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Dear Sir,

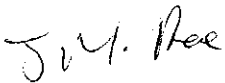
I am writing to you to express our concerns regarding the proposed cuts to services provided by the licensing office and officers.

Under the proposed cuts there will be 2 people doing the work currently done by 5 people, this can only result in the service provided being cut. As the paperwork will still take the same amount of time I can see that the only way to cut costs will be by reducing the enforcement of the councils regulations. If this happens I can foresee that we will get into a situation where there will be unlicensed vehicles picking up passengers claiming to be taxis. I can also see that you will have taxi and private hire vehicles operating which are not up to the standard currently required by the council.

At present all vehicles are checked twice a year by the current licensing officers, also vehicles are checked regularly when the licensing officers call into the various companies. Who will check these vehicles in the future .

We are concerned that the cutbacks proposed will effect our trade

Yours faithfully,



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# Dover Federation Of Licensed Taxi Operators

Your Ref:

Our Ref:

Please reply to

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Pauline Hodding  
Licensing Sub Committee Clerk

Dear Sir,

As Chairman of the Dover Licenced Hackney Federation, I am writing to you on behalf of all our members.

We have read, with deep concern, of the council cost cutting programme and of course in particular, the redundancies in the licensing department.

This worries us greatly as we feel we need and pay, for the support and the backup of this department.

There is certainly a need to be able to access the assistance of a licensing officer at any time to help in the smooth and efficient day to day running of our trade. The fact that the mans duties include the policing of the ranks, by definition means checking the conditions of our cars (and drivers) which untimately covers the safe transportation of all our customers.

The licensing officer also has the ability to act on our behalf at various council meetings as and when required. The mans input to our trade is endless, we also feel that the Hackney and Private Hire trade would not work as well together as they do without the licensing officer.

We are also given to understand the licensing department is funded solely by the Hackney and Private Hire annual fees. If this being the case, cutting the work force within the licensing department would surely have no financial bearing on council savings. If the redundancies, never the less were to be implemented, what effect would this have on our yearly subscription?

Hoping you respect our concern

Sincerely yours



C S Kingsnorth  
(Chairman)

