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I BELIEVE THAT THIS GRAND FORD C MAX [REDACTED] IS AN EXCEPTIONAL CAR IN EXCELLENT CONDITION. AT 163,000 MILES IT HAS NOT CLOCKED UP MANY MILES (FOR A TAXI) PARTLY DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS AND WORKING LOCALLY RATHER THAN LONG DISTANCE. THEREFORE IT APPEARS TO PASS YOUR CRITERIA.

[REDACTED]

**Please prepare a ‘written statement’ that Members shall require as a key part of the hearing.** Your statement/submission needs to set out all of the “exceptional circumstances” that you consider you have identified. This will enable Members to consider deviating from the Council’s Taxi and Private Hire Policy in making its final determination. Please **email** this by return to me as soon as possible as it will form an integral part of the General Licensing and Registration Sub-Committee Report.

**Policy Extracts::**

- 8.4 According to paragraph 16 of the Council’s policy, it will be necessary to consider, in relation to any particular application, whether the specific circumstances **justify** allowing an **exception**.
- 8.5 According to paragraph 17 of the Council’s policy, it will be **up to the applicant to show that an exception should be made** to the policy, and if the objectives can still be met, the licensing authority **may** exercise its discretion to depart from the general policy. Where exceptions are made, **reasons** will be given.
- 8.6 According to Paragraph 172 of the Council’s Policy, the licensing authority **will only generally issue a licence in respect of a private hire vehicle if it is less than 10 years old** (the age of the vehicle shall be taken from the date of first registration shown on the vehicle registration document, V5C). The policy with regards to vehicle specification shall be applied in the majority of cases when considering licensing applications, but the licensing authority will consider each application on its **individual merits** and **may, at times, allow exceptions** to this policy. Where exceptions are made in this regard, vehicles shall be subject to three mechanical inspections each year.

Kind regards

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