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Dear all,

I hereby forward my written statement regarding my application for the continuation and renewal of my Private Hire Vehicle License No. PHV 016E and the authenticity of vehicle [REDACTED] (Volkswagen Transporter 8 seat) under the current Licensing Policy. I appreciate the Licensing Committee policy and the aim to retain vehicles under the age of 10 years old, although I feel there should be some leniency for vehicles of the standard of this vehicle.

As well as the vehicles high standard of presentation, I would also urge you to consider the limits of its service within our company, we only use the vehicle for a morning and afternoon school route on behalf of North Yorkshire Council and as you'll appreciate being in a rural area the smaller MPV's are ideal for the narrow lanes of rural Ryedale, further to its limited use there is a potential for the contract that its used upon is going to terminate in April 2026.

With this in mind my justification for the approval is that again, as with the recent vehicle that we presented for inspection is of outstanding condition both internally and externally and warrants appreciation of its condition and is plainly, quite easy for the eye to acknowledge.

The vehicle in question undertakes regular 12 weekly PMI's within our maintenance calendar, under DVLA guidelines and all our drivers do a daily walk round check prior to use, contributing a major part towards our defect system and assuring the rectification of defects observed.

Whilst I appreciate that North Yorkshire Council has its own Taxi and Private Hire Policies in place we, as an established and experienced vehicle operator adopt a DVLA best practices guide to maintaining vehicles under Section 14ZC (1) of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981. This is a requirement to maintain in a "satisfactory and suitable" condition at all times, thus remaining compliant with the requirements of the law relating to the driving and operation of all our passenger vehicles.

Hopefully you'll find the vehicle is in the condition described and to ensure best practice, it combines with a good quality maintenance practice and effective management system as recommended by the Traffic Commissioner.

If you do require anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Andrew Morse