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Committee

My name is David Phillips and I am a registered "Blue Badge" Tourist Guide covering the whole of Wales. To be able to take clients to the various parts of Wales, I need a good quality, high comfort vehicle with which to do so. The government states that as I am paid for my work, I therefore must drive my clients for "Hire and Reward". Thus, I am obliged to obtain a Private Hire Licence from my Local Authority. I must also register my vehicle and ensure that it complies with required standards of Taxi's and Private Hire Vehicles. This I have done, even though my vehicle will never be used as a taxi.

My clients, mainly, are very high-end Americans who insist on very high vehicle standards. This causes me a big problem. They do not want "taxi" licences on the side of my vehicle whilst my Local Authority insist that they must be displayed.

The reason for my letter is to ask for permission not to display the "plates" on my vehicle. I fully understand why you wish them to be displayed but they are causing me to lose work. If I display the plates, the clients will employ guides, working from different areas, who are not obliged to display them. This may sound like a 'petty' problem but I assure you that to myself it is the cause of much concern.

I am willing to be questioned on any part of my request to you and would welcome the opportunity to answer to any of your concerns.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "D Phillips".

Dai Phillips