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To: [Redacted]; Cllr Andrew Gant
<Andrew.Gant@Oxfordshire.gov.uk>
Cc: [Redacted]
Subject: RE: COLTA - Meeting held on 27th July 2023

Dear [Redacted],

Thank you for email. It was nice to meet you both. Your notes tally with mine.

I have already passed on your comments regarding (1) to (3) below to the Locality Lead ([Redacted] – cc'd) to investigate.

Regarding point (4) – we are currently analysing all consultation responses. Serious consideration will be given to the ANPR exemptions, including potentially allowing Licensed Hackney Carriages through, if the decision is to make the east Oxford LTNs permanent. Please do rest assured that your comments will be fully represented in the reporting.

Kind regards,

[Redacted]

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Dear Councillor Gant,

Our Chairman Mr. Ahmed and I was pleased to meet you and [redacted] on Thursday afternoon on

27th July 2023 at the County Hall when we had the opportunity to discuss with you the issues that are affecting our Hackney Carriage trade here in Oxford.

We appreciate you understanding our issues and the concerns we have.

I would like to briefly iterate the issues and concerns we raised at the meeting with you.

1) The requirement to have access through the Westgate Link Route (Norfolk Street) 24 hour a day.

Current timing for access is 7 a.m till 7 p.m seven days a week. The cut-off time at 7 p.m is creating issues for us as explained at the meeting.

2) The requirement to have a 24-hour Taxi Rank at the Queen Street / Carfax.
Current time of operation is 6:30 p.m till 8 a.m seven days a week.

This is very crucial which requires urgent action especially due to the current extraordinary financial pressure the trade finds itself in trying to modernise by investing around £8 million pounds in the new London style electric taxis by 2025.

Also as explained, Carfax is the most focal point and the busiest and the highest in demand.

3) The importance of having the appropriate signage when entering Queen Street at the junction with New Road.

We believe the signage should make it clear in accordance with the permanent order made by the Chairperson at that Cabinet Decisions meeting which states along the lines that buses and Oxford licensed Hackney carriages are permitted to access Queen Street. So the sign should clarify this which could read: 'Access for Buses and Oxford Licensed Hackney Carriages'.

Currently the sign is vague which is open to abuse by taxis from other districts.

4) In regards to the consultation in relation to East Oxford LTNs and the proposals to install ANPR cameras on 3 roads in the East Oxford area, it is vital that our Hackney Carriage trade is given access (as and when the report is compiled in our support) through these roads marked for ANPR cameras.

Thanks once again to you and to Aron and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Your sincerely,

[Redacted]

Secretary of C. O. L. T. A