

## Appendix 3

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We did consider this about 10 years ago. It was not formally put to Members but was discussed at the Taxi Trade Consultative Group. It was decided not to pursue the matter. Peter Knight was of the opinion that if the vehicle met the standards required by law for the carriage of Mum Dad and four kids why would it need additional safety by removing a seat as a hire vehicle. Similarly if such a vehicle is licensed by the D of T as a small PSV it would not be required to remove a seat. Generally in the case of the transit type vehicle provided there were a pair of rear doors that opened outwards as apposed to a single door that lifts up we did not require seats to be removed to create a clear access route.

Regards

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As a leading authority in Essex I would like to ask you a couple of questions regarding your conditions on passenger seating.

As you may be aware Southend require the seating configuration in the passenger area shall be, that no person for the purpose of ingress or egress of the vehicle shall have to move or dismantle any seat or other obstruction. In cases where this is not attainable the seat in the centre row of the vehicle and adjacent to the near side door of the vehicle shall be permanently removed.

Recently an appeal has been made by one of our licensed drivers to remove this condition so that he may put back the seat that we have asked to be removed.

Fortunately he lost the appeal, but I have been requested by the Licensing committee to obtain information from licencing authorities that do not require the seat to be removed, so,

- 1) Has Brentwood ever considered this condition which is part of NALEO safety recommendations
- 2) If so, what considerations did you take into account

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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