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Dear Mr Shears,

We have been led to believe that Swindon Borough Council are considering a request to review the upper age limit on the vehicles licensed for private hire in Swindon.

We would consider this very good news as we are currently competing for work with companies from other council areas outside of SBC control, such as North Wiltshire, Vale of White Horse and Cotswolds. These companies are able to undercut our prices by using older vehicles and therefore can work with lower operating costs.

This would also be good news for SBC as they would control the private hire vehicles being used in the SBC area. This would keep drivers and companies in work in the local area which is good for the local economy. We could offer a more competitive rate which would encourage the local businesses to stick with local suppliers.

We would fully expect you to consider the safety of the vehicles and passengers and therefore would have no issues with the vehicles being tested more frequently such as the older vehicles already having two MOTs per annum.

Yours sincerely

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