



Swale Borough Council

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Town Police Clauses Act 1847

**NOTICE OF DETERMINATION OF PRIVATE HIRE VEHICLE
DRIVERS' LICENCE**

Applicant: John Wilcox

Date of Determination: 30 September 2025

In accordance with the provisions of Sections 51 and 59 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, take notice that Swale Borough Council has decided to GRANT your application for a private hire vehicle drivers' licence subject to completion of any outstanding application requirements.

The Licensing Sub Committee were asked to consider whether John Wilcox is a fit and proper person for the purposes of compliance with hackney carriage and private hire legislation, published Standards and Guidance and Swale Borough Council's Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Vehicle Licensing Policy.

The Licensing Sub Committee carefully considered the evidence included within the report and additional evidence provided at the hearing by the applicant. In particular, the Licensing Sub Committee considered John Wilcox's conviction for failing to stop after an accident. They noted his account of the circumstances surrounding the incident and accepted this to be credible. They also noted the council's policy regarding the time spent since the date of conviction. They considered John Wilcox's experience since 2009 as a licensed HGV driver without any other incident.

The Licensing Sub Committee found John Wilcox to be credible in his explanation for the failure to declare relevant information as part of his application. They noted the importance of providing relevant and complete information to the Licensing Authority and expected him to be upfront in the future.

Accordingly, the decision of the Licensing Sub Committee was to grant the application subject to completion of any outstanding application requirements.

There is no right of appeal against this decision.

Signed:

Date of Notice:

Councillor Derek Carnell
Chairman of the Licensing Sub-Committee