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Date: 20 March 2023

Dear All Hackney Carriage Drivers,

Limit on Number of Hackney Carriages – Unmet Demand

I write to advise that the Council has received the finalised 'Hackney Carriage Unmet Demand Survey' report, undertaken by LVSA on behalf of the licensing authority.

The Council utilises section 16 of the Transport Act 1985 to limit the number of hackney carriage vehicles licensed in the Borough. The power to do so requires the Council to be satisfied that there is no significant demand for the services of hackney carriages which is unmet, and therefore a survey is undertaken regularly. The Council currently limits the number of hackney carriages to a maximum of 40.

The report from LVSA suggests that there is significant unmet demand regarding the services of hackney carriages in the Havant Borough, but recommends that this cannot be resolved by the issue of further plates. The report identifies that lack of hackney carriages available to service the railway station taxi rank on Friday and Saturday evenings significantly contributes to the unmet demand.

The LVSA report recommends that the Council engages with the hackney carriage trade to better understand whether the unmet demand can be resolved by other means, rather than simply lifting the limit on the number of hackney carriages.

As per the report's recommendations, the Licensing Team are undertaking engagement sessions for the hackney carriage trade on the following dates at Havant Borough Council, Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant, PO9 2AX:

- 1 Tuesday 18 April 2023 10:00, Tournerbury Room, The Plaza
- 2 Thursday 27 April 2023 17:00, Tournerbury Room, The Plaza
- 3 Friday 28 April 2023 13:30, Tournerbury Room, The Plaza

The purpose of these sessions is to discuss how the Council and the hackney carriage trade can work together to resolve the issue of unmet demand. The sessions will be in the form of an open discussion, where views of those attending will be considered in whether the Council needs to remove the limit on the number of hackney carriages in the Borough.

We strongly encourage you to attend one of the above sessions, as your views will be crucial in resolving the issue of unmet demand and determining the action that the Council takes in response to the report.

If you are unable to attend any of the above sessions but still wish to give your views, please put your comments in writing to licensing@havant.gov.uk by **28 April 2023**.

Please contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely,

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Briony Appletree
Interim Licensing Team Leader