

Margaret James

From: Central Beds Access Group [roy.accessgroupmb@btinternet.com]
Sent: 03 July 2011 17:50
To: Margaret James
Subject: Re: Consultation

Dear Margaret

As promised the matter was discussed at the Central Beds Access Group meeting held on the 14th June.
Our decision is copied to you.

Margaret James had contacted the Group regarding accessible taxi issues and Roy had sat in at a meeting, (July 2006) when MBDC had agreed a policy that any 7 year old vehicle had to be replaced with an accessible vehicle. This had since been altered to 10 years and taxi owners were now complaining about this policy. It was felt that the agreed policy should be adhered to in line with most other Councils in Britain. There was concern about the effect of a change of policy and felt many things could be done to mitigate this e.g. a percentage of accessible vehicles could be required.

It was considered that taxi owners had been given enough time to deal with the requirements and there were plenty of suitable vehicles on the market. It was also pointed out that an impact assessment would be required before any changes could be made to current policy.

The Group supported the current policy in force

Yours sincerely,

Roy Storey

Chairman

Central Beds Access Group

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From: "Margaret James" <Margaret.James@centralbedfordshire.gov.uk>
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Sent: Friday, July 01, 2011 4:03 PM
Subject: Consultation

Good afternoon Roy

Once again, please accept my apologies for not being able to attend the group meeting on 14 June.

I have attached a copy of the letter previously sent to various groups regarding our consultation. I should be grateful for your views on the matter to enable me to include them in my report to Committee.. (Your written views are requested because the questionnaire is no longer on our website) Many thanks in advance.

Kind Regards