

For the Attention of all in the licensing committee.

I am writing to you regarding Airport plate No 063, which was granted a temporary license until review in front of a full committee on 15th November, regarding the name on the V5 and insurance document.

The plate is in a partnership agreement with my mother, Jane Mair, and myself, Gary Mair.

We have had the plate managed by Paul Wood for almost 18 years now.

Paul has always owned and insured his own saloon car. There has been no requirement or need for anyone else to be named on the V5 or insurance as no one else drives the vehicle.

Paul has worked as an airport taxi driver for over 16 years now. His plan is to retire in the next few years and to keep his existing saloon car until this time.

We have always worked within the guidelines the council have set, however we are very disappointed to hear that the council are considering changing the criteria which may force Paul and many other drivers off the road.

It seems very unfair and possibly unlawful to take this plate away and force Paul to buy a new vehicle. In his case this would have to be a WAV as I'm sure you are aware, unfortunately you cannot have a private hire vehicle working at the airport.

This chain of events would likely put Paul out of a job, as due to previous health issues he would not be fit and able to use a WAV.

At a time when the general public are complaining about the lack of taxi drivers, we were again in the local press on 26th October. There is no logic behind the council considering taking license's away from drivers willing to work. Aberdeen is an international Airport and is severely lacking in essential public transport services.

We would appreciate you taking into account the points raised above and reconsider taking away this license.

I will be attending the meeting on the 15th November along with Paul Wood to answer any questions the committee may have.