

Dear Councillors

I write to you with reference to vehicle registration L19HTX, Mercedes 350D L AMG Line Executive S-Class, with supporting information for your hopefully supportive review at the appeal meeting.

The vehicle was purchased in December 2021 and first registered in 2016, I originally misinterpreted the requirement as a vehicle 5 years old. Having said that the policy also states exceptions in the form of Rolls-Royce or similar. It also used to state Limousine, but now stretched limousine. A small change but relevant to this application. This is why we are at this point today.

Please see a link reviewing the S-Class Mercedes and the Rolls-Royce <https://youtu.be/r9SEg4k1ws> Both vehicles in my opinion and Autocar's are top class executive limousines, which both carry price tags of over £80,000 from new. The photos below allow you to see the Mercedes has the limousine executive room, which consists of heated and reclining rear seats with the additional electric window blinds, giving the passengers additional privacy the same as a Rolls-Royce. In my opinion this Mercedes can be categorised the same as any other specialist vehicles, and be exempt from the age limit. This vehicle is not your normal Audi, Mercedes E class, BMW etc. It is a top class executive car and in the same category as Rolls-Royce. The difference being that it is more affordable to run and maintain.

I work for Charlbury Taxis who have operated and advertised as an executive taxi service for many years with WODC as their licensing office. The lack of taxis around Charlbury are a concern with the general public struggle to get one at the best of times. I purchased this S Class Mercedes so that my Daughter who has just received her Private Hire Licence with WODC can increase the number of available vehicles in the Charlbury area and allow me to accept the executive airport runs which are increasing now that the Covid restrictions are been eased. The vehicle would not be used on a normal taxi rank but run as a private hire vehicle, for executive travel within Oxfordshire and beyond.

I can make the vehicle available for inspection at any time.

Yours Sincerely

Mr J Light