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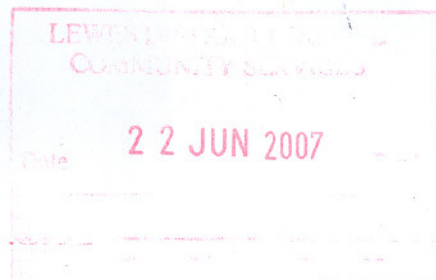
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Dear Mr Stratton

Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd – Newhaven
Environmental Protection Act 1990, Schedule 4



I write in reference to the above matter and your letter dated 22 May 2007.

The guidance to the Act stresses that co-operation between organisations should resolve the problem of abandoned trolleys so it is our hope that we can agree arrangements to avoid notices being issued.

We employ contractors to collect trolleys near many of our stores as well as sending colleagues out to recover trolleys when we are made aware of them. If we are notified then we are able to recover trolleys as quickly as contractors working for the local authority and at a small fraction of the cost. We would greatly appreciate this opportunity.

My understanding of the act is that it allows local authorities to recover the costs incurred in the collection/ storage of trolleys so I am sure the Council would be equally happy for Sainsbury's to make the collections. Thus avoiding the need for the Council to collect the trolleys and store the trolleys, all the time incurring costs that need to be claimed back from ourselves.

Unfortunately the wider community and Sainsbury's are regularly victims of anti social behaviour and this includes the dumping of trolleys. We remain keen to ensure these trolleys do not cause any damage to the environment by collecting them as soon as is practicable and without incurring unnecessary charges.

Yours sincerely

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