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## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – 1042/18

Dear Sir/Madam

Your request for information has now been considered and the information requested is provided below.

Request / Response:

1. Under the freedom of Information act, could somebody tell me when was the last time a taxi was plated, for someone living out of area, and why you will not plate a vehicle for me, I have a 5 year fixed contract with your selves doing specialised SEN work for your transport department, and saving you money, Lincolnshire council tell me they have to plate any vehicle by law to anybody even if they come out of area so why is Rutland council different ???

Answer: The last time a taxi was licensed to a person living outside Rutland was 11 June 2018.

Our Licensing Officer has previously explained to you the reason that they did not license your taxi, i.e. because you were going to work predominately in the Stamford area.

It was further explained to you, following the case, Berwick v Newcastle, that Councils have a discretion as to whether or not to grant a Hackney Carriage licence and can enquire about where the vehicle will be used and can consider refusing the application if the vehicle will be used away from their area. This is what happened in your case. It is not where the driver resides that matters, it is the fact that the vehicle must be used exclusively or predominately in the area where it is licensed.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request please contact the Head of Corporate Governance, Rutland County Council, Catmose, Oakham, Rutland LE15 6HP  
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Yours faithfully

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