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**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Part II**  
**Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council**  
**Draft Taxi Licencing Policy**

I write to confirm my support for the consultation and the new taxi policy. In particular the opportunity that allows a proprietor/driver of an aged vehicle (8 years old) to meet an exceptional vehicle test combined with council test.

However, I expressed my concern and opinion at the last meeting of 12th March 2015 with regard to criteria (G), page 11, which states:

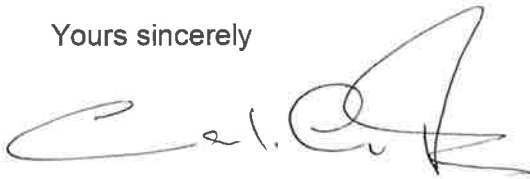
'vehicles will have a record of being serviced at regular intervals either by a main agent, or a reputable garage. Ideally, this servicing will be recorded in the vehicles original service book'.

I am still of the opinion that this criteria cannot be met by the majority of owners. This finding was accepted by Steve G, garage manager (council), Trevor Nicole, Head of Transport (council), council solicitor and Licencing Officers in attendance.

I consider this criteria should be removed from the Draft Taxi Policy, and request your support on this important matter.

The council test has indeed been in operation for many years and has served the Borough of Newcastle well, faith needs to be invested in the management team and the experienced engineers presently testing our vehicles for the council, as the whole process is vehicle dependant.

Yours sincerely



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