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25th September 2017

South Ribble Borough Council
Civic Centre
West Paddock
Leyland
PR25 1DH

Dear Sirs

Re: Private Hire Vehicles 006 and 057 and 113

I operate a small chauffeur company specialising in business travel. I have arrangements with several companies throughout the UK.

The three executive vehicles I use are licenced with South Ribble Borough Council,
Plate 006 – Chrysler Grand Voyager [REDACTED]
Plate 057 – Mercedes Viano Ambient [REDACTED]
Plate 113 --Mercedes Vito 114 Tourer [REDACTED]

All bookings are pre-arranged and rarely involve local journeys. I do not undertake general bookings.

The vehicles are insured for any person over 25. [REDACTED] (PHD385) and I (PHD406) are licenced to drive the vehicles for hire or reward and use whichever vehicle suits the company requirements for the journey. (The Viano can be set up as an office.)

I appreciate The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 requires that private hire vehicles display an external licence plate and drivers of those vehicles wear a driver's badge. The displaying of the external identification plate on a licensed vehicle and a driver's badge are important as they indicate to the travelling public that prior to being licensed both the vehicle and the driver have been subjected to checks to ensure their (the public's) safety.

However, there are occasions when the requirement to display an external identification plate may have the opposite effect in terms of customer safety and could have commercial implications for my business. The display of Local Authority licence plates externally may also deter some of my corporate customers from using the service.

I ask that South Ribble Borough Council uses its powers under the same Act and exempt my three vehicles from the need to display an external identification plate and, where that exemption applies, the requirement to wear a private hire driver's badge.

Yours faithfully

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