

APPENDIX 6

Email from member of taxi trade dated 06 December 2022

I would like to request that the licensing department review the current terms and conditions for licensing Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles.

Currently the requirement is the same as cars (under 5 years old) I believe this should be changed to align Wheelchair Accessible Vehicles with purpose built taxis whereby there isn't an age restriction for the 1st plate (or maybe put an age of 8-10 years).

The borough has very few Disabled access / Wav's , in fact Ebbw Vale has none, this is restricting a lot of our boroughs residents from getting out (the actual figures should be easily found by licensing records).

I believe the reason for this is due to the very high cost to purchase an under 5 year old vehicle with ramps and restraints.

I myself have been looking to purchase a minibus type (8 passengers or 1/2 wheelchairs and 2-5 passengers) the cheapest under 5 that i have found available is in excess of £26,000.