

## **Euro 5 Diesel Wheel Chair Accessible Vehicles - Extension Beyond 2022**

In 2019 vehicle conditions were changed that meant that we would not licence a euro 5 diesel vehicle after 2022. It has become apparent that this change may cause a lack of disabled adapted vehicles available to the public. Following concerns raised to the Clean Air Team by the trade and ourselves, the Clean Air Team raised a change request to DEFRA to allow us to extend the date that we must stop licensing Wheel Chair Accessible Euro 5 diesel vehicles by two years.

DEFRA have approved our request but this will not affect vehicles that will be required to be changed because of age allowances (i.e. over 12 years old). It will mean that if you have a wheel chair accessible vehicle and it is not over 12 years old, you will be able to continue to renew it until either is over 12 years old or at renewal during the year 2024.

In order to implement this the council will soon be going out to a 8 week consultation in which time the public and the trade may make representations. Following this and with reference to these representations, the Licensing Committee will meet to consider amendments to the vehicle conditions for its implementation.

Regards

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