Offensive registration plates featuring the '71 year identifier banned in DVLA purge



Hundreds of potentially offensive registrations featuring the '71 year identifier were banned by the DVLA to prevent inappropriate ones being requested and issued.

The ban prevents unsuitable registrations referring to Covid-19, the EU, Afghanistan, offensive political statements, sexual and many other controversial subjects being used on vehicles.

The DVLA regularly issues a list of banned combinations before each new release so this is not unusual. Serious thought goes into deciding which number plates will go on the DVLA's list of suppressed registrations. Twice a year, the public body asks its best and brightest personnel to find every combination of the newly released format that shouldn't be issued.

A spokesperson for the Agency said, 'The vast majority of registration numbers are made available but the Agency holds back any combination that might offend.'

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