

APPENDIX B

RESPONSES RECEIVED:

From: Neil Parish MP <email>
Sent: 22 April 2021 17:06
To: Licensing EDDC <email>
Subject: (Case Ref: NP12788)

Dear Cllr Whibley and Cllr Bloxham,

Thank you for your letter. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you. Due to the pandemic, I am receiving a very high volume of correspondence at present, and as such, responses are taking longer than usual.

I appreciate your concerns regarding support funding for Taxi and Private Hire businesses in East Devon. Therefore, I have made representations on your behalf to Baroness Vere of Norbiton, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport, enclosing a copy for your correspondence.

Once I have gained a response, I will of course update you.

Yours,

Neil

Neil Parish MP

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From: JUPP, Simon <email>
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To: Cllr Joe Whibley <email>
Subject: Financial funding for the taxi and private hire industry

Dear Cllr Whibley,
I hope you are well.

Thank you for your letters on behalf of EDDC's Licensing & Enforcement Committee. May I apologise for the delay in responding.

I'm glad to hear EDDC have since used the government's Additional Restrictions Grant (ARG) to support taxi and private hire operators.

As you'll be aware, the ARG is designed so local authorities can use their discretion to support hard-hit businesses and sectors. The Budget announced further funding for the scheme so this support can continue.

The government also extended the SEISS which helps support the roughly 80 per cent of taxi and private hire drivers who are self-employed.

Ministers have no plans to introduce a specific government scheme, pointing towards the SEISS and discretionary funding administered by local authorities.

Kind regards,
Simon

Simon Jupp MP Member of Parliament for East Devon