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Dear Cllr Smith,

Thank you for your letter of 4 January 2021 setting out the Vale of White Horse District Council's plans related to the Statutory Taxi and Private Hire Vehicle Standards and use of the national register of taxi and private hire licence revocations and refusals (NR3).

The Statutory Standards are an important first step in reforming the way the taxi and private hire vehicle (PHV) sector is regulated and should ensure consistent standards between licensing authorities.

I am pleased to hear that you are reviewing your licensing policy for taxis and PHVs to incorporate the Statutory Standards and that you also have plans in place which will enable you to commence use of NR3.

I would like to acknowledge the excellent work you are doing sharing information with other licensing authorities across Oxfordshire. Use of the NR3 will therefore build on the platform already in use, enables information sharing at national level too.

I look forward to continuing our collaboration on this important work.

*Yours,  
Charlotte*

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