

8th MARCH 2011

MR. P. A. STONE

TORBAY COUNCIL ELECTORAL DIVISION	
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Dear Shaun,

in response to your letter
 Ref: SL4 160041. As you can see from
 your records I am an experienced driver
 with a clean licence and holding a h.C.V.
 and P.C.V. without ever having been
 charged with any traffic offence since
 first owning my licence. Never have I at
 any time intentionally or otherwise broke
 traffic regulations.

If I 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 first 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