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Appendix One

Hackney Carriage Association

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Catherine Walter

Taxi Licensing Office

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Tuesday 4th September 2012

Dear Catherine Walter

RE: the age limits of the London cabs and the other vehicles used for taxis.

We suggest that the age limit of 15 years on the London cabs and the other vehicles (used for taxis) be removed to an indefinite period.

As taxi drivers it is already difficult financially to earn a decent living as we are in an economic climate which has been hard hit by the recession. We are suffering plenty hardship by having to work long hours daily and still struggling to make a reasonable wage.

The London cabs that we own are expensive vehicles and having to replace them would put a huge strain on our finances, again which has been a result of our countries unfortunate recession and unemployment.

We recommend that after the 15 year age limit of the London Cab and the 12 year limit on the other cars is up, a test on the cosmetic appearance of the cab (paint work, interior etc.) as well as the mechanical fitness of the cab/car be conducted thoroughly. We understand that if the vehicle does not meet the required standards after the 15 and 12 year limits for cabs and cars respectively, then these vehicles should not be allowed to operate as taxis.

We hope you and the committee give this matter some serious consideration and remove the age limits on the taxis.

Yours Sincerely

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Hackney Carriage Association Chairman

Appendix 10

Authority	1st Apps age <			Annual test			6 Monthly test			4 monthly test			Age Taken off			outside standard	Cat C	Right offs accepted	Cat D
	HV	PV	WC	HV	PV	WC	HV	PV	WC	HV	PV	WC	HV	PV	WC				
Barnsley	5	5	5	No	N	N	<5	<5	<5	>5	>5	>5	No limit						
Bolton	No restrictions prov. Meet strds	5	5	yearly	>6	>6	over 50,000 miles p.a.	>6	>6	at last max age	8	8	8	12	test dependant on mileage	?	?	?	
Bradford	3	0	5																
Burnley	3																		
Bury	3																		
Calderdale	5	5	5	yearly	6<	6<	6>10<	6>	6>	6>	10	10	10	10	Points for testing no more than 5 faults	Yes if pass Council Test	Y	Y	
Craven	5	5	5	yearly	4<	4<	4>7<	4>	4>	7>	7>	7>	8	8	except. Black cab/limos, school contracts	No	Yes if passes Council test	Y	
Doncaster	4	4	4	yearly	4<	4<	4>7<	4>	4>	7>	7>	7>	11	11	over 11 years Hack or dual vehicles	?	need to double check - diff info in diff parts of website	?	
East Riding	6	6	6	yearly	4<	4<	4>	4>	4>	/	/	/	11	11	"If multi purpose, incl prestige	No	Yes if removed after V/C	No	
Hambleton	5<	5<	5<	yearly	5<	5<	no info on website						No limit		no info on website	?	?	?	
Harrrogate	5<	5<	5<	yearly	9<	9<	Q not reg in excess 5. If unidentifiable taken as 3 years old	9<	9<				10	10	Q not reg in excess 5. If unidentifiable taken as 3 years old		Yes provided valid MOT, test & insurance	Y	
Hull	4	8	4				Y	Y	Y				12	12	Non WC minibus must apply sep if over 8 years		accept any car that meets their specification	Y	
Kirklees	5	5	5	yearly	not stated	not stated	2>	2>	2>	10	10	10	10>	10>	*Unless London type then 15 years	Y		Y	
Lancaster	5<	5<	5<	not stated	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	?	7*	7*	*unless in exceptional condition	?	?	?	
Leeds	7	7	7				>5	>5	>5	7	5	>10	10<12	7	10	*unless meets all criteria - max is 10	No	No	No
Manchester	7	7	7				>5	>5	>5	7	5	>10	10<12	7	10	No more than 2 major or 4 minor faults - completely removed	No	Yes	Yes
NE Lincolnshire	5	5	5				5	5	5	5	5	5	8	8	completely removed	No	Yes	Yes	
North linc	5	5	5				>5<8	>5<8	>5<8	>8	>8	>8	8	8	completely removed	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Oldham	5	5	5				<12	<12	<12	>8	>8	>8	10	10	completely removed	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Pendle	7	7	7				?	?	?	?	?	?	9	9	HC - purpose built/adap 1st lic up to 7. Removed over 14	?	Autoline report required	?	
Ribble Valley	?	?	?				>3<7	>3<7	>3<7	>7	>7	>7	No limit?		no on-line info		Yes if pass Council Test	?	
Richmondshire	5	5	5				<6	<6	<6	>6	>6	>6	7	7	Excellent condition	No		No	
Rochdale	5	5	5				not much info	not much info	not much info	>6	>6	>6	<8?	<8?	Extremely well maintained		01706 924157	01706 924157	
Rossendale	<6 & 364	<6 & 364	<6 & 364				5	5	5	5	5	5	No limit		not much info		01706 238648	01706 238648	
Rotherham	5	5	5				5	5	5	5	5	5	No limit		No info		01709 823153	01709 823153	
Ryedale	5	5	5				5	5	5	5	5	5	10	10	not much info	?	Yes as long as valid MOT & Test	?	
Salford	4	4	4				Y	Y	Y	/	/	/	7	7	Extremely well maintained allowed	No	Yes provided valid MOT, test & insurance	?	
Scarborough	4	4	4				Y	Y	Y	7	7	7	8	8	Extremely well maintained allowed	Yes	Yes if meet all standards	?	
Selby	5	5	5				>5	>5	>5	7	7	7	No limit		Extremely well maintained allowed	No	Yes provided valid MOT, test & insurance	?	
Sheffield	5	5	5				6	6	6	6	6	6	9	9	Extremely well maintained allowed	?	Yes if meet all standards	?	
Stockport	7	7	7				6	6	6	6	6	6	No limit		not much info	?	No	?	
Tameside	5	5	5				7	7	7	7	7	7	10*	10*	Vehicle currently lic (11) 10years. None relicensed over 12 (11)	?	0161 4744369	0161 4744369	
Trafford	10	4	4				?	?	?	?	?	?	*6	*6	*Licensed pre 1995 - 19 & 8 years	?	0161 3013021	0161 3013021	
Wakefield	5	5	5				>5	>5	>5	>5	>5	>5	No limit?		Yes if have VIC & pass test	Yes	Yes if pass Council Test	?	
Wigan	6	6	6				5	5	5	5	5	5	No limit		No info	Yes	Yes as long as pass compliance test	?	
Wyre	no limit	no limit	no limit				5	5	5	5	5	5	No limit?		No info	Yes	Yes if past test	?	
York							<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	<5	No limit?		No info	Yes	Yes as long as pass compliance test	?	

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Extract from an email from Mr Akooji Badat regarding age limits

please also put forward a report to the committee as per my proposal at the last trade meeting cleck town hall for the like for like taxi and p. hire vehicle, which in brief for the good of all concerned especially customers and to introduce a better quality of vehicles irrespective of more concern on age,,

the proposal is to allow for example a existing taxi which still has age left for taxi life but could be completely out of taxi life, in return for a like for like another vehicle which is not the required initial entrance required age limit, but within the required i think 10 years age limit [meaning more than 4 or 5 years old but under 10 years old, the current whatever age limit is ongoing] my proposal is because there are lots of quality cars which could be brought in to the trade but age limit rule defies it and ultimately taxi drivers although reluctant to change cars end up keeping existing vehicles which are already high mileage etc etc and many reasons which i will give later on.

thanks akooji badat