

Charlesworth, Tom (City of Lincoln Council)

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Sent: 24 September 2017 10:08
To: Charlesworth, Tom (City of Lincoln Council)
Subject: wheelchair accessible vehicles list.

Tom,

In response to your request to whether the council should have a wheelchair vehicles list, I personally don't think they should include any hackney on the list because as I have stated in the past to your office.

On the subject of wheelchair vehicles, most of the hackneys in Lincoln cannot load/unload and secure wheelchairs passengers safely because they are side loading.

The main problems with side loading vehicles are that you haven't got enough room to turn most chairs round to secure them safely, you cannot fit a pulley hoist to assist on loading people above your own capability, (as you may know one of the new drivers injured himself very badly in the last year loading a wheelchair and went back to driving private hire so he wasn't put in that position again).

At the time of writing this email there is only one cab on the rank that will take nearly every wheelchair. (which on my understanding of the specification for hackneys in Lincoln doesn't meet either the old or new regulations) If I am wrong about this you might find there would be more of that type of vehicle on the rank.

Many thank
Stephen Robinson.