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Subject: EXEMPTION FROM DDDC TAXI POLICY RESTRICTION ON AGE OF LICENCED VEHICLES

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Warning External

Dear Licencing and appeals committee,

24X7LTD licence vehicles with DDDC to work only providing transport for special education needs children and adults along with some healthcare travel. We do not undertake any forms of work for private individuals or companies.

We work at present exclusively for Derbyshire County Council under contract.

The demand for the transportation of SEN children and adults grows exponential each year across the country . Currently running at over 10% nationally.

We licence 90 plus vehicles with DDDC that are new when licenced and replaced after 6 months. We also annually licence 4 minibuses and 6 wheelchair access vehicles that are more than six months old but are less than 10 years old .

I would like to request that once a wheelchair access vehicle becomes 10 years old we are able to continue to test and licence these vehicles. The vehicles are low mileage in good condition and are well maintained and will have received several prior tests with DDDC workshops. We have a very high first time pass rate at the DDDC six monthly tests .

Wheelchairs access vehicles are in short supply due to the high level of increasing demand from the SEN transport sector. 24X7LTD purchases as many new wheelchair access vehicles that are available on the market each year and has invested in a vehicle conversion company to manufacture our own supply of these vehicles, unfortunately this cannot meet the increasing demand.

The following are our current wheelchair access vehicles with registration dates,

NU15 BDO 01.03.2015

SF15HLA 01.07.2015

SF15MWM 01.07.2015

NK67AYJ 01.10.2017

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OY16MDU 01.08.2016

SF17GTU 01.06.2017

I would be happy to attend the committee meeting on 25.03.24 to answer any questions that may arise in consideration of my request.

Kind Regards,

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