

10.3.11

Sirs,

With reference SRU16004

Re. Hackney Carriage licence number 102, Car Reg: WFS7UVA

I have received a letter dated 4th March 2011 informing me of the possibility of being summoned before the licensing Committee for allegedly parking on a double yellow line on the Torquay harbourside bank on the 19th February at 00:37hrs I was reported to the Council for this supposed infringement by a Police driver who seemed incapable of performing a simple overtaking manoeuvre, he came round the Clocktower Island with his lights and siren on so I automatically pulled over in the nearest safe place to let him pass, this put me on the yellow lines at the back of the bank, by the time the Police vehicle had passed the bank was moving so at no time were my wheels stationary for more than 30 ~~seconds~~ seconds as your CCTV cameras will attest.

As you are no doubt fully aware emergency vehicles have no automatic right of way on the roads and if sanctions are taken against me for gesture of solidarity with the Police then I will advise all of my work colleagues about the risks involved at becoming an easy target for over zealous Police enforcement and instead of pulling over to carry on driving until a safe, legal, place to pass is found which does not disrupt other road users, and as you know this is quite difficult between the harbour and the Iron Bridge at the bottom of Belgrave Road.

I find it incredulous that I can assist the Police by clearing the road then receive a letter such as yours.

Could you also let me know when a parking enforcement officer
will next be working as despite several complaints to the police
who seem unwilling to tackle private vehicles parking obstructively, yet
are only too keen to report Hackney Carriages, can you confirm there is
no vendetta??, and on Saturday night (5.3.11) at various points in the
night there were 6 ~~cars~~ cars parked on the temporary bank in Towerfoot
Street, at one time 4 vehicles were parked at once leaving no space
at all for taxis, have they received a letter from the Council informing
them of any action that may be taken? Again your CCTV will
provide footage or I can make the vehicle types and registration
number available.

Yours Sincerely