

Hi Gary,

Thanks for taking the time to talk to me today, as discussed (Michelle Freeman) the applicant would like to appeal against your decision to consider refusing the application for the vehicle transfer on the following grounds:-

1. The Hackney Carriage Vehicle pre-licencing conditions are dated and don't consider modern engine technology.
2. A Ford Focus with a 1.6 Petrol engine is currently available with a maximum power of 85PS, the Ford Focus 1.0 EcoBoost Petrol engine in the vehicle we're trying to licence has a maximum power of 100ps (over 17% more power).
3. As well as generating more power compared to conventional engines, Ecoboost power units improve fuel efficiency and CO2 emissions by as much as 20 per cent.
4. Ford Motor Company wouldn't supply vehicles with engines that weren't fit for purpose when fully occupied with passengers and luggage.
5. A precedent has already been set with a substantial amount of current licenced Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles not meeting the current pre-licensing conditions of Petrol minimum 1600cc and Diesel minimum 1700cc.

I enclose a Ford Focus ebrochure in pdf format. As the file is just over 8MB I also enclose a link for you to view the file yourself.