

To :- Francis Rutter CEO of
Epsom and Ewell Council.

Please find attached two petitions.

One from the travelling public who take licensed taxis from the Clock Tower taxi rank in Epsom town and one from the licensed taxi drivers who have serviced the rank for many years.

They all believe that moving the rank that has been there since the early seventies back down the High St and to the other side of the road would be detrimental to the present high quality service that is now supplied to the shopping center.

We feel that a bias priority is being given to a private hire establishment that is known to operate in illegal ways at times to suit themselves.

They also have a well-equipped office not yards from this site, but they seem to want it all. We have had several meetings with your planning group to no avail. We have highlighted the illegal points they operate under but it has no effect with your officers.

We were told that their lease for the company known as Clock Town Cars finishes in 2017, but now we understand it is in fact 2018.

My question is how are you as the council going to introduce your market expansion plans that were explained to us as the reason for moving us, when the private hire unit will be staying another two years.

Perhaps we are the embarrassment that needs moving as we don't pay rent, we just supply a great service to the travelling public.

After receiving this petition we would ask you as the council to reconsider the move of the rank and perhaps look into other more sensible locations in the area of the present rank, so that we can continue the quality service that we have always supplied.

On behalf of The Epsom Licensed Taxi Drivers Association.