

I work in education, specifically within the motor vehicle department.

My views on this would be the same whether or not I worked in the trade – I am in full agreement with this proposal.

I believe that road worthiness testing has many benefits :

- It would ensure vehicles are actually safe to be on the roads (and that they aren't leaking oily fluids on our roads), which is a huge concern in Jersey, and could result in saving lives by reducing accidents – and as far as I'm concerned no cost could outweigh this benefit
- It would likewise enable a qualified person (rather than the police alone) to prohibit any dangerous vehicle from being driven until they are roadworthy – as far as I am aware currently no technician can legally prohibit a customer from driving away in their vehicle even if the vehicle is deemed to be unroadworthy
- It would ensure vehicle emissions meet the current standards, which is a huge environmental concern, and could help towards lowering our impact on climate change (every little helps!) – again, no cost could outweigh this benefit
- It would allow people to take their vehicles on holiday post-brexite – a valid concern and benefit already spoken about
- It has the potential to dramatically increase the need for qualified workers in order to carry out the backlog alone, as well as future vehicles, ultimately creating jobs – if the states allow this to be carried out by private firms it would benefit the local economy.

The main concerns surrounding this – which have been raised online by members of the public - seem to be where do we find the room in Jersey to set up places for these checks to be carried out, how are we going to deal with the amount of vehicles that will probably need to be scrapped in a short period of time due to them being unroadworthy, and the cost of these checks to owners of vehicles. These concerns do not, in my opinion, seem as important as the many benefits to be gained by introducing road worthiness testing – especially as those first two concerns are general concerns without any basis of prior information on whether or not those would be actual issues.

I hope this helps, and I hope we can find a way to move forward with this proposal and once again catch up to the rest of the world in our practices.

Thanks,

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