

LICENSING COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHEET

24 APRIL 2024

TYPE OF APPLICATION: Application for an exemption from the *Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle Policy*

APPLICANT: Ashley Canale (T249)

INFORMATION NOTE

Mr Canale is seeking an exemption to the Committee Policy that states that any new grant application for a taxi must be for a Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (WAV) and that only a WAV can ever be licensed on such a licence.

The Committee has before it an email from Mr Canale indicating the grounds under which he is seeking the exemption.

Mr Canale is currently a licence holder of a Taxi Vehicle Licence T249 and is requesting to change his current vehicle to a saloon/estate car.

Should the Committee be minded to grant the exemption the applicant is aware that he will be required to submit an application for the substitution of a new vehicle on to the Taxi Licence.

COMMITTEE GUIDELINES/POLICY

Licensing Committee policy states that any new grant application for a Taxi Licence must be for a WAV vehicle.

Thanks for your patience and understanding,

I was wondering if you could help me ?

I have had Wheel Chair accessible cars since June 2008.

I am currently thinking of changing my car but can no longer afford to buy one of these cars.

They have jumped from £24000 to just over £36000.

I am 59 years of age and i am not getting any younger.

I am looking to buy a Hybrid saloon car which is more greener to run as well helping the carbon foot print.

I also work the ranks although i am with a taxi company.

Right now we need all the taxis we can get due to public demand as there are more and more private hire cars appearing on the roads.

Would it be possible if i change to a cleaner greener car that i could keep my taxi plate so i could continue helping public demand on the ranks.

Kind Regards,

Ash canale