

Meeting of:	Public Protection Licensing Committee
Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, 29 April 2025
Relevant Scrutiny Committee:	Homes and Safe Communities
Report Title:	Application to waive age policy guidelines for licensing of private hire vehicle
Purpose of Report:	To determine an application for the grant of a vehicle which falls outside the current age policy guidelines approved by the Public Protection Licensing Committee
Report Owner:	Miles Punter, Director of Environment and Housing
Responsible Officer:	Julia Richardson, Licensing Enforcement Officer
Elected Member and Officer Consultation:	None
Policy Framework:	This is a matter for decision by the Public Protection Licensing Committee
Executive Summary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Public Protection Licensing Committee has adopted age policy guidelines which detail how old vehicles can be when first licensed as a hackney carriage or a private hire vehicle. This application for the grant of a hackney carriage licence falls outside the policy and therefore the Committee are asked to determine the application.

Recommendations

1. It is recommended that having regard to the report, the Age Policy Guidelines adopted by the Public Protection Licensing Committee and any representations made by Taxi 4 Rent, that the Committee determine the application.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. The application falls outside the Age Policy Guidelines for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

1. Background

- 1.1 It is the duty of the Local Authority to determine applications made under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and Town Police Clauses Act 1947. These applications are referred to the Licensing Sub-Committee for determination because the application falls outside the policy guidelines.
- 1.2 The Age Policy Guidelines were approved by the Public Protection Licensing Committee on 2 July 2019 and detail that a vehicle must be under 6 years old at the time of first registration. Vehicles older than this can continue to be licensed provided a renewal application is submitted before the expiry of licence and vehicle testing at the Alps garage is successful (there must be no break in licence).
- 1.3 This application for the Grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle is made under Section 46 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions Act) 1976.

2. Key Issues for Consideration

- 2.1 On 21 March 2025, Taxi 4 Rent submitted an application to renew Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence HC059, however as the vehicle licence had expired on 12 February 2025, they were unable to renew the licence and instead the application was treated as an application for the grant of a Hackney Carriage Vehicle Licence.

2.2 Application Details

Make:	Skoda
Model:	Superb
Registration No:	KRZ 7694
Fuel Type:	Diesel
Date of First Registration:	21 June 2016
In accordance with the age policy the vehicle should be:	Under 6 years old
Age of vehicle at time of application:	8 years and 8 months

Colour:	White
Mileage recorded at last MOT inspection:	MOT Test undertaken 13 August 2024 with milage shown as 121,487 miles on the certificate
Passengers:	4
Accessible Vehicle:	No

A copy of the application is detailed in **Appendix A**.

- 2.3** As the vehicle falls outside the age policy guidelines by being over 6 years old, the Committee is requested to determine the application.
- 2.4** Taxi 4 rent have advised that they did not submit a renewal application before the expiry of licence due to “unforeseen engine problems”. They have advised that a new engine has been ordered and request that the Licensing Authority consider licensing the vehicle again. The full request from Taxi 4 Rent is detailed in **Appendix B**.
- 2.5** Pictures of the exterior of the vehicle taken on 27 March 2025 by Licensing Enforcement Officers are detailed in **Appendix C**. The keys were not available on this date and therefore no pictures of the interior were taken.
- 2.6** The vehicle presented damage on the off-side bonnet during the inspection which can be seen in Photo 8 of **Appendix C**.
- 2.7** Pictures of the interior of the vehicle which were provided by Mr Ahmed on 10 April 2025 are detailed in **Appendix D**.
- 2.8** If members are minded to grant the application, the vehicle will proceed to testing at the Alps Garage. A licence would only be issued upon the completion of a successful test.

3. How do proposals evidence the Five Ways of Working and contribute to our Well-being Objectives?

- 3.1** This report has been screened for evidence of the Five Ways of Working and how it may contribute to our Well-being Objectives.
- 3.2** The proposals support the following well-being objective: Objective 2: Providing decent homes and safe communities.

