

APPENDIX ONE

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Dear Julian,

I hope you are well and looking forward to the festive break to celebrate Christmas and new year.

I value the opportunity to open dialogue and work together to help address issues that we are currently facing and issues that need resolution for the longer term in Oxfords PHV community.

One of the issues relates to a decision that was made some 10-15 years ago, when the Taxi Licensing Committee made a decision to allow private hire trade to plate MPV vehicles, without consulting the trade committee. The conditions included that any vehicle can be plated as long as it was NOT Black in colour.

At the time the reason for this decision was pointed to the fact that people of Oxford could would not be able to differentiate between a Taxi and a Private hire vehicle.

Contextually we live in a city that is renowned for its universities/colleges and generally members of the public are considered to be of a higher level of literacy compared to elsewhere. All taxi's are well displayed with their illuminated Taxi sign on the roof with door stickers and taxi plate. Most of the punters who use taxi's are regular users and they know what vehicle they get in.

Private hire vehicles are very distinguishable with their door stickers on the front doors which reads office booking only and the company they work for on the back doors. A sticker on the front windscreen that reads ' no booking no ride' which no one can miss. For most of the private hire drivers this is their lively hood, they know it is illegal to stalk customers and when caught they will loose their badge, and this is the job of the enforcement officers.

Currently there is a discrepancy in relation to the colour rule as we have at present time Hackney Carriage Taxi's of all colours, red, black, yellow, white, red, green etc., whereas private hire MPV vehicles are restricted from having any colour but black. We strongly feel that this is unfair and would welcome the opportunity to have this rule revisited, as we believe it is limiting the quality of cars that are being included in the fleet. There are more executive MPV vehicles available in black and the exclusion criteria limits the ability of a large pool of cars that are available for purchase on the open market.

By revising this rule we have the ability to increase the range and quality of vehicles in our fleet and this would be beneficial to all concerned including the customers and our drivers.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kindest Regards

Niaz Mohammed

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