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Appendix A

FAO: Swindon Borough Council

Taxi & Licensing Committee
Swindon

(C/O Mike Shears Taxi Licensing & Contracts Team Leader
& provided to him by email for circulation prior to the meeting).

19th December 2011

Dear Sirs

**Re: APPLICATION TO REMOVE WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE HACKNEY CARRIAGE AGE LIMITS - FOR COMMITTEE MEETING 17-01-12
FROM SWINDON BLACK CAB CO LIMITED**

We formally wish to apply to remove the age limits currently imposed via Swindon Borough Council Policy on Wheelchair Accessible Hackney Carriage Vehicles.

The age limits in our opinion are unfair, outdated, prejudicial and not required bearing in mind that all concerns related to the age of vehicles could easily be redressed by the existing condition that the Council can examine and decide if a cab is fit for use (whatever the age) being exercised, at any time.

The main thrusts of our application we brought up in a meeting with the council on the 2nd of December 2011 and were provided in a bullet pointed list a copy of which we attach and rely on as this, our written application to remove the age limits. We would welcome this application being thoroughly consider and wish to expand upon the bullet points, answer any queries or concerns the committee has in connection with them at the Committee Meeting on the 17th of January 2012.

Please find attached the bullet point list as referred to above, which was first provided and brought up at a meeting with Taxi Licensing Department on the 2nd of December 2011.

Yours faithfully

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ISSUES DISCUSSED, RAISED & INCLUDED WITHIN OUR APPLICATION TO REMOVE THE AGE LIMITS ON WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES.

THIS LIST & ITS POINT WERE FIRST RAISED & PROVIDED AT A MEETING WITH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES DISCUSSING VEHICLE AGE/PLATE RENEWALS AT A MEETING ON THE 2ND OF DECEMBER 2011

1. There is no age limit on any other commercial vehicles so what is the necessity of having them on Wheelchair Accessible Hackney Carriage Vehicles?.
2. Other towns do not have an age limit for existing plates (i.e. all 4 wilts councils & Cotswolds)
3. It makes no sense to say that a cab is fit today and not fit tomorrow.
4. The Council can say that a cab is not fit at any age based on condition anyway.
5. Having an age limit actively discourages owners from spending money on vehicle maintenance and improvements towards the end of its time limit/life therefore creating worse quality vehicles on the road.
6. Black Cabs are purpose built to carry on forever if maintained.
7. Council has not made its mind up about the type of vehicles therefore no body can have logical or financial/business plan
8. Due to delimitation, recession and the increased road fund tax on new vehicles it makes new vehicles a less logical or sensible financial option & newer vehicle impossible.
9. In the case of drivers over 65 to carrying on working must have medical every year therefore cannot be expected to invest in a new cab therefore the restriction could be called a method of getting rid of older drivers which could be construed as age discrimination against government policy.
10. We would ask to have a helpful response to all these comments as other drivers have been assisted by being given car plates contrary to your existing policy.

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