4. Climate Change and Nature Implications

4.1 None, this is a regulatory function.

5. Resources and Legal Considerations

Financial

5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising directly from this report.

Employment

5.2 None.

Legal (Including Equalities)

5.3 Section 47 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states: -

- (1) A district council may attach to the grant of a licence of a hackney carriage under the Act of 1847 such conditions as the district council may consider reasonably necessary.
- (2) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing subsection, a district council may require any hackney carriage licensed by them under the Act of 1847 to be of such design or appearance or bear such distinguishing marks as shall clearly identify it as a hackney carriage.
- (3) Any person aggrieved by any conditions attached to such a licence may appeal to a magistrates' court.

6. Background Papers

None

Are you applying for yourself or on behalf of a business?:Business

subBusinessDetails:

Rec'd 21.2.25

Title	First Name	Surname	Email Address	Phone Number	Company / business name	The address I want to add is	Postcode / street search	House Flat name / number
					taxi4rent limited			

What are you looking to do today?:Renew an existing licence

Does your application relate to Hackney Carriage or Private Hire Vehicle?:Hackney Carriage

Vehicle Plate Number (private hire e.g. PH123, hackney carriage e.g. HC064):HC059

Give name and address of person or company for whom you drive or intend to drive the licensed vehicle: VEEZU

Registration Number (Number Plate):KRZ7694

Vehicle Make: SKODA

Vehicle Colour: WHITE

Manufactured: 2016

Vehicle Tax Status: Taxed

Vehicle Registration Number: KRZ7694

Vehicle MOT Expiry: 12/08/2025

First Registered: 2016-06

calcFuelType: DIESEL

Are the vehicle details provided correct?: Yes

Is the vehicle subject of a current licence issued by another authority?:No

Is the vehicle wheelchair accessible?:No

Do you have a wheelchair lift?:No

Will the vehicle be used for Vale of Glamorgan school transport?:Yes

Is there any other person involved in the renting, keeping, employment or letting of this vehicle?:Yes

If yes please fill in each individual's details in the box below:

Additional Comments:

Name of tester: ONE STOP GARAGE

Date test carried out: 29/11/2024

Upload vehicle meter certificate: 602 KRZ7694 OCT 2024.docx

Upload Documents :

Declaration: * I declare that all information provided on this application form is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information is an offence punishable by fine not exceeding £5,000., * I understand that the issue of a license in respect of this application can be refused and any licence can be revoked if any statements are subsequently found to be false. I undertake to keep Vale of Glamorgan Council informed of any changes to any details supplied in this form., * I understand that failure to do so will constitute a breach of my license conditions and may lead to the possible revocation or suspension of my licence.

Select the length of the licence you need: 6 months (£160)

calcCostShortCode: HCCLR6

calcCost: 160

payAmountInMinor: 16000

payVatAmountInMinorUnits:

payDescription: Taxi Licence

payReference: [REDACTED]

payVatCode: [REDACTED]

payFundCode: [REDACTED]

payAdditionalRef: [REDACTED]

payNarrative: [REDACTED]

panEntryMethod: [REDACTED]

calcTransactionReference: [REDACTED]

calcTransactionStatus: [REDACTED]

calcUniqueTranId: [REDACTED]

Assign to Officer: [REDACTED]

Documents Received: Meter Certificate

Summary of Actions Taken: Printed for processing

Outcome: Close Case

Richardson, Julia

From: Westall, Vince A on behalf of Licensing
Sent: 21 March 2025 12:59
To: Richardson, Julia
Subject: FW: HC059 - Application being referred to Committee

From: Taxi4Rent Limited [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2025 12:22
To: Licensing <Licensing@valeofglamorgan.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: HC059 - Application being referred to Committee

Good afternoon Julia,

Please see below statement

The vehicle's license was not renewed upon its expiration due to unforeseen engine problems that arose unexpectedly. I understand that this situation has placed the vehicle outside of the age policy, which complicates matters. However, I want to assure you that I am taking proactive steps to address the issue.

