

# Milton Keynes Hackney Carriage Association 2011

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**Wednesday, 27 November 2013**

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**For the attention of the Regulatory Committee at the meeting on Wednesday, 11 December 2013**

Dear Councillor Burke and all members of the Regulatory Committee.

**REF: Application for the re-regulation of the hackney carriage trade in Milton Keynes**

I have asked Dino Imbimbo to circulate copies of all previous letters relating to our application for re-regulation of the taxi trade in Milton Keynes from this association to the members of the Regulation Committee along with this one.

You will read our submission, dated 6 April 2011 and as I write this letter, nothing has changed in fact, the whole situation has got a lot, lot worse. I understand that there is some 255 licenced hackney carriages in Milton Keynes, which from our national sustistics table represents a fleet that would serve a population of 637,500 people. Can I ask you, when do you think Milton Keynes will reach that figure because until it does, the taxi trade in Milton Keynes is in a desperate situation.

The trade has been in a spiral decline ever since the Regulatory Committee de-regulated in 2002, nobody is earning a living wage. Many drivers who were in the trade prior to 2002 have diversified and left the trade including myself, which is a sad state of affairs.

You will of read in my letter, dated Friday, 30 August 2013 that I mentioned the Law Commissions review report. I hope since then, you've all had the opportunity to read the interim report, which was published in April this year. From that report we read that it's the commissions intension to recommend that all local councils in England and Wales will still be the licensing authority responsible for licencing hackney carriage, then to be known simply as taxis and they and only they should determine how many taxis are required to meet the demand. As I said in my last letter, that can only be undertaken through regulation of the taxi trade.

I am, in conjunction with your officers working on ideas, plans, proposals and conditions to give the trade a better existence should to decide to cap the trade at your next meeting. To leave the trade in its current state would be a catastrophic disaster for all concerned.

I must plead with you to cap the trade in December so that the taxi trade can start to recover. It will take years but at least it will be a start and give us the opportunity to work with your officers and perhaps at the end of it all, Milton Keynes will have the best taxis service possible, which it deserves.

**Please, please, please,  
cap the taxi trade on  
Wednesday, 11  
December**

Yours sincerely



Peter E Kirkham  
Executive Chair

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