

Borough Council of  
**King's Lynn &  
West Norfolk**



## **Licensing and Appeals Board**

**Wednesday, 12th July, 2023 at 10.00 am**  
**in the Kempe Room - Town Hall, Saturday Market Place,**  
**King's Lynn PE30 5DQ**

### **Reports marked to follow on the Agenda and/or Supplementary Documents**

- a) Decision (Pages 2 - 3)

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**DETERMINATION NOTICE**

**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976**

**BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KINGS LYNN AND WEST NORFOLK**

**APPLICATION FOR A PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE LICENCE IN RESPECT OF A VEHICLE  
REGISTERED AS A CATEGORY N1**

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| <b>Date of Hearing</b>             | <b>12<sup>th</sup> July 2023</b>  |
| <b>Panel Members</b>               | <b>Councillor Tony Bubb<br/>Councillor Chris Crofts<br/>Councillor Simon Nash</b> |
| <b>Observing</b>                   | <b>Councillor Colin Rose<br/>Councillor Ben Jones</b>                             |
| <b>Legal Adviser</b>               | <b>James Arrandale</b>  |
| <b>Democratic Services Officer</b> | <b>Rebecca Parker</b>   |
| <b>Licensing Officer</b>           | <b>Craig Pease</b>  |
| <b>Request Submitted by</b>        | <b>Mr David Paisley</b>   |

On 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023, the Borough Council of King’s Lynn and West Norfolk (the “**Council**”) being the relevant authority for issuing licences for Private Hire and Hackney Carriage Vehicles and Drivers, considered an application for a Private Hire Vehicle Licence in respect of a Vehicle Registered as a Category N1.

The Licensing Officer presented the report to the Panel. The applicant and the Panel had no questions.

The hearing then adjourned to inspect the applicant’s vehicle.

The Applicant presented his case, and produced to the Panel (i) a letter from GM Coachworks dated 10 July which indicated that DVLA would treat the vehicle as M1 for taxation purposes, and (ii) a copy of the V5C which stated the vehicle was a “minibus” (albeit still classed as N1). The Applicant responded to questions from the Panel.

The Licensing Officer summed up the case and requested that the Panel consider the contents of the report, including the submissions put forward by the Applicant, and dispose of the matter by using one of the options as set out in the report.

The Applicant summed up his case.

**FINDINGS**

In reaching its determination, the Panel took into account the report, as well as the written and oral evidence put forward at the hearing, and their inspection of the vehicle.

**DETERMINATION**

The Panel considered that the applicant had clearly fulfilled the requirements of paragraph 3.22 of the Council's Licensing Procedures and Conditions. Accordingly the Panel determines to grant the application.

Signed: ..... 12<sup>th</sup> July 2023  
Councillor Crofts  
Chair of the Licensing and Appeals Panel