## Appendix 5(b)

## **Sharon Davies**

From:

Licensing

Sent:

05 December 2017 16:47

To:

Sharon Davies

Subject:

FW: Licensing Policy

From:

Sent: 04 December 2017 19:13

To: Licensing

Subject: Licensing Policy

To who it may concern,

The amendments to licensing policy written in red signify a more urgent sense of duty to the public to protect people from drivers deemed unfit and improper persons. To safeguard the public the wording of licensing policy is more clear to define the parameters and interpretation of licensing laws.

This raised sense of duty to the public is positive for the innocent victim of soliciting or kerb crawling, for example, a rogue Taxi Driver

trying to persuade a potential victim to enter his or her cab. However, the nature of taxi driving has two stories to tell with endless crimes and physical and mental abuse to drivers trying to make a living over the years.

Austerity has decimated public services. Also clamping down on state funds can lead to increased drink and drug abuse.

I hope this increased sense of duty to the public in licensing laws has within it a mechanism; that equal weighting in punishment is given to particular crime scenes, and importantly; the retribution in sentencing serves justice.

At the end of the day anyone can be a victim. Taxi drivers are victims of violence or are the benefactors of violence simply in self defence.

## Regards

The amendments are certainly clearer than before to the existing licensing policy which is an improvement and would raise the bar in dealing with unfit or improper people be it taxi drivers or members of the general public.

## **Sharon Davies**

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Licensing

Sent:

08 December 2017 13:11

To:

**Sharon Davies** 

Subject:

FW: licensing policy

Hi Sharon

Ryan says we are to send responses to the letter sent re proposed Policy changes on to you.

Regards

Ryan

From:

Sent: 08 December 2017 12:30

To: Licensing

Subject: licensing policy

These amendments are positive the more the better

to protect public and driver alike.

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