

Mr R G Woolacott,



TORBAY COUNCIL
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COMMUNITY SAFETY

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Copy; Almy and Thomas.

Dear Sir,

Reference your letter dated 26th February, I am sick and tired of being abused because of my size and weight. I arrived at the short rank with three taxis parked there, one was loading passengers, there was a private car half on the rank, I gave him a short beep on my horn, a head came out of the car and shouted some abuse, I didn't catch what he said, at the same time the taxi that was loading pulled away and I passed the illegally parked car, stopping with my passenger window open, to say to him that he was causing an obstruction and I pay the local council to be able to park here. All I got was, and I quote, " fuck off you fat bastard". I pulled onto the rank got my camera and walked back and took a photo of his car and himself. After I took the photos I returned to my car and sat in the drivers seat. CCTV will show this. Moments later the driver must have followed me back, and grabbed my right arm, with my camera in, I told him to take his hands off me has this was assault, (his second assault on me), again the CCTV will show this, suddenly he reached into my car and grabbed my camera which by this time I had transferred into my left hand and placed it on the car dashboard . He then returned to his car, I followed and tried to retrieve my property. Just then a 'cab co' driver came up behind this car and I asked him to call the police, which he did. A struggle occurred for a minute or so with me trying to get my camera back, he had put it in his right hand coat pocket and during the struggle he kept punching me in the head and on my hand and I sustained some minor injuries, mainly to my hand. Just then his wife returned and got into the passenger seat, he then took my camera out his pocket and gave it to her telling her to delete photos from it. (in fact some important photos of my family have been deleted)I told her that her husband had stolen my camera and that the police have been called. She then gave it back to her husband saying "give it back to him" has he did he said, and again I quote " I'll stitch you up, I'm a fucking good lair I'll have you out of a job you fat bastard" Third time I've been assaulted. As I was waiting for the police I decided to stop him driving away by standing in front of his car until the police arrived. The police arrived and I told the constable what happened and that I wished to make a complaint against this man for assault. I also showed him my minor injuries. I,m still waiting to make a statement to the police.

I must say that the tone of your letter seems, although I'm sure its not the case, but it seems I'm guilty until I prove my innocence. We drivers take abuse almost on a weekly basic and I would think we should have full support and protection from the council. I'll wish to see the CCTV of this incident. I also have two witnesses which approached me a couple of hours after the incident.

Finally I have at last been connected to a home phone and will in the next few days forward you an E mail address.

Yours,

