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Dear Mr Khaliq

Licensing Sub Committee Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence

I refer to the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee ("the Panel") meeting on Friday 1 May 2009 when the Panel considered your appeal against the Head of Urban and Rural Services' decision to refuse your application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

After careful consideration of the factors relevant to your case as presented by the Licensing Team Leader, and the representations made by you and your wife on your behalf, together with the letters from Alyas Ahmed and Johnson and Gaunt, the Panel decided to uphold the decision of the Head of Urban and Rural Services to refuse your application for a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Driver's Licence.

The Panel came to this decision for the reason that they were not satisfied at this time that you are a fit and proper person to hold a Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Vehicle Drivers Licence.

In reaching their decision the Panel had regard to the number and serious nature of the offences on your criminal record, which included 2 convictions for alcohol related offences and a caution for battery, and the overriding need to ensure public safety and protection. The Panel considered that given the number and serious nature of these offences, a longer trouble free period was required. Notwithstanding the examples in the guidelines, and in accordance with the general view expressed in the guidelines where a number of offences have occurred, there was concern about your fitness to hold a licence.

The Panel asked me to indicate to you, without prejudice to any future decision, it might be appropriate for you to apply again after a longer trouble-free period. It may be helpful to your case to provide more evidence as to your rehabilitation.

You have a right of appeal to the Magistrates' Court against the Panel's decision. The appeal must be lodged with the court within 21 days of the date you received this letter. You are strongly advised to contact your solicitor to ensure that you are aware of your rights.

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

cc. Head of Urban & Rural Services
Members of the Licensing Sub Committee
Johnson and Gaunt