

**LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET**  
**04 DECEMBER 2024**

**TYPE OF APPLICATION:** Age of Vehicle Exemption  
**APPLICANT:** Varinder Kumar Sood

**INFORMATION NOTE**

Mr Sood is applying for an Age of Vehicle exemption for SV66 HDG which was first registered on 13/10/2016 which is more than 3 years older than permitted for the grant of a Private Hire Car Licence.

Mr Sood reasoning for requesting the exemption is attached.

Members should note that despite the content of Mr Soods statement, no other vehicles of this make/model have been licensed with the same dimensions and the vehicle had not in fact been properly converted to a WAV, hence the refusal to licence it as a taxi.

Further members should also note that Mr Soods statement only states that he will not drive the vehicle on a regular basis- which may suggest that he intends to drive it occasionally despite being physically unable to do so, as per his statement to the committee when he was granted an exemption form WAV policy (to licence a saloon) in 2023

**DESCRIPTION**

Exemption from Age of Vehicle Policy

**CONSULTEES**

N/A

**OBJECTIONS/REPRESENTATIONS**

N/A

**COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY**

N/A

**From:** Varinder Sood

**Sent:** Monday, 23 September 2024 15:44:32 (UTC+00:00) Dublin, Edinburgh, Lisbon, London

**To:** Licensing <[Licensing@aberdeencity.gov.uk](mailto:Licensing@aberdeencity.gov.uk)>

**Subject:** Request to grant a private hire licence for over 5 year old Car

Good Afternoon

I am writing this email to make a request to grant a private hire licence for my Mercedes Vito (SV66HDG) which is over 5 year old now. I originally applied for a public hire licence for the same car around 2 and half years ago but the application was refused because of the dimensions required for the wheelchair passengers didn't match. This car is completely suitable for the passengers who do not need wheelchair and the car is in very good condition which can be checked at the time of hackney test.

I bought this car because a few other Mercedes vitos with the same dimensions as my car were licenced by Aberdeen city council at the time and during my representation in front of licensing committee, it was found out that there were some errors made on Council's part to licence those vehicles. I invested a lot of hard earned money on this car and by selling this car I won't be able to recover all the loses. If these cars were never licensed by Aberdeen city council then I would have never bought this car. I really hope that you'll understand that it was not my fault to buy this and I should not be facing any consequences.

I'm personally not able to drive this car on regular basis because of my health condition hence I am granted a public hire licence by the licensing committee for my saloon car but if my Mercedes Vito can be licensed then I can easily rent this car because of the high demand of licenced vehicles to fulfil my loses and pay off my debts.

If you'll need any more information then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Varinder Sood