

For the attention of the Sub-Committee.

June said that you needed me to write in to explain why my Taxi AK15 KUE licence lapsed and why I need it to be re licenced.

I have been trading as Courtesy cars for 11/12 years and have been licenced with WODC since the very beginning.

I have had the Ford C Max AK15 KUE from new since 31/03/2015 and has always been licence with WODC since around that time.

I have another car a Toyota EN61 HKA that is used as the main Taxi licence its number is 033.

The AK15 KUE is mainly garaged as was bought as a back up car in case the Toyota needed MOT/Service etc.

Last year 2021 was an awful year for me as my brother died earlier in the year and then my mother died at the end of August. ( If you require a copy of her death certificate I can email that over to you) It was a very traumatic time and I took her death badly as we had not been able to see her properly for such a long time. Her funeral was late in September and that's when I had to start dealing with her affairs. I remembered having the AK15 MOT'd around the beginning of September and June sending the MOT off to WODC, and having confirmation that all was now in order. The car was then put back into the garage. The garage is at a friends house, as we have parking restrictions in Dunstan Avenue where I live. I went to the garage one day as I needed something out of the boot and to give the car a run out which I do periodically to make sure all ok, that's when I noted that the licence had expired.

You will note from my insurance that my son is noted as an insured driver. He is licenced with WODC to do Taxi work but does not actually do any for me unless I am not well. He has his own business as a mechanic and therefore, keeps the cars in good working order. I am basically a one man band and therefore, if I do not have a back up car and something does goes wrong with the Toyota then I do not have any other income.

I am looking to you to allow AK15 KUE to be re licenced. I do a lot of work taking the Elderly to the hospitals in Banbury and Oxford and to the local Drs surgeries for their Covid appointments etc, often at a reduced rate or in some cases not all all as I feel its my duty to help out a little during the difficult period we have all been in. If something should happen to the Toyota and I do not have a back up car then I will not be able to continue to run my little business.

This was massive oversight on my part due to the situation I was in at the time and I am looking to you to allow AK15 KUE to be re licenced.

I look forward to hearing from you shortly.

Yours sincerely,

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