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FAO JEYA NADANAKUMARAN

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Dear Ms Nadanakumaran

**EXETER CITY COUNCIL – BYELAWS FOR GOOD RULE AND GOVERNMENT
SALE OF CARS ON THE PUBLIC HIGHWAY**

Thank you for your letter dated 9 August 2004 addressed to the Head of Legal Services.

Since that date, Miss Al-Khafaji has referred the contents of your letter to the Council's Scrutiny Committee (Economy), which convened on the 9 September 2004.

The Committee has asked me to write to ask you to reconsider your decision not to confirm any further byelaws relating to this matter until such time as you have consulted with the Department of Transport and the Home Office. Members felt strongly about this since this nuisance is having a very negative impact on the Citizens of Exeter and the quality of their living environment.

I urge you to confirm a byelaw in a form identical to that already confirmed for Cambridge City Council. To ask the local residents to suffer further nuisance when a local solution can be achieved is unacceptable and very difficult to justify to the local residents who are suffering as a result of this practice.

I note that you kindly agreed to get back to the City Council with the results of your consultations with the Department of Transport and the Home Office. I would be obliged if you would let me know how this is progressing since Members have asked for a report to be prepared for the next Committee scheduled for the 11 November. It would be helpful to have your response by the 18 October in order that I may meet the deadlines for preparing the report to be included in the Agenda.

Finally, please note that Committee resolved to make representations to the LGA and to its local MP seeking assistance to:-

- Provide a local solution by way of a byelaw whilst a national solution is found.
- Regulate the problem by way of national legislation or

As you will gather from my letter, Members are very concerned that national legislation would take a

long time to implement. In the meantime, they would like to ensure that the Citizens and visitors to

Exeter are able to enjoy Exeter without detriment of a nuisance caused by the traders whose vehicles increase congestion and add to the parking problems in the area. It also detracts from the visual amenity of Exeter – a beautiful and historic city.

Finally, please note that I have sent a copy of this letter to Ben Bradshaw, the local Member of Parliament seeking his assistance with this problem.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

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