

9<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**Regulatory and Appeals Committee**

Dear Councillors

I would like to request that my vehicle is considered for licensed for private hire. The vehicle is over 5 years old by 1 month and 23 days. First registered 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

I have been planning on getting my private hire driver licence and plating my car since last September. I want to be able to do a school contract run like my husband. I eventually made an appointment to see Hayley Carpenter in the middle of April to help me make my application. Hayley informed me that the vehicle needed to be under 5 years old when first plated. I did not know this until she told me and I would have started the application process earlier to ensure that I could have met this requirement.

My vehicle is Toyota Yaris and a hybrid electric and is in excellent condition inside and out. It has only done 27,472 miles and passed an MOT on 3<sup>rd</sup> May with no advisories.

I can not afford to replace this vehicle with a new one as I am just starting out on this new journey. I hope you will look favourably on my application, as it was a genuine mistake not to have started the process a few months earlier.

Yours sincerely

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