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Dear Mr Harris

**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Section 63**  
**Hackney Carriage Stands in Bowness on Windermere**  
**Formal Consultation**

South Lakeland District Council are required under the above Act to formally consult in relation to the proposed additional Hackney Carriage stands in Church Street, Bowness on Windermere.

The Council have recently received representations from residents, businesses and the local police regarding taxi ranking provisions in the area. Initial informal discussions have taken place with local taxi operators, Cumbria Highways, Cumbria Police and the following proposal has been agreed in principle. The proposal will have a significant effect of reducing noise nuisance/vehicle movement and crime and disorder issues affecting significant areas in Bowness on Windermere, namely, St Martin's Hill/Ash Street and Church Street (Old England/Stags Hotels).

A copy of the proposed plan is attached for your consideration. Could you please provide any comments in writing within 28 days of the date of this letter.

The proposal is to:

- 1) Retain the existing Disabled Parking Provision as is on Church Street.
- 2) To clearly mark a Taxi Rank on Church Street adjacent to the North side of the Church leading to Lake Road. The provision will be for 6 vehicles, Monday – Sunday, 6.00pm until 9.00am. Existing restrictions will apply at all other times.



- 3) The proposal shall be designated under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 and have the designated Traffic Regulations Order attached by Cumbria County Council. This will give the relevant Enforcement Officers authority to protect the rights of legitimate authorised users.
- 4) To inform the travelling public and taxi trade by attaching permanent signage indicating conditions of use to existing structures adjacent to the rank.

South Lakeland District Council has a statutory duty to review taxi ranking provisions throughout the District and must take into account the number of Hackney Carriages operating in the area and the number of ranks provided. The requirements of the travelling public and in particular the night time economy, with regard for the prevention of crime and disorder, noise nuisance and public safety. In doing so the Council will also have regard for the existing provisions within the area. The current review process has not identified any other issues requiring amendment in the area.

The cost of implementing the proposed provision shall be met from within the taxi licensing budget where any maintenance issues will thereafter be met by the service provision held by Cumbria County Council.

Yours sincerely



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