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Dear Mr Brooke

Re Walsall Taxi Licensing Committee Meeting

I would like to request that as the committee are due to meet and discuss amendments on various items from the current Taxi licensing conditions, that they consider amending the following items also. This will save the committee having to re-address issues that have been made in the past and that have already been discussed : Please therefore find below a list of items that we ask committee to reconsider in their upcoming meeting which is to be held on the 13th September 2006.

1 Minibus/MPV 4.34 -In the condition as laid out under section 4.34, it states that mini-buses must be of white colour, however we would ask the committee to reconsider this as it is difficult to purchase white mini-buses and MPV, we would ask that this be amended to read, any other colour other than black. In defence we would like the committee to understand that this has been a condition since 1997 and that it was never enforced until April 2005. It was objected to at the time, however no formal response was received by us.

2 Annual Testing- 3.31 We would ask committee to reconsider their decision to have all taxi's and private hire vehicles which are up to 3 years old be presented for

annual testing, we would ask you to consider increasing this to 5 years, ~~and all vehicles over 3 years to be presented every 4 months, again~~ we would ask that you increase this to 6 months for vehicles over 5 years old.

3 Age Restriction on vehicles 3.31 - Currently under this condition the committee are looking to apply a 33% charge for MOT testing for vehicles who require a further test. We would ask committee to waive this fee completely as we deem this to be an unreasonable charge., and also an unreasonable expectation due to the committee having imposed increased fees last September , and further charges of £25 were then imposed on us for the purchasing of licensing brackets in April 2006.

We thank you in advance for taking the time to read this letter, and we hope that the committee will make some positive decisions with regards to the requests made.
We look forward to your reply

Yours Sincerely



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