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To Lead Petitioner

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Dear Lead Petitioner

**Petition: Upper Limit Vehicle Age  
56 signatories**

I write to confirm receipt of your petition containing 56 signatories and confirm how the Council intends to deal with your Petition. In accordance with the Council's Petitions Scheme, details of your petition have been added to the Council's website and can be viewed at the following link <http://www.rother.gov.uk/6878>.

As you will be aware, this matter was considered by the Licensing and General Purposes Committee on 23 October 2017 and is subject to full Council approval on Monday 18 December 2017. As part of formulating this policy, I understand that the Council consulted the trade between June and August this year about introducing a 12 year upper limit vehicle age, which the trade were opposed to. There was a 6% return to the consultation, the majority of which were in favour of introducing a 7 year upper limit vehicle age on new vehicles but against a 12 year upper limit vehicle age on existing vehicles.

At the October meeting, the Committee decided to introduce a 9 year upper limit vehicle age. The 9 year limit does not apply to existing licensed cars, and if confirmed by full Council on 18 December, will be introduced on the 1 January 2018. This means that the policy will allow for a maximum 7 years old for a first licence and then this vehicle can be re-licensed until it is nine years old with the exception of classic, novelty or vintage vehicles, which do not work from a taxi rank or carry out routine work. The age restriction policy will not apply to any vehicles licensed before the 1 January 2018.

Whilst I will bring your petition to Members' attention at the full Council meeting on 18 December 2017, the trade have been consulted on this issue and I confirm that no further action will be taken on your petition, following the Council's decision on this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any queries.

Regards

John Collins  
Service Manager - Corporate and Human Resources & Monitoring Officer

