

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

LICENSING COMMITTEE – 14 MARCH 2013

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

10. EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM TAXI VEHICLE CONDITION GARAGES

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report:

- This report describes expressions of interest from MOT testing station to provide taxi vehicle condition certificate testing facilities.

RECOMMENDATION FOR LICENSING COMMITTEE: That:

(A)	One or more garages from those that have expressed an interest in being added to the council's approved list of taxi Vehicle Condition Certificate garages be approved.
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1.0 Background

1.1 There are 9 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

- 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.
- 1.2 A VCC garage has been removed from the approved list following that garage losing the capacity to conduct MOT tests (Hertford Tyres).
- 1.3 Expressions of interest were invited from garages that have previously expressed an interest.
- 2.0 Report
- 2.1 Expressions of interest were received from 5 garages, of which 4 have since confirmed their interest in writing;
- 2.1.1 Highline Autos, Unit 4, Merchant Drive, off Mead Lane Hertford SG13 7BH. (3 MOT testers, and also offer class 7 MOTs).
- 2.1.2 Caxton Hill Motors, Caxton Hill, Hertford.
- 2.1.3 1st Call MOT, Unit 3 Mead Lane Ind Est Merchant Drive Hertford SG13 7BH. (3 MOT testers, and also offer class 5 and class 7 MOTs, First expressed an interest 1992).
- 2.1.4 Garretts garage service ltd, 42 Golds Business Park, Elsenham Herts, CM22 6JX
- 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'**.

Background Papers

None.

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