I have ordered a new engine for the vehicle, and it is scheduled to arrive in three weeks. Once the new engine is installed, I believe the vehicle will be in good working condition and able to comply with all necessary regulations.

In light of these circumstances, I kindly ask you to consider the possibility of re-licensing the vehicle. Your assistance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

Photo 1



Photo 2



Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7



Photo 8



Photo 9



Photo 10

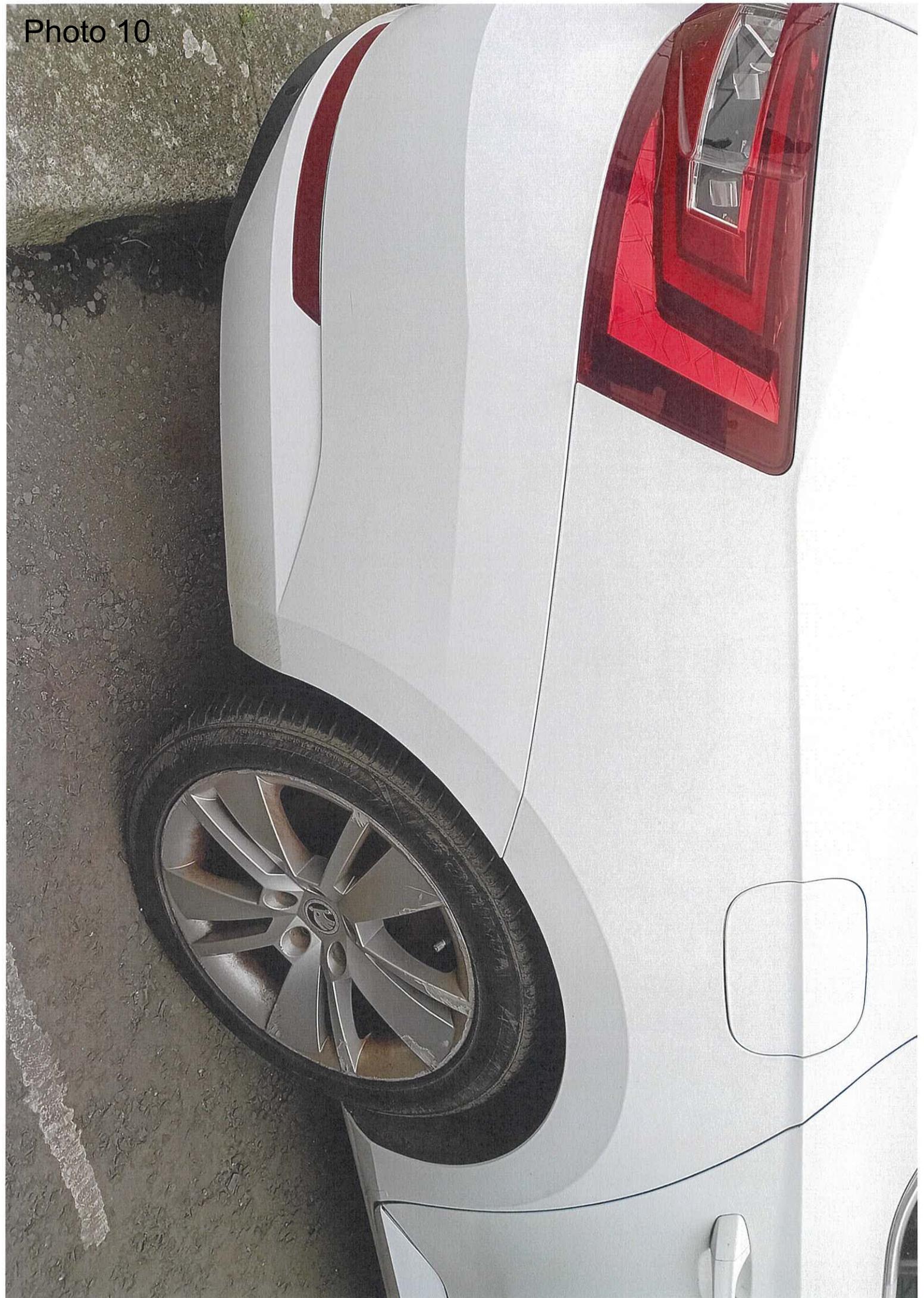


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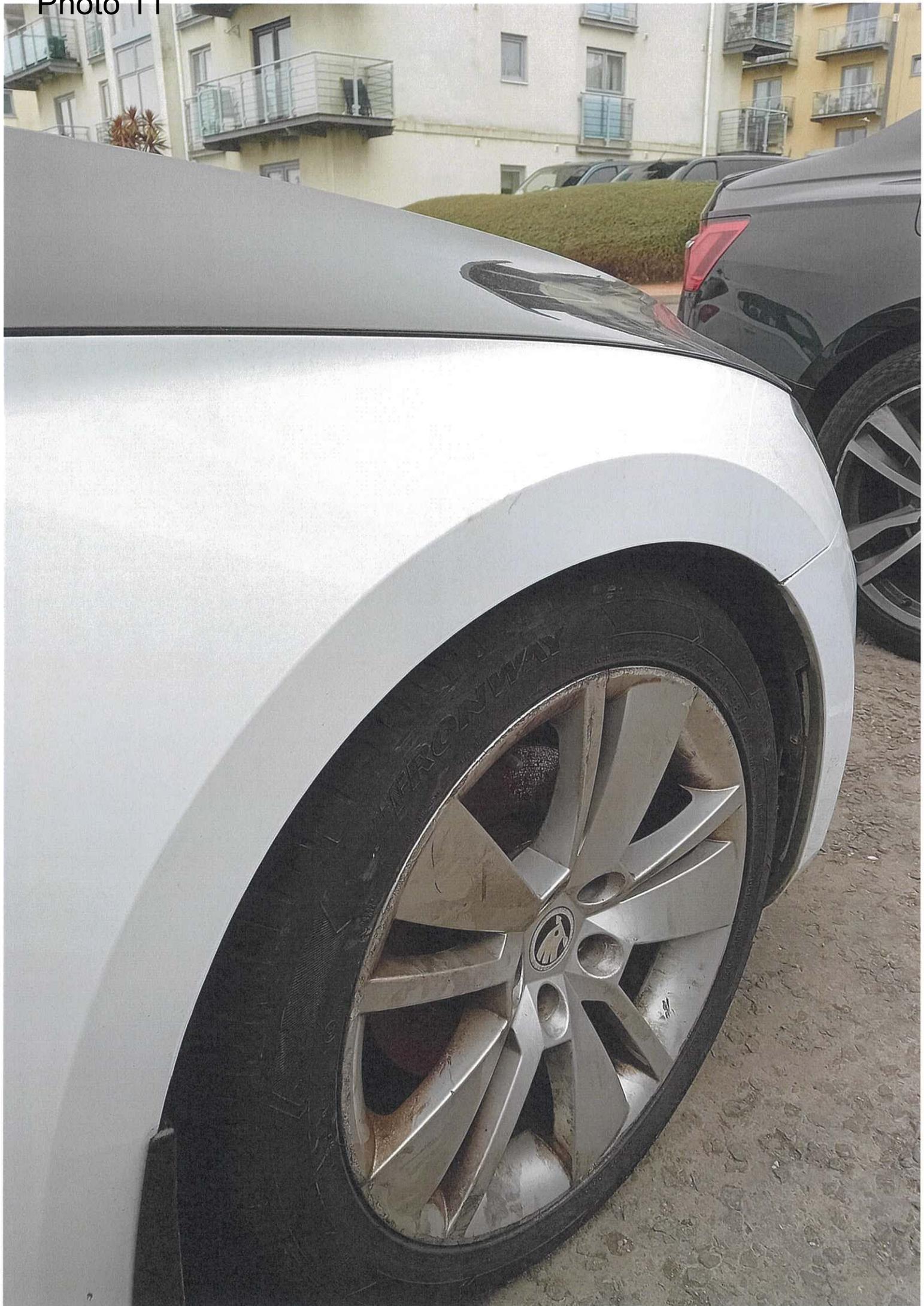
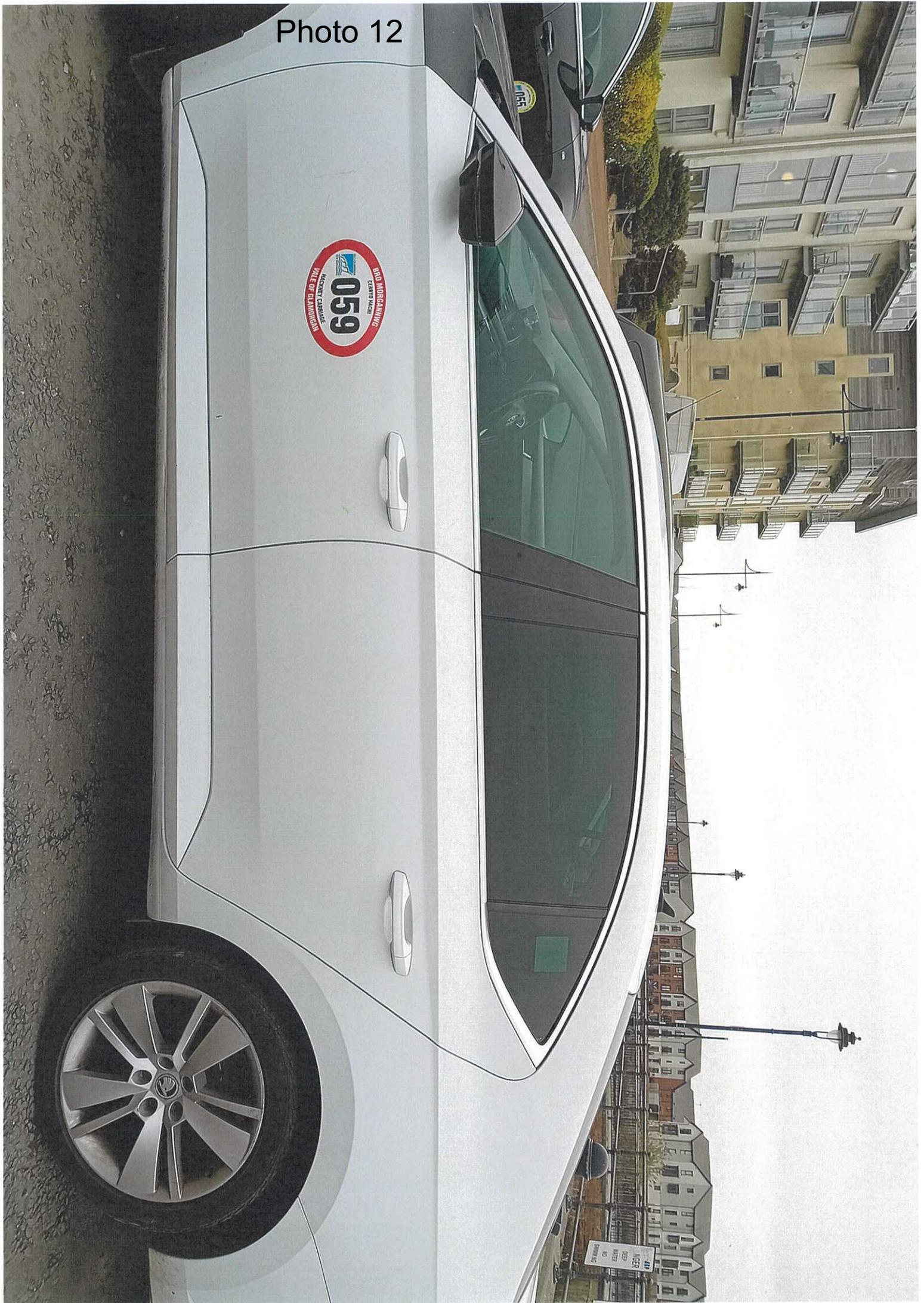


