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Subject: Re: Taxi seating

Dear Mrs Spires,

Thank you for your emiail.

I don't disagree with the rules of Fareham Borough Council. There are vehicle's which are not suitable for use as PSV's, due to only having access to rear seat's, through passenger or driver door's.

The VW T5 shuttle is not one of these, it is a purpose built 9 seat People carrier.

Front passenger's and driver have a door each, rear door's open the full length of the passenger access. Middle row of seat's all tip forward for each door, and rear "boot hatch/door" has a opening handle on the inside. The Vehicle is Type approved by the Ministry of transport, TUV, and NCAP.

When my Vehicle was plated in Gosport, which has the same rules as Fareham, I went before the panel, who inspected my VW Transporter, and they approved it to carry 8 passengers.

Southampton, Eastleigh, Portsmouth, Havant, and Chichester, all plate these vehicle's to carry 8 passenger's. It is they who come in to our borough, to do the bulk of Fareham's 8 seater work.

My previous 8 seater customer's, are surprised, when I tell them they will have to book a taxi elsewhere, for 8 passenger's. This include's Mr T Roger's, who is a friend of mine, and was Fareham Borough Council's Health and Safetey, Officer.

There are 3 ex Firemen, who drive for Radio Taxi's, and none of them see a problem with the 8 seat arrangement of my vehicle.

All'so there is the structural integrity aspect of the seating. If the vehicle is subjected to a heavy side impact, or roll's over. The full complement of seat's, ensure's the structural strength and integrity of the vehicle, as with side impact

All'so we get silly drunk's, who think they don't need to wear a seatbelt, who end up on the deck, on there backside, because the seat is missing next to them.

Regards.

FJ Bridgewater.