

Appendix A - Interview Notes for Mr John Carr – 05/07/2014

Mr Carr was interviewed by Mrs Amelia Byres and Mr Philip Cooper; he explained that he was in stationary traffic on Thursday 4th July at approximately 14.00 hours, he explained that his operator A2B had allocated him a job to collect passengers from a local school. He explained that he was in stationary queuing traffic on Albion Street when his mobile telephone rang. He saw from the caller display on the mobile telephone that it was his son calling and felt that as the traffic was stationary he had time to answer the mobile telephone quickly before the traffic started to move again.

He explained that the vehicle was then pulled over by Police Sergeant (PS) Tony Wallace and consequently inspected. On inspection of the vehicle PS Tony Wallace found that the vehicle (PHV053) had three defective tyres. Mr Carr was informed that his vehicle was served with an immediate prohibition notice and that he had been summonsed to Court for the motoring offence, using a mobile phone whilst driving.

Mr Carr explained that he had replaced the tyres on the vehicle at the beginning of June however he had purchased used, part-worn tyres instead of new tyres. He explained that this was the first time he had bought second-hand, part worn tyres and had not appreciated how little wear you get from them. He explained that since replacing the tyres at the beginning of June he had done approximately 5000 miles using them.

Mr Carr went on to say that he knew that the tyres were not perfect, however his vehicle is due to be tested in July for the six monthly MOT and fitness test therefore he decided to keep the tyres on the vehicle and use them until the 6 monthly MOT and fitness test was due to be completed. He explained that this occasion was the first time that he had bought second hand, part worn tyres and that it was an error of judgement on his part.

Mr Carr explained that the vehicle was MOT tested on 5th July 2013, the 'pass' certificate for which he produced during the interview. He explained that the vehicle had passed a private MOT test that morning in which no defects or advisories were listed.

When asked if Mr Carr had been told by his operator or colleagues to change the tyres in recent weeks he advised that no one had mentioned the tyres to him previously.