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SCHOOL STREET

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WALLACE ST

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PROPOSED RANK (4 CARS)

HOZIER ST

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PLAYING FIELDS

Hozier Street Proposed Taxi Rank

PLAN B



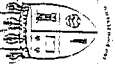
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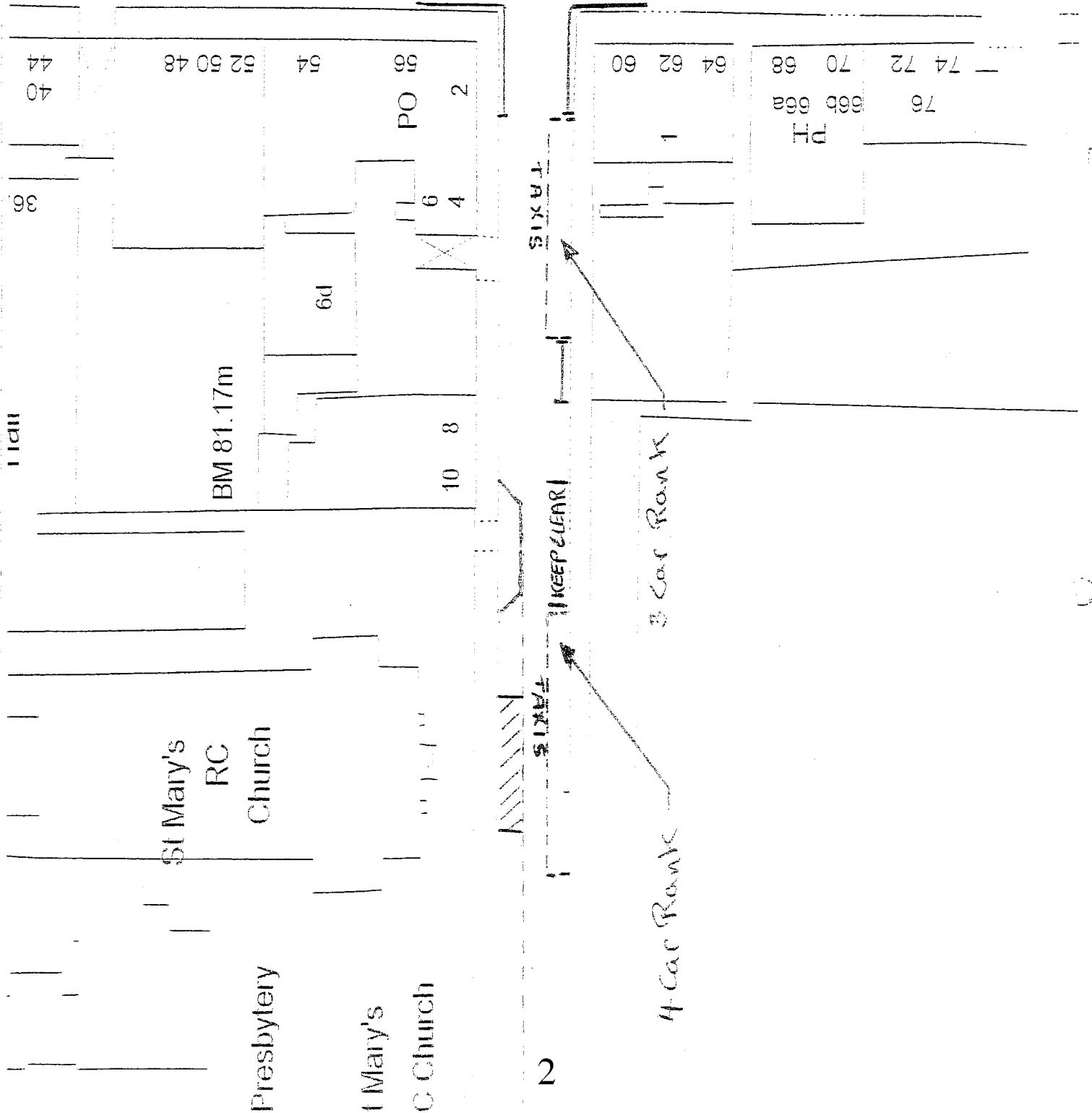
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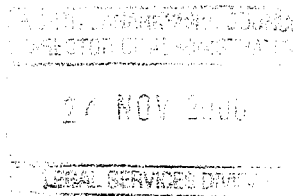
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Helen Fyfe,
Cinder Elias,
2-4 Hozier Street,
Whifflet,
COATBRIDGE.

