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Dear Suzanne,

Review of Hackney Carriage License Condition

Thank you for your letter of 8th August, 2012.

The proposed amendment to Condition 2.2 is welcomed. As read in conjunction with Conditions 2.1, 2.3 and 2.10 this change will, among other benefits:

- Provide Telford & Wrekin hackney carriage owners, drivers and passengers with access to a wider choice of good quality, modern hackney cabs, complete with the highest standard of automotive safety certification;
- Further local hackney owners' right to a competitive market in the supply of cabs, leading to better pricing, service and ongoing vehicle innovation and development;
- Enhance environmental conditions in Telford & Wrekin, by encouraging uptake of newer, cleaner vehicles for use as hackney cabs in the area;
- Further accessibility provisions to meet the differing needs of disabled residents and visitors by encouraging a more diverse fleet, including vehicles offering considerable advantages in terms of comfort and safety for wheelchair users;
- Bring Telford & Wrekin licensing policy into line with that in 97% of UK local authorities; and
- Enable the Council to ensure that its policy complies with European trade law, as enacted in the European Treaty and UK disability discrimination law, as enacted in the Equality Act.

I trust that these comments are helpful.

Yours sincerely,



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General Manager