

**CONSULTATION RESPONSES RECEIVED BY HIGH PEAK BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE APPROVED
MOT TESTING STATIONS**

Executive Hire Comments	Hackney Taxi & Private hire Comments
<p>“I don’t think this is fair to have to take our vehicles there twice a year!! When we use to take them to water swallows it was every 12months!! Which I would happy do at the new MOT Centres.</p> <p>“To be honest I think it should stay as we are getting them done every 6 months at MOT of our choice, as on some jobs we could be working on the other side of the Country for 3 months and we would not make it back”</p>	<p>“I think the idea is good so long as the garages have a proper list of things to check outside the normal MOT rules such as Bodywork as a lot of cars are running around with damage to them making them look shabby”</p>
<p>“Not excited about it, last time we had fail notice issued for ridiculous things and the difference between a taxi and Chauffeur vehicle was not taken into consideration (still isn’t)</p> <p>“In my world if it “isn’t broke don’t fix it” we are all using MOT stations run by VOSA</p>	<p>I Have two VW 8 seater vehicles which cannot get on some MOT station lifts, I would like to recommend >>>> for my MOT</p>
<p>“I can’t see why we can’t use any reputable garage within the UK for a MOT to our vehicles, it is more convenient for our company, for me and my drivers to take our vehicles to our usual trusted MOT station, as the nature of our business we are very busy and it would be more of an inconvenience to travel to your suggested garage sites for an MOT when the garage we have used for many years are very professional and trusted to keep up legal and safe on the roads”</p>	<p>“Great news having named approved garages gives me confidence in a garages work and reputation” Having a wider choice of garage is better as the garage of choice might be to busy come MOT time”</p>
<p>As you will know, we are a very reputable company undertaking many commercial contracts. We located to High Peak as we serve a very wide area and High Peak has high standards but works cooperatively with operators to facilitate smooth business operations.</p> <p>We operate over 40 vehicles all of which were purchased brand new from dealerships; we operate them for only five years before</p>	

renewing them. However these vehicles are larger than typical Private Hire vehicles. We operate semi high and high roofed minibuses that are medium and long wheelbases. They can only be tested at very large MOT stations. We also find that these larger garages that can accommodate them are often busy and difficult to schedule appointments with.

Our vehicles require deep pits as roof space means they cannot be tested on ramps. We have tight schedules on turn around. If we were delayed in finding an available pit our vehicle would not be tested in time and become unusable for unacceptable periods. Our operations would become tightly stretched as we can often test over twenty vehicles in a single month. Unfortunately we know from experience that if you contact a garage requesting 20 appointments in a single month they will laugh you out of the building. If we try to put this much workload on a garage or even two or three garages there is a danger they will rush tests and decrease safety rather than increase it.

We feel the best way forward is for us to be able to use any MOT test station that has a green rating standard. That way, if one is busy we could call round and use an alternative. Our tests will not be rushed and can be scheduled adequately meaning our resources are not stretched or back-logged and our services can operate efficiently and without disruption.

Disagree with this as the vehicles are not kept within the borough so would be too costly with using stretch vehicles – these require a pit to be MOT's as cannot go on a standard ramp, it should not matter where the mot is carried out as all mot stations are enforced by the DVSA so should all be of the same standards – it is just increasing unnecessary costs to companies which is simply avoidable

