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Subject: LETTER FOR LICENSING COMMITTEE RE: BRAMHAM FESTIVAL DEBRIEF

Dear Councillors,

This is to highlight the Leeds Hackney Carriage trades views about the arrangements for the Taxi and Private Hire pick up points at the Bramham Park Music Festival 2023.

Firstly, the whole Hackney Carriage trade would like thank yourselves and Mr. Melvin Benn from Festival Republic for their co-operation this year and modifying the Taxi and Private Hire pick up points.

The Hackney Carriage drivers organised their own marshals and tried to keep the flow of taxis as best they could under some challenging traffic congestion issues. The feedback received from the Marshals and the drivers is that whole operation was a lot better than last year but the Traffic Access plan needs to be reviewed for next year as it was very difficult at peak times to access the red gate from the A1 side due to the heavy build-up of traffic.

We would also like to thank the Taxi and Private department for their excellent efforts in trying to ensure that only pre-booked Private Hire vehicles were only allowed to wait within their allotted compounds.

To make improvements next year the Hackney Carriage Trade would like to make the following proposals;

1. The Hackney Carriage pick up point must remain nearest to the Festival goers exit point/gate same as this year.
2. The lighting in the compound needs to be improved.
3. Hackney Carriage Vehicles are legally classed as "Public Transport" and should be provided access through Thorner Village same as buses. To ensure only Leeds Licensed Taxis access this area an APNR Camera system could be fitted at all access points that provide access through the Thorner Village.
4. It would be better to keep all Public Transport at the Yellow Gate i.e. Buses and Taxis
5. However, if this is not the committee or Festival Republics view then drivers could still drive through Thorner and turn right into Mangrill Lane and drive through to the Red Gate pick up area.
6. Drivers should also have the option of Dropping off passengers via the A64 from Leeds side - A check point could be set up near the red bus cafe on the A64 and only Taxis and Private Hire/Uber vehicles with passengers on board should be allowed past this point.

Picking up passengers - Only Hackney Carriage vehicles should be allowed through from the Red Bus check point - Private Hire/Uber vehicles that can show evidence that they have a pre-booking only to be allowed through.

7. The route this year (and the previous few years) of Taxis going from Leeds Centre up the A1 and coming off at Junction 44 and then coming down the A64 is very expensive for the customers

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We hope you will take our comments on board and try to make improvements for the 2024 event.

Regards,

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