

“Exceptional Condition”

A vehicle will not be regarded as in “exceptional condition” except where:

Evidence has been presented to the Council that the vehicle has been regularly serviced and maintained in line with the manufacturer’s servicing schedule.

When considering the exterior and interior of the vehicle the following matters will be taken into consideration in judging if the condition is exceptional. A single item dependant upon the extent of damage or cosmetic appearance will not necessarily result in refusal to extend the use of the vehicle but 2 or more items in all areas will require correction, replacement or repair for an extension to be granted.

Exterior of vehicle

1. The exterior paintwork on the vehicle should not:
 - (a) shows signs of rusting
 - (b) be faded or show signs of mismatched paint repairs
 - (c) have 5 or more stone chips greater than 2mm in length in any direction
 - (d) have 8 or more stone chips of any size
 - (e) have any scratches, cracks or abrasions where the top layer of paint has been removed.
2. The exterior bodywork of the vehicle should not:
 - (a) have 2 or more dents greater than 10mm in length in any direction
 - (b) have 4 or more dents less than 10mm in length in any direction
 - (c) have fittings that are missing, broken or damaged.
3. Have wheels and wheel trims that have significant damage which detracts from the overall excellent condition of the vehicle.
4. The vehicle must be submitted for inspection in a clean state such that an effective inspection is possible. Should the vehicle be submitted in an unclean state then the application shall be refused.
5. The engine compartment must not be in a dirty condition nor evidence of leaks including water, oil or hydraulic fluids.

Interior of vehicle

4. The seating and carpet areas of the vehicle shall not show signs of:
 - (a) staining
 - (b) damp
 - (c) fraying or ripping of the material
 - (d) seat covers that are loose or badly fitted.
5. The seats should provide sufficient support for comfortable travel and should not demonstrate excessive compression of the seating area or wear within the support mechanism.

6. Interior panels and fittings within the vehicle should not be damaged nor show excessive wear, or staining.
7. The interior of the vehicle should not have damp or other obnoxious smells.

“Abnormally Low Mileage”

The Council will not regard a vehicle as having travelled an abnormally low mileage in the following circumstances:

1. A vehicle intended for normal private use – a mileage in excess of 200,000 miles
or
2. a vehicle purposely built for use as a licensed vehicle with a mileage in excess of 300,000 miles.
or
3. A “prestige car” with a mileage in excess of 300,000 miles.

PRESTIGE CAR

A “prestige car” is to be defined as an executive style vehicle with the following minimum requirements:

- a) Be a four door saloon motor car and would not normally be a hatchback
- b) Be not less than 14.9 ft (4470mm) in length
- c) The vehicle interior and exterior shall be of the very highest quality in design and use of materials available.
- d) Must have sufficient space for passengers and equipment in so much as:
 - (i) rear height (seat to roof, measured from point of contact between seat cushion and back of seat) - 36” (91cm)
 - (ii) depth of seat – 20” (51cm)
 - (iii) knee space – (back of seat squab) with front seats fully back – 29” (73.5cm)
- e) The vehicle should carry no more than:
 - (i) one passenger in the front;
 - (ii) three passengers in the rear, unless it is specifically designed or adapted to do so;
 - (iii) each rear seat passenger should have a minimum clear seat width for each passenger of at least 19” (48.2cm).
- f) The engine capacity must exceed 2 litres.
- g) The vehicle must not be designed or adapted for off road purposes.
- h) The vehicle must not be designed or adapted as a personnel carrier, mini bus, people mover or other like vehicle.