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From: Tristan Armes [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 February 2011 02:15
To: Rackley, Shaun
Subject: Dear Saun Rackley

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Your Ref :SRU 159283
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14th February

Dear Saun Rackley,

I am writing to you in reply to your letter, dated 9th Feb, 2011 in which you have asked me to explain my actions.

I agree that it is not acceptable to park illegally on double yellow lines and I don't enjoy having to do so, but please take into account that we are all struggling to earn a living, in the quietest winter in living memory. With the inflated price of fuel at the moment and the lack of spaces for taxis in the town centre and the sheer number of drivers competing for every space, we can't afford to drive casually around the town, hoping that a space will appear. I am sure that if the members of the licensing committee were in our shoes, they would not want to use their fuel up either. We have lost several spaces from ranks being taken away ie Library, Market Street and Abbey Road, which makes it even harder to find spaces for taxis.

I am very sorry that I have felt under pressure to park on the opposite side of the rank, until a space becomes available for me to move across to it and I shall endeavor to avoid doing so in the future, but I cannot promise that it will never happen again with taxi drivers.

Yours sincerely

Chris Mallett

Ps Any further correspondence regarding this matter should be sent by letter to the above address, as I am using a friend's computer and may not get your reply. Thank you.

10/03/2011