



Swale Borough Council

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Town Police Clauses Act 1847

NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF DUAL HACKNEY CARRIAGE / PRIVATE HIRE DRIVER'S LICENCE

Applicant: [REDACTED]

Date of Determination: 30 April 2026

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 51 and 59 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, take notice that Swale Borough Council has decided to GRANT your application for a dual hackney carriage / private hire drivers' licence subject to completion of any outstanding application requirements.

The Licensing Sub-Committee were asked to consider whether [REDACTED] is a fit and proper person for the purposes of compliance with hackney carriage and private hire legislation, published Standards and Guidance and Swale Borough Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy.

The Licensing Sub-Committee carefully considered the evidence included within the report and additional evidence provided at the hearing from the applicant. In particular, the Licensing Sub-Committee considered the circumstances surrounding the applicant's DVLA points and his failure to declare them on the application form.

The Licensing Sub-Committee believed that [REDACTED] provided an honest account of the incident leading to the points being applied and noted that it was credible that he could have erred in failing to realise he was insured at the time he was stopped. They noted that he was remorseful and the Licensing Sub-Committee did not consider that there were any circumstances such as to give them cause for concern of a similar incident reoccurring.

In respect of the failure to notify the Licensing Authority at the point of his application, the Licensing Sub-Committee noted his explanation for this and did not consider that [REDACTED] was not fit and proper due to this error however they reminded him that he must take care in completing paperwork in future to ensure it is accurate and

correct. This is of particular importance for licensed drivers who do have responsibilities regarding record keeping.

The Licensing Sub-Committee noted their policy regarding disclosure of DVLA points on application forms, DVLA points in general and traffic offences. On balance, they felt that an honest and credible account had been provided by the applicant and they did consider him to be fit and proper for the purposes of the application.

Accordingly, the decision of the Licensing Sub-Committee was to grant the application subject to completion of any outstanding application requirements.

There is no right of appeal against this decision.

Signed:

Date of Notice: 30 April 2026

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'D. Carnell', written over a horizontal line.

Councillor Derek Carnell
Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committee