

## LICENSING TEAM

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## TRADE REPRESENTATIVES

As you are aware, we recently informed all Private Hire Drivers and Operators that we have two vacant positions for a Private Hire Trade Representative. Any nominations were to be received by 4pm on Friday 11 September 2020.

I can confirm that we received one nomination from Mr. Jason Kauder. Jason's statement to the trade was as follows -

*I am Jason, I am 51 years old. I work for Radio Taxis Eastleigh. I am always available for a chat either in person or you can email me [Jasonkauder@hotmail.com](mailto:Jasonkauder@hotmail.com) or call 07748050800. As a driver myself, I understand the issues of UBER, cross border hiring, out of towners, whippies "Southampton Bus Lanes" and the recent demonstrations over working for more than one company. Couple this with the ever changing world of Technology, and the current uncertainty of the coronavirus pandemic and we will struggle with these changes. Our cars are getting older, insurance costs are rising, The stations and airports are deserted because people are not travelling.*

*Placing more restrictions, on drivers and their cars is not the way forward because restrictions means expense. Standards of vehicles and compliance enforcement can be higher without costing more, Other industries save money !! Why can't we do it ??? The future for us is looking good, Southampton airport is looking to expand, this in turn will bring more people to the area. As Taxi drivers we must support this extension. Social distancing will end, and the pubs and shops will be full as taxi drivers we must support this. The Aviation industry will be back at full capacity by 2025 and the Queen Mary has cruise tickets available in 2022. Until this point, I would show my support for the extension of the self-employed scheme by writing to MPs, Unite and other taxi driver groups, showing that local drivers support this extension that they are asking for.*

As we have only received one nomination, we will not be holding any voting. Jason will take one of the Private Hire Trade Representative positions. Jason will join us for the Licensed Transport Forum on the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2020 & all future meetings.

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