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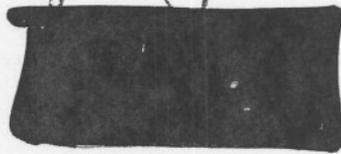
Dear Sir,

Thankyou for your letter on 4th September 2007. As a private hire car owner and driver the issue of being able to accomodate two medium sized suitcases and a folded wheelchair in the luggage space I think is irrelevant because the firms operators will despatch a suitable vehicle from our fleet to accomodate the needs of the customer.

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However it seems a reasonable requirement for Hackney carriages, whose fares are not pre-booked, to accommodate this size of load.

Yours faithfully

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DEAR MR HASWELL

I WRITE TO YOU
IN YOUR ANSWER TO YOUR REQUEST FOR
VIEWS ON THE PROPOSED CHANGES TO
HACKNEY CARRIAGE VEHICLES. WHILST I
WELCOME YOUR INTENTION TO UNIFORM
HACKNEY CARRIAGES I DO NOT THINK
THIS WILL STOP THE PUBLIC TRYING
TO FLAG PRIVATE HIRE CARS DOWN
AT BUSY PERIODS I.E. RACE DAYS
& LATE NIGHTS. THE PUBLIC WILL
STILL SEE A LICENCED VEHICLE
APPROCHING THEM, POSSIBLY REMOVING
THE FRONT PRIVATE HIRE PLATE
WOULD BE ONE OPTION AND MAKING.

THE REAR PLATE LARGER WITH MORE
DETAILS OF THE VEHICLE ON IT.

I MAKE THIS OBSERVATION AS
WE SEEM TO BE THE ONLY LICENSING
AUTHORITY IN YORKSHIRE TO HAVE
A DUEL PLATE SYSTEM ON PRIVATE
HIRE VEHICLES. I ALSO WOULD LIKE
TO SEE THE LETTERING ON
COMPANY SIDE PLATES LARGER
IE. THE WORDING OF "PRE BOOKED
ONLY" OR PERHAPS AS SOME LICENSING
AUTHORITIES IN WEST YORKSHIRE DO
ADD THE WORDING "ILLEGAL HIRE IF
NOT PRE-BOOKED". WITH REGARDS
YOUR INTENTION TO MAKE MINIMUM
LUGGAGE SPACE I THINK YOU WILL
FIND MOST VEHICLES WOULD BE
ABLE TO COPE WITH WHEELCHAIRS
& SUIT CASES I PERSONALLY HAVE

OVER THE YEARS NEVER HAD A
PROBLEM WITH LUGGAGE SPACE. AFTER
ALL IT IS OUR OWN INTEREST TO
HAVE A VEHICLE TO DO THE
JOB IN HAND. I WRITE TO YOU
HAVING HAD THE EXPERIENCE OF
24 YEARS AS A HACKNEY CARRIAGE
& PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER.

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Dear Mr. Haswell,

In response to your letter dated 4.9.07 I am totally in favour of the change of colour to differentiate between Hackneys and Private Hire (Issue One)

I am a Private Hire Driver on Ebor Cars and have always said to all our drivers that they should all have vehicles like Estate Cars or People Carriers in order to accommodate all kinds of jobs. I have always used Estate Cars or Citroen Berlingo / Renault Kangoo type vehicles in the 6 years I have been Taxi-ing and have never turned a job down yet. Many a time our Company has sent a saloon car ie Mercedes for a job and when the

vehicle has got to the job he has had to radio in that there are 3 people with Cases and he can't get them in so I have to be sent to TIDY UP for them. It should be compulsory that ALL vehicles can carry 2 cases and a folded wheelchair as standard.

I am all in favour of all cars being more practical for use as a Taxi instead of a Status Symbol like some people prefer to drive around in

I hope my view is of some use to you, it is just my own thoughts on this subject. (ISSUE TWO).

Yours Sincerely

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Haswell, Dick

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 September 2007 11:30
To: Haswell, Dick
Subject: taxi test, luggage space

Dear Richard Haswell

will you please tell me why york city council wont do a mot test? it will save a lot of time for the taxi drivers and extra income for council. it doesn't make any sence to me that we have to get a mot, then take it back to council for taxi test.

it seem to me that council doesn't trust the current mot done by the mot centres.

also its a good idea to have a minimum luggage space for two medium sized suitcase and folded whellchair in the luggage space. i think most of the hackney and private hire taxies have this space.

Yours faithfully,

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