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28th November 2006

To whom it may concern:

I have been involved in the last 9 years in the day to day running of A1 Luxury Limousines as Proprietor. In this time my work has varied from chauffeuring children with special needs over a 4 year period in a people mover to providing transport for the Lord Mayor of York as lead car for the Lord Mayors Parade. We have provided cars for the Football Association and were even honored to chaperone Sir Richard Branson and his father when he came to York to hand over the Flying Scotsman to York Railway Museum.

Since seeing Billy Connolly's world tour on television where he traveled across the UK, Europe and USA on a Boom Trike I thought what a fantastic idea it would make for a city proud of its tourism to introduce a Trike Taxi to York. Gone are the days where trikes were built as a hobby in an enthusiast's garage. These low noise trikes are now production line produced the same as motor cars and are run on the Ford or Peugeot fuel injection engines. They cost anything up to £28,000 + accessories.

On a recent trip to The Lakes, another popular tourist area, I found a trike tour already operating which was licensed for 2 passengers by South Lakeland District Council on taxi plate number 274. Following further research we have learnt of trikes in Blackpool, Edinburgh and London. The trikes I am looking at purchasing are built by Boom across the Pennines in Worsley.

The models we are looking at seat 2 rear passengers, I have enclosed the Boom literature regarding vehicles. It is my intention should a license be granted to offer various tours around the city walls and tourist attractions. I have enclosed a copy of Mountain Top Trike Tours Trip List of the Lake District. I would hope we could be granted a pick up/drop off point near the main tourist attractions i.e. Clifford's Tower, The Minster or York Eye, what better way to view our City on a summer's day.

After witnessing the demise of so many of our industries over the last 4 years and reading of more to follow I feel one way we are moving forward is in tourism and feel offering this service could only add a new dimension to our tourism economy and would be welcomed by visitors and locals alike.

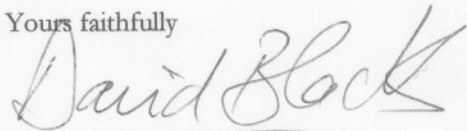
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Trikes can be driven on a standard car driving license and although helmets are not required in the UK I would be willing to provide them at all times. Production trikes can be either automatically powered or manual, seatbelts are not required. With Boom Trikes there is a hydraulic bar fitted for dual passenger safety. Upon talking to the factory they advised seatbelts can be fitted and if necessary I would be prepared to fit them.

I am seeking permission at this point from York City Council to move forward with this idea. Is there any chance of a special one off taxi plate which could be created for 2 passengers for such an exciting adventure. I do not think this service would interfere or detract from taxis. I would not operate this service in bad weather conditions.

I look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "David Black". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

David Black

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Ask for: John Lacy
Our ref: JL/TL/AR

5th January 2007

Dear Mr. Black,

I refer to your letter dated 28th November 2006 and our recent discussion regarding your request for a hackney carriage vehicle licence in respect of a motorised three wheel tri-cycle similar to the type used by Billy Connolly in his world tour series.

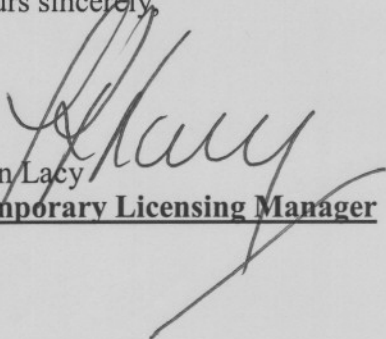
As I understand it you are seeking to introduce a trike taxi to provide tours of the city from pick up points near to the city's main tourist attractions. If that is the case, then the Authority cannot accede to your request to be licensed as a hackney carriage as the current taxi licensing provision for the City of York limits the number of hackney carriage vehicle licences to 158 operating from 11 full time ranks and 7 part time ranks.

That said, according to the legislation relating to the licensing of private hire vehicles, of which there are no restrictions, there appears to be no reason why a three wheel tri-cycle could not be licensed as a private hire vehicle subject to approval by the Licensing Committee. If a private hire vehicle licence is granted, this would be subject to the normal vehicle licence conditions with additional conditions relating to helmets being available, a rear luggage compartment, the fitting of seat belts and any other conditions the committee think are reasonable to apply.

As a private hire vehicle licence proprietor, you would not be permitted to work from the city's ranks as private hire vehicles are only available by prior booking and are not allowed to be hailed in the street. This would necessitate either applying for your own private hire operator licence to enable you to take bookings for the vehicle or working through a private hire operator already licensed by this Authority.

Given the above restrictions and subject to your written authorisation, I will seek members approval for a three wheel tri-cycle to be licensed as a private hire vehicle.

Yours sincerely,


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15th January 2007

Dear Mr Lacy,

Your ref: JL/TL/AR

I would like to confirm receipt of your letter dated 5 January 2007 regarding my plans concerning a new business venture namely introducing a trike taxi operating in York.

I understand that you will not be able to grant a taxi license for this venture and would like to proceed with it as a private hire vehicle subject to certain conditions being met.

I am asking via this letter to forward my plans to your committee members for approval.

Hopefully with the committee approval we can provide greater transport options for people visiting our beautiful City.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Black'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

David Black

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