



DECISIONS OF THE TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER FOR WALES

Owen Evans (Haulage) Ltd – OG0096114

&

Transport Manager – Richard Neville Thomas

Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995 (“the Act”)

Decisions made in respect of the operator’s licence held by Owen Evans (Haulage) Ltd OG0096114

1. Adverse findings are made under sections 26(1)(c)(iii); 26(1)(e); and, 26 (1) (f) of the Act.
2. The operator continues to satisfy the requirement to be of good repute, section 13A(2) of the Act.
3. The operator continues to satisfy the requirement to have sufficient financial resources, section 13A(2) of the Act.
4. The operator continues to have the required professional competence, section 13A(2) of the Act.
5. All the existing non standard conditions and undertakings are removed and replaced with the following undertakings:
 - (1) PMIs will be no longer than 6 weekly;
 - (2) rolling road brake tests will be carried out at least every other PMI, with the other test still showing a recorded test; and,

(3) in addition to the existing transport manager, the operator will utilise an additional qualified transport manager for at least 10 hours a week.

6. The existing vehicle authorisation of 15 vehicles is curtailed to 12 vehicles until 1st June 2019.

7. The existing trailer authorisation of 6 trailers is increased to 12 trailers until 1st June 2019, at which time it is increased again to 15 trailers.

Decisions made in respect of Transport Manager Richard Neville Thomas

8. Richard Neville Thomas retains his good reputation as a transport manager albeit it is tarnished.

Attendance at Public Inquiry

- Richard Thomas, director and transport manager
- Ashley Owen, a qualified transport manager but not recorded as holding that position on this licence
- Andrew Edwards, Tacho Man Ltd
- David Williams of Redkite solicitors, representing the operator and transport manager
- VE Wayne Williams



**Nick Jones
Traffic Commissioner
Comisiynydd Trafnidiaeth**

11 January 2019

File notes (which can be copied to all present and is also for Licensing staff to note re a future increase in authorisation)

- This is a business which is now regarded as good by the DVSA. Issues arose which have been addressed
- There is a connection revealed with a PI on 9 June 2018 involving Redstaff Ltd and Richard Francis and Edward Skinner who claimed a legitimate relationship with this operator. I refused their licence application and it is now clear that I was correct to do so. This operator was innocent and was duped, resulting in a letter being sent by this operator to Messrs Francis and Skinner. That letter has now been copied to the DVSA at my request.