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Local Government(Miscellaneous Provisions)Act 1976 Part 11  
Newcastle Under Lyme Borough Council  
Draft Taxi Licensing 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:

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

I am still of opinion that this can not be met by the majority of owners. This finding was accepted by Steve G garage manager(council), Trevor Nicole, Head of Transport(Council) council solicitors and Licensing Officer in attendance.

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

Further to above once vehicle declared non road worthy, the plate owner should be given 8 weeks to replace the car due to color restrictions and if finance required.

The council test has 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 experience engineers presently testing our vehicle for the council, as the whole process is vehicle dependant.

Your sincerely

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Date : 17th April 2015.