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FAO: Mr Jay Vardy, Licensing Manager, Eastbourne Council
Re: Permanent signage on Eastbourne Hackney Carriages

Dear Mr Vardy,

I am writing to you following our conversation on the phone. Please find enclosed a petition signed by our membership within the Hackney Trade in Eastbourne.

Thank you for agreeing to meet at 10am on 18th October.

Just to give you a brief history. We were approached by the Hackney Trade drivers with their concerns and we are currently organising on their behalf. We also intend to move onto organising the Private Hire vehicles as well in the near future. As you can see 72 drivers have signed the petition which we believe shows the strength of feeling that exists on this issue.

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 would lose this income if they had to have permanent signage written on them.

I look forward to your response,

Jason Wake