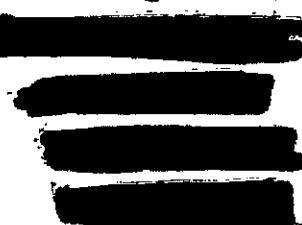


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Dear Shaun,

In response to your letter Ref: SRU 160041. As you can see from your records I am an experienced driver with a clean licence and holding a L.G.V. and P.C.V. without ever having been charged with any traffic offence since first owing my licence. Never have I at any time intentionally or otherwise broke traffic regulations.

If fully observed you would see taxis parked on double yellow lines on Torwood St., Vaughan Parade as well as the harbourside ranks due to lack of rank space. At times it is becoming increasingly difficult to park on any rank.

Can I just point out the fact of private vehicles parking on the Torwood rank at operational times for the night with the police refusing to move them on stating it is not their responsibility.

Surely a bit of give and take is not asking too much.

I am not trying to justify illegal parking, I am just trying to put a point on one of the problems we are currently facing.

Any time I have pulled onto the back of a rank it is in response to

customers getting into the first vehicle and in anticipation of all vehicles then automatically moving up. On any given night of the week this is an occurrence which all drivers participate in. A case of if you are not last you are last!

I am a driver who keeps himself to himself, all other drivers appear aware of when you are going to be there observing otherwise you will see this happening at all times on every day and night of the week.

As you can probably appreciate times are very hard at the moment to earn a very basic living, what with increasing licensing fees, plate rental, company fees etc desperate times!

Having just spent some time in hospital (shadow on lungs) I am very aware of the effect an imposed ban would have on me. I am aware that I probably would not be able to financially recover from a ban so I am pleading for your leniency on this occasion with the promise here in writing that this will never happen again. I sincerely apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Yours Sincerely