

## **Chapel Street Illegal Parking Update**

Between 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 and the current date Licensing Officers have been making their presence known to licensed drivers parked on Chapel Street in Lancaster.

Members have reported to Licensing Officers that there is an issue with licensed vehicles being parked on Chapel Street.

Chapel Street has signage at the entrance of the street which states "Taxis and buses and access only". It is also an area with double yellow lines which is a no parking zone.

Licensing Officers have found there to be 12 licensed vehicles parked on double yellow lines. The driver of each vehicle at the time has been spoken to by an Officer in person and issued a letter advising them they must not park on Chapel Street. All the licensed vehicles that have been found to be parking on Chapel Street are parking on the Sunseekers side of the road and not in the cycle lane.

Licensing Officers have witnessed that there are more private vehicles parking on Chapel Street than licensed vehicles. The private vehicles park on Chapel Street to gain access to local businesses. They are parked both in the cycle lane and the Sunseekers side of the road.

To begin with Licensing Officers did attempt to request private vehicle owners not to park on Chapel Street but have been unsuccessful

The private vehicle parking issue ideally needs to be enforced by parking enforcement Officers at Lancashire County Council who can issue fixed penalty notices.