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Dear Ben

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

As you know the Council has for some time now received complaints about the relatively new practice employed by certain motor traders offering vehicles for sale from the public highway, often in residential areas. The sale price of the vehicle and the trader's telephone number is usually disclosed in the vehicle. Complainants say that this causes a nuisance, increases congestion and adds to the parking problems in certain areas of the city. In addition the garish "for sale" signs are a detriment to the local amenity.

I enclose for your information a copy of a report prepared by the Council's Head of Legal Services submitted to the Council's Scrutiny Committee – Economy on the 9<sup>th</sup> September. You will see that the ODPM has indicated that it is not minded to approve any local byelaws until such time as it has consulted regarding this matter internally and with the Department of Transport and the Home Office.

Clearly it will take some time before any national legislation can be implemented. As a result, I am writing to you seeking your assistance with :-

- Finding a temporary solution by way of local byelaw.
- Lobbying Parliament to deal with the problem by way of national legislation.

I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Yours sincerely

Philip Bostock  
Chief Executive

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