**New Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers’ application information and the**

**National Register of Taxi Licence Refusals, Revocations, and Suspensions (NR3S register)**

The Taxis and Private Hire Vehicles (Safeguarding and Road Safety Act 2022) came into force on 27th April 2023. From this date East Hampshire District Council in line with all licensing authorities in England, is required to use the National Register of Taxi Licence Refusals, Revocations and Suspensions (NR3S register). The purpose of the NR3S Register is to provide the means for licensing authorities to share details of individuals who have had a taxi or PHV driver licence suspended, revoked or an application for one refused. The register is hosted by the national Anti-Fraud Network (NAFN).

As a Licensing Authority we are now required to check the Register before deciding on a person’s application for a dual Hackney Carriage/Private Hire Drivers Licence or a Restricted Private Hire Drivers Licence. This applies to both a new licence application and a renewal application. If there is an entry on the Register for the individual checked we will write to the authority that made the entry, asking for the relevant information on which the recording authority based its decision about the person. The purpose of the Register is to ensure Licensing Authorities have the full information necessary to help them reach a decision on whether an individual is ‘fit and proper’ to hold a licence. An application will not be refused simply because an applicant is recorded on the NR3S register. All applications are looked at individually in line with our Policy and determined on their own merits.

In addition, we will be adding information to the register when we decide to do any of the following, based on certain specified information about safeguarding or road safety:

* To refuse a person’s application for a driver’s licence;
* To refuse a person’s application for the renewal of a driver’s licence;
* To suspend a person’s driver’s licence;
* To revoke a person’s driver’s licence.

The information we will add to the register is the following:

* Full name
* Date of birth
* Home address
* National insurance number
* Driving licence number
* Community licence number
* Date of decision and date it takes effect
* Date of any subsequent change to the decision and the date it takes effect
* For suspensions, the date on which this ends if applicable
* Any other information that the Secretary of State prescribes by Regulations.

All data processing and sharing undertaken by this authority on the NR3S, and with individual authorities in regard to entries on the NR3S will be undertaken in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA) and the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).