

Appendix 2

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We are in the process of consultation on proposed new conditions relating to Hackney Carriage / Private Hire Licensing.

Our present conditions were brought into effect in 1991 and are seriously behind present trends and recommendations.

We are also about to commence the issue of additional plates as a result of an unmet demand survey and it was felt prudent to introduce a complete package.

We have not been in a position to do this before, quite frankly because of a lack of Officer time and resource, something that you will be familiar with. An increase in staff to cope with the Licensing Act 2003 has allowed us a window in which to achieve the renewal of conditions.

We are consulting on the recommendations of ROSPA, NALEO and RADAR not to licence rear loading wheelchair accessible vehicles **together the recommendation that no seat shall need to be moved or tilted before passengers can enter or exit the vehicle** because of the safety issues involved in doing so.

We will be allowing a wheelchair accessible vehicle to have a folding seat to allow access for a manual or electric wheelchair, providing that the folding seat can be securely held whilst the vehicle is used for wheelchair fares.

Regards

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