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**Road Vehicles – improving air quality and safety Consultation response**

The Department for Transport (DfT) has written to the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs today (1 May) to advise that following an overwhelming negative response to their recent consultation, the proposal to require certain classes of vehicles submitted for an Individual Vehicle Approval (IVA) following construction to meet currently prevailing emission standards, is withdrawn.

Arguments against the proposal demonstrated the immeasurably small beneficial effect on air quality that would have resulted whilst on the other hand SME’s involved in the UK Kit car sector and specialists involved in reconstructing historic vehicles would have been put out of business at a stroke.

The status quo will therefore prevail with regard to IVA testing going forward.

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**Editor’s notes**

1. The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs exists to maintain the freedom of its members to use historic vehicles on the UK’s roads, hence its campaign message: ‘Yesterday’s Vehicles on Tomorrow’s Roads’.  The FBHVC has over 550 member clubs representing over 251,000 individual owners.

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