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To: Rackley, Shaun
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Morning Shaun,

As per our conversation regarding the incident involving Imran and 2 traffic enforcement officers.

On the day in question Shaun I can categorically confirm that Imran was not, under any circumstances, trying to drive up a one way system after being asked to move his vehicle from over the line on the GPO roundabout rank. I actually moved for Imran to move into my space as I was going for lunch with my partner. I was quite shocked at the behavior of the warden and felt that he was trying to come across very much as he was going to prove his authority with Imran due to him being with a younger warden (I think the other warden was in training). Once I'd pulled around the roundabout I did notice the traffic warden seemed to be goading Imran by waking back to carry on the discussion (which I did not hear). Having read the letter which was sent by yourself to Imran I am shocked at the accusations that are being made against him regarding the verbal abuse that was apparently pointed towards the officers by Imran.

Shaun, I was there, I did not here any kind of verbal abuse, I don't doubt for one second that Imran was not however annoyed at the way he was spoken to. I have had experience of this particular traffic warden in the past and I must say that I find his manner extremely aggressive and not at all professional. I know that as taxi drivers we are not perfect, far from it, and yes we park where we shouldn't some of the time, but I have always responded well to the traffic wardens for several reason, like us, they have a job to do and its the law. It's also the way that they deal with us and the majority of them are very good. The fact remains that when a traffic warden asks us to move etc, we are somewhere we shouldn't be, but does this give the odd one the right to speak to us like we are stupid????? I am aware that you have photographic evidence of Imran sticking up his middle finger, again, I did not see this. The accusation that the warden has made about Imran threatening to attack him once he is out of of uniform is a serious allegation!!!! and if found to be true this could result in Imran losing his taxi licence, I can only hope that facts are correct at the time of this decision being made. I would also like to ask if this particular traffic warden has been taken to task regarding his attitude?

I am aware that there has been issues with Imran in the past, but having done a little bit of investigation of my own, Imran seems to of sorted himself out and from speaking to the other drivers (mainly on the GPO rank) he seems to of settled down. Shaun, as you know I've had problems of my own since becoming a Hackney driver. Taxi drivers are a pain in the arse at the best of times, but, the one thing I have always tried to hold onto is a sense of justice and I feel very strongly about this particular incident and the allegation's that have been made. As i said to you during our conversation I would never bare false witness for anyone, nor would I lie if I thought somebody was in the wrong, regardless of who they are. It does annoy me somewhat that it seems to be that the word of the traffic enforcement officer override the word of a taxi driver (in this incident). I know there has to be an amount of fairness and i know that sorting out the taxi drivers is not an easy task (I am always willing to come and help lol).

Shaun, if I can shed anymore light on this please don't hesitate to ring me [REDACTED]. Thank you for calling me back the other day, I know your mega busy.

Warm regards

Louise Cartwright.