

Dear Committee Members

I would like for you to consider extending the Hackney license on my vehicle for one year.

It is a Volkswagen Sharan in good condition, it is serviced every 10,000 miles. Its annual MOT is not due until 7 January 2023. Its current Taxi license expires 24 September 2022, a taxi test has been booked for 14 September 2022.

Our vehicles are well maintained with our own mechanic. This ensures that they are serviced regularly and kept running efficiently. We also have our own wash facilities so that the vehicles can be cleaned inside and out each day. This prolongs the life of the upholstery and interior. As well as making sure the vehicle's exterior is checked each day.

The Coronavirus pandemic had a catastrophic effect on my business. I do not believe that the taxi trade will resume back to normal for some time. The cost of living crisis is also going to have a detrimental effect on the trade, for some families and individuals booking a taxi is a luxury and it will be one that a lot of people will no longer be able to afford to spend their money on. I feel it would be a bad business decision to invest my money in a new or nearly new vehicle in these uncertain times, especially when in my opinion the vehicle that I already have is up to the standard of what is required of a Hackney Carriage.

Photos of the vehicle were taken by licensing.

Many thanks
Claire Street
on behalf of Philip Street