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Hi Kim further to the meeting on Wednesday you mentioned about a new back ground check the would include disclosure of CCJ's and is very intrusive. I do not see where there is a need to go into the personal Money dealings etc and am expressing a concern about the relevance of such things they have no bearing on whether your a fit and proper person to drive people including the vulnerable around. Also with just double yellow lines unless things have changed from a few years ago you are allowed to "load/unload on double yellows in a safe place" the police officer I was talking to said dropping off/picking up a passenger was an equivalent to this therefore if we stop drop/pick up and go there should be no problem with it. Although the double yellow lines down Elwyn rd with the double flashes on the curb meant you couldn't stop at all. The bus bay outside little Tesco's in Broad St is a part time one with restriction plate stating no stopping between 7am-7pm so we shouldn't expect and problems there outside of this time. Now something cropped up Friday night whilst working, taxis "rank up" down the side of The Griffin I'm sure you know, and are never moved on by the police, this has been going on for years, think it's looked at we are getting people away from a possible volatile place I suppose, and people walk to the side of the griffin and look upon it as a "taxi rank" where taxis will be. The same has been happening outside the estate agents and furniture store by Cassanos again from 2amish onwards taxis start "ranking up" there on double yellow lines with no problems for being moved on by the police and again people look at it as the place to find a taxi to get home or away from a volatile situation. What will now happen? If the council and licencing want big city rules to come in we need more taxi ranks in places where people want them. I.e. Outside places where people need them 4ish ranks in the middle of town that we struggle to get on because of public parking on them is just no good. Taxis in March provide a good service and over the years of neglect from licencing and the council have found a system that works for the good of the customers as they know where to go to be able to get away from any trouble or to get home. People are gonna be left stranded not knowing where to go. Surely common sense should prevail although the system is wrong no accidents have been cause by what the unofficial taxi system is and now everything we do is being out ruled by your rules. Mark Walton

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