Photo 12



SALE OF CLEANER CAR
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Photo 13



Photo 1



Photo 2

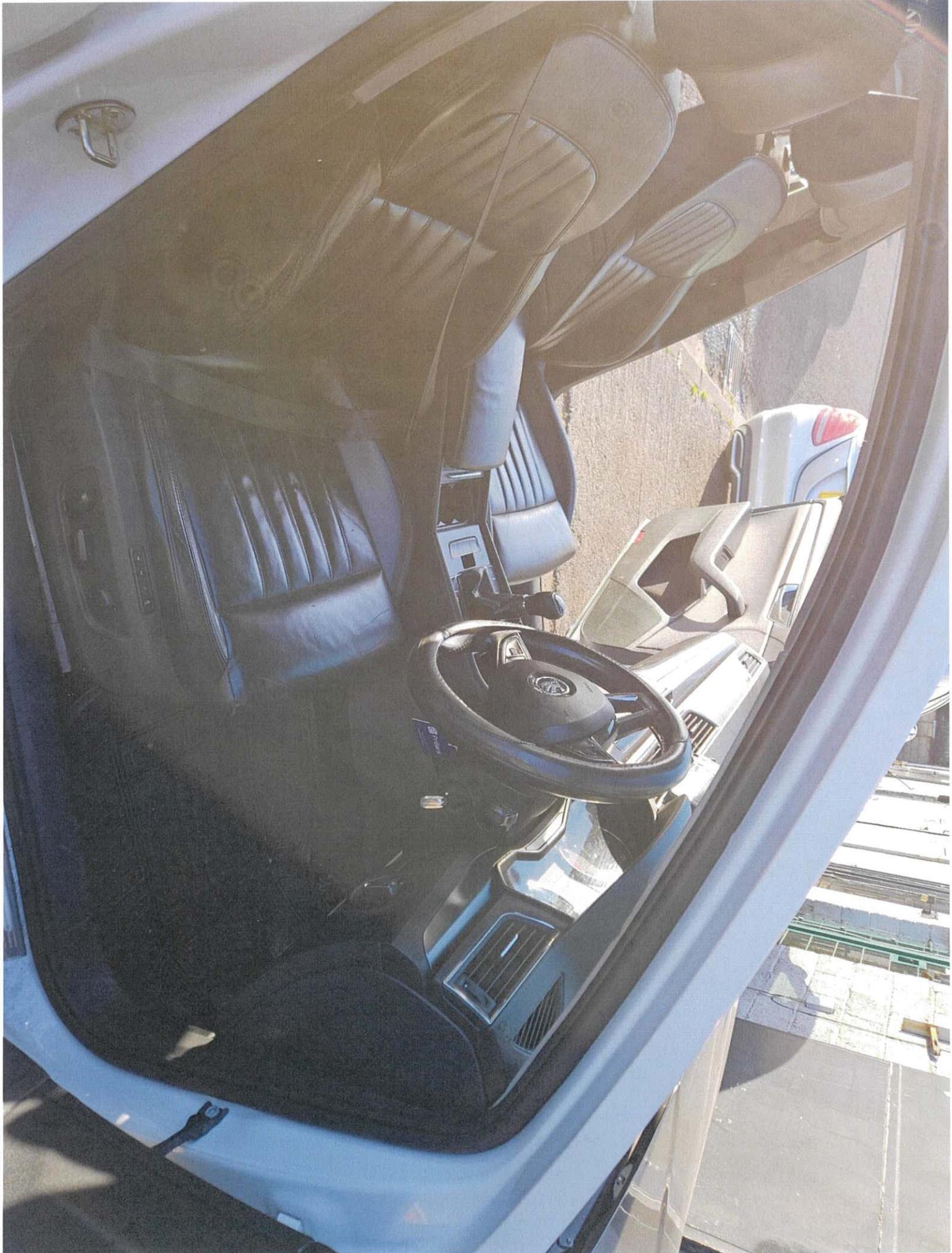


Photo 3



Photo 4



Photo 5



Photo 6



Photo 7

