

# APPENDIX A

**From:** Roger  
**Sent:** 06 January 2016 14:02  
**To:** 'kevin.winchcombe@iow.gov.uk'  
**Subject:** hackney car plate.

Dear Kevin,

I spoke to Sarah yesterday about a growing problem that we have at Alpha at this moment in time concerning the amount of car plates that I have to cover my large amount of customers that cannot get into a Euro type taxi and can only use a car. Over the last 10 years we have noticed that our regular customers are getting older and more infirm and the three hackney cars that I have are proving not able to cope with the demand. There are no car plates available for purchase and even if there was they are being touted for unviable amounts of money. As I said to Sarah there is an obvious way forward and that is to put on a private hire car which in Alpha's situation is not a preferred solution as this would cause resentment among the hackney drivers as they would be bypassed to feed the private hire that cannot sit on the rank. The other solution that Sarah put forward is if an existing wheelchair plate can be transferred to a car plate. I believe this has been done in the past and would be an acceptable solution to us can you please look at this and see if there is a way forward please. I look forward to your thoughts.

Roger Coombes  
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