

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 8 MARCH 2012

REPORT BY DIRECTOR NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

11. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM ROADWORTHINESS GARAGES

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

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**Purpose/Summary of Report:**

- To report to Members on expressions of interest from MOT testing stations to provide taxi vehicle condition certificate testing facilities, and whether an increase in the number of garages is appropriate.

<b><u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u></b> that	
A	One of more additional roadworthiness garages be approved.

1.0 Background

1.1 There are 10 garages authorised to conduct vehicle condition certificate tests on behalf of East Herts Council:

Smithers Garages

50 London Road, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 5NF

Tel: (01279) 5071730

DJ Self Drive

Swains Mill, Crane Mead, Ware, SG12 9PY

Tel: (01920) 465431/2

Garretts Garage Services

42 Golds Business Park, Elsenham, Nr Bishop's Stortford, CM22

6JX

Tel: (01279) 647777

Sheppards

Dane Street, Bishop's Stortford, CM23 3BX

Tel: (01279) 757700

MRH Ltd Motor Repairs

4 Warehams Lane, Hertford, SG14 1LA

Tel: (01992) 550026

Hertford Tyre and Exhaust Centre  
23/4 Dicker Industrial Estate, Hertford, SG13 7AE  
Tel: (01992) 503804

Bloomfield Motor Services  
Rear of Swift House, River Way, Harlow Essex, CM20 2DW  
Tel: (01279) 600660

Orchard Works Garage, Unit 3 Clarklands Ind Est  
Parsonage Lane, Sawbridgeworth CM21 0NG  
Tel: (01279) 723371

L W Vass Ltd, Station Road, Ampthill, Bedford MK45 2RB  
(HGV Special event Private Hire vehicles only)

W Range Motors, Unit 5 Amwell Lane, Stanstead Abbots.

## 2.0 Report

- 2.1 New expressions of interest have been received from MOT testing stations wishing to offer the facility of Vehicle Condition Certificate testing to taxi drivers and operators, both in Hertford;

Stanstead Autos, Unit 2 Mead Lane, Hertford, SG13 7AX;

Hertford MOT Services, 16 Dicker Mill, SG13 7AA

## 3.0 Implications/Consultations

- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

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## ESSENTIAL REFERENCE PAPER 'A'

Contribution to the Council's Corporate Priorities/ Objectives:	<b>Promoting prosperity and well-being; providing access and opportunities</b> <i>Enhance the quality of life, health and wellbeing of individuals, families and communities, particularly those who are vulnerable.</i>
Consultation:	See report.
Legal:	No issues that require approval identified by Contact Officer or Report Author.
Financial:	No issues that require approval identified by Contact Officer or Report Author.
Human Resource:	No issues that require approval identified by Contact Officer or Report Author.
Risk Management:	No issues that require approval identified by Contact Officer or Report Author.