



High Peak Borough Council
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PROPOSED

TAXI AND PRIVATE HIRE TESTING CENTRES

HAVE YOUR SAY



Background

On the 2nd March 2017 the Licensing Committee gave approval for a project to be carried out into the feasibility of having a list of approved garages within the Borough, this was prompted by the imminent withdrawal of the Councils Testing Facilities at Waterswallows. The Committee agreed that this was a positive move forward and would have a number of benefits to the trade, giving a greater choice for Taxi Operators as to where they can take their vehicles to be tested, and more importantly would ensure that all testing stations were inspected and approved by the Authority.

The Project has been running now since March 2017, all of the approved MOT stations have been contacted within the High Peak area and asked to express their interest in this project and complete a questionnaire to assess their suitability in accordance with the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency MOT Rating. The garages that returned the questionnaires and expressed an interest in supporting this project have received a visit and have been included on the proposed approved list.

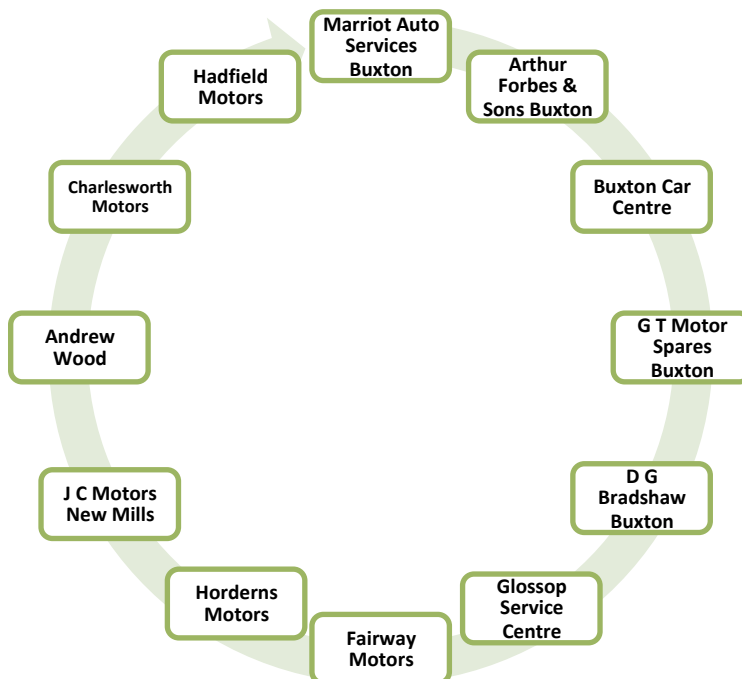
The Proposed list includes all of the MOT stations within the Borough that have either a Green or Amber rating, a number of other stations applied however their rating was not sufficient at this time to be included on the list.

What Does This Mean to Me?

Essentially as a Licensed Vehicle Operator within the Borough this will mean that your vehicle will have to be tested at one of the MOT stations on the approved list, (twice a year) this includes all executive hire vehicles, limousines etc. There is sometimes criticism that local authorities provide only one testing centre for their area (which may be geographically extensive), so we have made sure that we have a sufficient number of stations in the area that can test the full range of vehicles.

Proposed approved MOT Stations

Below is the proposed approved stations in the area, it is anticipated that this list will be updated on a regular basis, for instance when new MOT stations may apply or when MOT stations fall below the Green or Amber rating.



What Happens next and how long will it take?

We want to hear your views on this project, and any concerns you may have, we would also like to know if you are currently using an MOT station that is within the Authorities area but not on the list above, please let us know and we can include them on the list if they meet the minimum criteria of a Green or Amber Rating and if they are interested in participating.

We will be looking at your responses throughout the consultation period, and as we receive your feedback, we will continue to shape the project to ensure we focus on the areas that matter to you.

The consultation will commence on Monday 17th September 2018 and finish at 5pm on Friday 26th October 2018. The Licensing Committees next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 8th November 2018, your responses and comments will be presented at the meeting for member's to consider and make a final decision on implementation. We anticipate that the new regime will start from 1st January 2019, this will give everyone involved time to adjust to the new arrangements.

Have your Say, Email, Post or Drop In

It is really important that you let us know your views, enclosed is a feedback form and a stamped address envelope, alternatively you can submit your comments via email at Licensing@highpeak.gov.uk, we are also holding a drop in session in Buxton Town Hall, on Monday 15th October 2018, between 10am and 4pm.