

reports. Stockton's policy does not permit such vehicles to be licensed. This policy enables vehicles up to three years of age to be purchased at greatly reduced prices. The legislative changes on cross border hirings enables operators with multiple licences in neighbouring authorities to use vehicles licensed in a different authority, including insurance write offs cat C and cat D, to carry out work in Stockton and we are not aware of any complaints or other issues resulting from this.

The council has robust requirements and procedures relating to the standards and testing of vehicles and we therefore consider that making these changes will have no detrimental impact on vehicle quality.

As with our comments in respect of driver's licences we also believe that making access to Stockton vehicle licences easier will be an incentive to persuade applicants away from applying to alternative councils like Wolverhampton.

Whilst this letter only represents the views of the three companies listed below we are aware that other operators have similar concerns and will be making their own separate representations.

We look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Regards

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