

## **APPENDIX D**

The amended wording caters adequately for saloon cars / hatchbacks. However it is NOT adequate for larger vehicles e.g. Mini-Bus. With these latter vehicles a PUBLIC SAFETY RISK arises when vulnerable members of the public exit / egress from the vehicle using the off-side rear door straight into traffic. ( It is more difficult to freely exit from a car using the offside door, than in a larger Mini-bus size vehicle) The latest incident happened only last month in Bristol where the result was unfortunately fatal for the young lady concerned. This risk was identified and catered for by the now extinct Cheshire County Council, who made it clear in their training of drivers for School Contracts, that pupils should only use nearside doors. The safety risk outweighs the convenience factor.