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Dear Mr Virgo,

Re: Permanent signage on Eastbourne Hackney Carriages

I am writing to you regarding the above issue which is of major concern to our members.

Our members would be seriously financially disadvantaged by such a move.

All would incur the cost of sign writing their vehicles and of removing and repainting before they can sell their cars on.

Most drivers also use their vehicles as their private, family cars. The confusion of having these cars driving around on private journeys, with taxi signage on is obvious. Buying a second vehicle would be prohibitively expensive for our drivers.

Some of our drivers also hire their cars out for weddings and other work. They have invested heavily in these vehicles and contrary to the European Directive, would not be able to use their property to its full potential for weddings/executive travel etc., or for personal usage freely if door signs are permanent.

We have collected a petition from our drivers and would appreciate the chance to discuss the matter with you in person.

I look forward to your response,


Jason Wake