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Ruth Skilton

Derby City Council

Council House

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Dear Councillor Skilton,

With reference to our meeting with the taxi licensing on 15 June 2005, and the complaint I have made on behalf of the trade regarding the display of names at the front of drivers badges.

The Taxi Licensing department argue that they showed a specimen to the trade and that we approved. From the start drivers have complained about displaying their full name at the front of the badge and have expressed concern for their safety. We feel that it is unnecessary to display our names on the front of our badges as we are not doctors, nurses or shop assistants. The drivers display enough information in case of complaint such as vehicle registration and vehicle plate number which is displayed in three positions on the vehicle along with the drivers badge number. To have the name displayed at the front of the badge could lead to some problems such as someone mocking the drivers or more dangerously discovering a driver's address. The name is written on the back of the badge for police or enforcement officers to identify a driver. The public does not need to know the drivers' names. I have included a petition signed by the trade against this issue and I would be grateful if a review is made regarding this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Mohammad Saffaf. (chairman)