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17<sup>th</sup> November 2014

Dear Ms Taylor

**Re: Objection to proposal for Hackney Carriage Stands in Morecambe :**

Keeping in mind the mantra "Lancaster City Council, an investor in people/positive about disabled people" you display at the bottom of all email correspondence, I would ask you to review your proposals for the Hackney Carriage Rank as it appears to be inconsiderate towards the disabled both physical and visually impaired, elderly and infirm.

For decades this group of travelling public have enjoyed the convenience of a warm, dry hackney carriage available directly outside the door to the Arndale Centre which reduces their exposure to the elements to the minimum. Your proposals to re-site the taxi rank some 30+ metres down Market Street on the opposite side of the road clearly, disadvantages this sector of the public from the young and able bodied.

May I suggest a solution would be to situate one or two spaces for hackney carriages at the front doors of the Arndale maintaining the service which the elderly and disabled public have relied on for decades. Having consulted with many passengers I am of no doubt that should the proposals be implemented as indicated it will certainly not constitute an improvement for many people.

Furthermore this rank is the only taxi rank with regular customer demand in the Morecambe area and there are already insufficient spaces to facilitate the number of hackney carriages today. These proposals will only increase the difficulties experienced by proprietors/drivers on a day to day basis. The proposal to compensate for the loss of spaces on Market Street by bringing forward possible proposals for new taxi bays on Tunstall Street which will require further consultation in due course is by no means adequate.

As an independent, rank only operating hackney carriage proprietor relying on public demand, which is at the entrance to the Arndale Centre from Market Street, spaces on Tunstall Street will not

provide the same demand due to their position in relation to the public exiting the shopping centre.  
Resulting in a huge impact on the ability to sustain a liveable income.

I trust you will give due consideration to the above opinions and review the proposals accordingly.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Ms. Taylor,

I object to the proposal for hackney carriage stands in Morecambe, for the following reasons:

The ranks on the east side of Market Street are the only ranks in the centre of Morecambe. There are 108 hackney carriages that may come to the rank at any given time. The provision in Market Street is insufficient now. Council officers move taxis on now. The rank at the south end of Market Street should be retained to feed taxis on to the proposed rank on the west side.

There is no need for disabled parking on the south east of Market Street as they can use the car park which is only a few feet away.

Ranks formerly known as M10 and M12 have already been taken by disabled parking spaces. Fourteen spaces lost in the centre of town and not replaced.

There is a requirement to provide spaces. The council charge fees for the provision and maintenance of ranks. Despite attending numerous meetings over 23 years to discuss provision of ranks in Morecambe nothing of significance has altered. I would refer you to the 1976 act regarding provisions of ranks.

You may anticipate legal action should this proceed.

Yours sincerely