

APPENDIX E

CONDITIONS FOR LICENSING STRETCHED LIMOUSINES

Permitted Vehicle Types

Left-hand drive limousines will be permitted as private hire vehicles

Sideways facing seating will be permitted in limousines providing that it conforms to all relevant road traffic vehicle legislation.

All limousines licensed as private hire vehicles must hold a valid Individual Vehicle Approval Certificate and be fitted with tyres of appropriate size and grade for that Approval.

All limousines licensed as private hire vehicles must obtain six-monthly test certificates showing that the vehicle has satisfied the standards of the appropriate MOT Class. The vehicle licence holder is responsible for sourcing a garage approved to carry out such tests and providing documentation attesting to the garage's compliance with the Council's vehicle testing requirements.

All limousines licensed as private hire vehicles must:

- a) reduce their seating capacity to a maximum of eight (8) passengers,
- b) not carry more than eight (8) passengers, including children, at any time,
- c) not carry passengers in any seats in the driver's compartment,
- d) ensure that any advertising of the limousine states the maximum seating capacity.

Legislation

Seatbelts complying to all relevant legislation must be fitted to all forward and rear facing seats and must always be worn by passengers whilst the vehicle is in motion. There is no legal requirement for seatbelts to be fitted on sideways facing seats, however if they are fitted, they must always be worn by passengers whilst the vehicle is in motion.

If alcohol drinks are to be provided in the vehicle:

- a) an appropriate licence under the Licensing Act 2003 must be in effect,
- b) alcohol may only be sold whilst the vehicle is stationary,
- c) whilst the vehicle is in motion, all receptacles containing alcohol shall be securely stored,
- d) if any occupants of the vehicle are below the age of eighteen (18) years old, the vehicle must not contain any alcohol,
- e) all drinking receptacles used in the vehicle must be made of shatterproof glass, plastic or polycarbonate.

The driver shall not play or permit the performance of any media that,