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Dear Sir or Madam

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the censorship of number plates.

If I may first explain that the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency has a responsibility to its stakeholders and customers to ensure that the combinations used on registration numbers do not cause general upset or offence.

The system to identify possible offensive registration numbers is a manual process, which requires Agency staff to exercise their judgement.

The Agency's policy in respect of the withholding of registration numbers from either normal issue or from its sales scheme is clear.

Such numbers are withheld if they are likely to cause offence or embarrassment to the general population in this country on the grounds of political, racial and religious sensitivities or simply because they are in poor taste. This can result in a whole series or individual numbers being withheld.

I hope this letter has clarified the matter for you.

Yours faithfully

Miss R Newman
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