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Dear Vehicle Owner

### **GOVERNMENT FUNDING AWARD / PROPOSED CHANGES TO CONDITIONS / TRAVEL VOUCHERS**

We are writing to inform you of Government Funding which has been awarded to Fareham and Gosport Councils to improve the overall emission standard of the licensed fleet. To consult with you on proposed changes to the taxi and private hire licensing conditions and to remind you that travel vouchers need to be exchanged by 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017.

#### **Government Funding Award**

In July 2017, the Government published its latest National Air Quality Plan. This was immediately followed with a Ministerial Direction issued to Fareham Borough Council in respect of the likely exceedance of nitrogen dioxide levels in 2020 on sections of the A27 and the A32 in Fareham. Since this Direction was issued Fareham has been working with other authorities including Gosport and Hampshire to work up measures that will avoid this likely exceedance.



In March 2018 Fareham Borough Council made a successful bid to the Joint Air Quality Unit (DEFRA and DfT) for funds to incentivise the replacement of diesel taxis/private hire vehicles that were first registered before 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015. The Award was for £150,000 to be used for such a scheme across Fareham and Gosport. There are specific conditions attached to the award but essentially from June 2018 there will be a cash incentive for eligible vehicles to be replaced with either ultra-low emission vehicles (ULEVs) or Euro V/VI hybrid vehicles. We will write to you again once the detail of this scheme has been finalised.

#### **Planning and Regulation**

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## Proposed Changes to Conditions

1. To change the requirement on vehicle age at first licensing to be no more than 5 years old and to have been first registered after the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015.

**Reason:** Vehicles registered after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2015 will meet the most recent emission standards.

2. To remove the requirement regarding the movement of seats for access and egress in multi seat vehicles. To allow for maximum occupancy.
3. To increase the 'no smoking' requirement in vehicles to include VAPE, e-cigarettes or any other substitute which could be mistaken for a cigarette.

Please let us know in writing, either by letter or email any comments you wish to make by end of business (17:15 hours) on the 8<sup>th</sup> May 2018,

## Reminder

Hampshire County Council travel vouchers for 2017/18 must be cashed before 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018 to give us time to forward them to Hampshire for exchange.

Should you have any queries regarding any of this letter, please do not hesitate to contact Helen Spires on 01329 824411 or email [hspires@fareham.gov.uk](mailto:hspires@fareham.gov.uk).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ian Rickman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ian Rickman  
Head of Environmental Health & Licensing