

Can you please provide a full list of questions and answers on your Cambridge Knowledge Test. This includes:

- A) Full general questions and answers**
- B) Full routes questions and answers**
- C) Any numerical and maths related questions there may be**
- D) Full conditions and policy questions and answers**
- E) Full highway code questions and answers**
- F) Full signage questions and answers**
- G) Any other relevant information to the knowledge test**

This information is held by Cambridge City Council but is withheld from disclosure because an exemption applies.

This information is exempt under FOIA section 31(1)(g) information is exempt if its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the exercise of any public authority of its functions for any of the purposes specified in subsection (2).

Subsection 31(2)(d), on which the Council is relying, is 'the purpose of ascertaining a person's fitness or competence in relation to the management of bodies corporate or in relation to any profession or other activity which he is, or seeks to become, authorised to carry on.'

The Council considers that its duties to regulate private hire vehicles and hackney carriages under the Local Government Miscellaneous Provisions 1976, specifically those around the licensing of drivers to confirm that the authority has the duty to carry out this function. One of the measures by which the Council carries out this function is to ensure that drivers have a good working knowledge of the area for which they are licenced, and this is assessed by the requirement that prospective licenced drivers take the Cambridge City Council Knowledge Test. This is set out in the Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy (<https://www.cambridge.gov.uk/media/5431/hackney-carriage-and-private-hire-licensing-policy.pdf>).

The Cambridge City Council Knowledge test is designed to assess the applicant's knowledge of the area, and disclosure of this information into the public domain via FOI would prejudice the Council's ability to assess the applicant's suitability as a licence holder, weakening the Council's regulatory functions.

The exemption under section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act is subject to the public interest test. The council must consider whether the public interest lies in disclosing the information or maintaining the exemption. The Council has considered the following public interest factors.

Factors in favour of disclosure

- Accountability and transparency of the Council's decision-making processes.

Factors against disclosure

- There is no evidence of a wider public interest in prejudicing a statutory function of the authority.
- Disclosure would undermine the rigour of the driver licensing process.

The council therefore considers that the public interest lies in the maintenance of the exemption at section 31 of the Act.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk