

# Appendix B

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Licensing Section  
Bridgend County Borough Council  
Civic Offices  
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Dear Sir or Madam,

I would like to formally request an appointment/meeting with the licensing sub-committee to discuss licensing a vehicle for Hackney Carriage, for which I have been informed by a council officer does not quite meet the council policy/criteria for Hackney Carriage.

I cannot formally apply for a licence as the vehicle has been ordered, but there is a 20 week lead time for the vehicle to be built and converted for wheelchair use. However a car with the exact internal specification can be provided for your inspection. The vehicle in question is a Ford Grand Journey (based on the Ford Grand Tourneo Connect) which is a 7 seat car (including driver) or 5 seat with wheelchair. I have been informed that the rear 2 seats do not comply with the council's policy as the seat base is just over an inch too short.

This particular vehicle has been licensed for Hackney Carriage with other local authorities in the U.K. including Torfaen, Bristol City Council and Portsmouth. I believe there may be a precedent to licence this car for 6 passengers in Bridgend as the Vauxhall Zafira and the Fiat Doblo are licensed for 6 passengers with rear seat bases that are smaller on these cars than the car I intend to licence. Also this vehicle has more legroom, and the rear row of seats have easier access than the Vauxhall and the Fiat, please also may I add that this car is fully DDA compliant and I think that the council should consider this fact too.

Yours Sincerely,

Byron Davies