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Date: 4 September 2022
Please ask for:

Sent by email only to: taxis@shropshire.gov.uk

Dear Sir / Madam,

Consultation Response of to the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2023 – 2027

I act on behalf of both which trades as (or "my client").

This letter and the accompanying table constitute the whole of the consultation response of

Although the table deals with all matters to be raised on my client's behalf, it remains the case that the Council's existing and proposed approach in relation to vehicle age restrictions and NCAP safety ratings are the primary reason why entrants to the trade choose to become licensed with other authorities and to then possibly cross-border to work in Shropshire.

It is respectfully submitted that these restrictions do not achieve their objectives and, furthermore, result in drivers and vehicles not being licensed by and being under the regulatory control of Shropshire Council.

The Council is asked, once again, to carefully reflect on the reality of the position, as it was in 2019 when adopting the current 2019 – 2023 policy, because the reality is what was then predicted.

Although this letter and the table may be regarded as being forthright in some of their assertions, my client sincerely hopes the Council will heed the warnings and requests set out herein and in the attached table, because my client is, and wish to remain, very much a Shropshire centric company.

I would be grateful if this letter and accompanying table could be acknowledged as soon as possible.

I would also be grateful if I could be advised of the date, time and venue for the meeting of the Strategic Licensing Committee when the policy is to be further considered and advised if I might be allowed to address the Committee on these matters in person or remotely.

Thank you in anticipation of your and the Committee's careful consideration of my client's consultation response.

Yours faithfully,

