

Hackney Carriage Driver

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By Email

Dear Hackney Carriage Driver

WARNING NOTICE

**Hackney Carriage Byelaws made under Town Police Clauses Act 1847 section 68 and Public Health Act 1875 section 171
Surrey Street, Brighton Marina**

We are once again receiving complaints about drivers behaviour whilst queuing in Surrey Street from residents, the police and councillors. This includes blocking the road, driving/waiting on loading bays and the pavement, excessive sounding horns. We have also had complaints regarding Hackney Carriages queuing at Brighton Marina where there is not an appointed rank.

You are reminded that The Council has made Byelaws under section 68 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 and section 171 of the Public Health Act 1875 with respect to hackney carriages in the Brighton & Hove Council area. Byelaw 7(a) states:

The driver of a hackney carriage shall, when plying for hire in any street and not actually hired: -

- (a) proceed with reasonable speed to one of the stands appointed by the Council which that hackney carriage is permitted to use;*
- (b) if a stand, at the time of his arrival, is occupied by the full number of carriages authorised to occupy it, proceed to another stand which that hackney carriage is permitted to use;*

In addition the 'Blue Book' States:

- 48.1** The driver must behave in a civil and orderly manner at all times when carrying out his or her duties, and not act in a manner to a passenger, member of the public or other licence holder that may:
- Cause any person to take offence at their actions
 - Cause any person to believe their actions to be inappropriate
 - Cause any person to fear for their physical safety
 - Cause any person to doubt their integrity
 - Bring in to disrepute the integrity of the Council for having issued a licence to such person



**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

Regulatory Services

Taxi Licensing Office
Hove Town Hall
Norton Road
Hove
BN3 3BQ

I must warn you that any driver of a Hackney Carriage vehicle, witnessed by an officer of this department, ranking in the district of Brighton and Hove contrary to the above Byelaw may find themselves the subject of further enforcement action.

This may include the Hackney Carriage driver's licence being revoked, suspended or not renewed. The Council may also take formal action through the courts where, if found guilty, a driver could be liable, to a fine of up to level 2 (currently £500).

Yours sincerely

Joanne Player

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