21st November 2000

Walter B. Kilgour,
Head Of Legal Services,
P.O. Box 14,
Civic Centre,
MOTHERWELL.

Dear Mr Kilgour,

With reference to article in the Coatbridge and Airdrie Advertiser on the ninth day of November 2000 regarding the proposal for a Taxi Stance at Hozier Street, Whifflet, Coatbridge, in close proximity to the Whifflet Street exit. I object strongly to any such proposal.

There is another kind of life going on outwith the Taxi Regime that never seems to be considered. I being a shop owner bringing a service to the local community and all the rest of the businesses are doing the same.

In the past seven years, Hozier Street was overrun with the continual hum and drum of Taxis dominating this very small one way street, illegally ranking causing chaos, marking their territory with no respect for man, women or child, bringing the drunks, drug addicts who were hanging about at the corner of Whifflet Street and I have had many unhappy incidents when these people congregating outside my shop waiting for Taxis. Taxi Drivers emptying ashtrays at the kerb and some - believe it or not cleaning out their cabs while waiting for hires. The bad mouthing of these Taxi Drivers. The abuse to Carriers delivering goods to my premises and customers who were parking at my shop bringing in small children to try on clothing. These Taxi Drivers practically forced my Customers to park elsewhere.

I think it would be a death sentence imposed on Hozier Street if this proposal goes through. The Police and the Councillors are not involved personally with the problems these Taxi Drivers create and what we have to suffer on a daily basis. I can only rely on a fair hearing and deep thought as to the destiny of Hozier Street, to consider especially the safety aspect. I have never ever known of a narrow one way street with two schools, two nurseries, a church, housing, business premises and all this takes up the whole of Hozier Street to be considered a Taxi Stance. In my estimate there is no room for a rank and would be very dangerous to even try and accommodate four Taxis, which would take up half of Hozier Street at the Whifflet Street end. There is a Taxi Stance 200 yards from Hozier Street at the Railway Station - how many Taxi Stances do they need in a small town area of Whifflet.

I have had a look at the plans for a proposed Taxi Stance and I cannot believe my eyes that such a proposal was even put down on paper. You cannot possibly convince me, that any occupation where it involves someone driving a vehicle chasing fares, can in all circumstances be considered totally safe in an area where children attend schools and nurseries.

Going back to the letter sent to you on the instance referring to the remarks of Mr Tom Peebles stating that he would make Hozier Street, a complete Taxi Rank and get rid of the private cars seem to be clearly planned out in these drawings. What about the small businesses, that need access to their premises.

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They will be blocking access for the refuse truck to empty waste at the premises across from my shop. When the Church has to cope with funerals and weddings and other festive occasions, this rank would cause a lot of unhappiness and danger to the public.

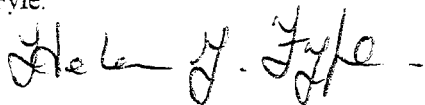
The continual flow of Taxis using this rank will have to pass through the streets in direct contact with St Mary's Primary School, Columba High School and two Pre-school nurseries.

The local residents should not be subjected to a continual drone of Taxis coming through the area. This small street is not suitable in any way to accommodate a Taxi Stance.

I object strongly to any such proposal for a Taxi Stance anywhere in Hozier Street, and hope you consider any such proposal with common sense.

Yours sincerely,

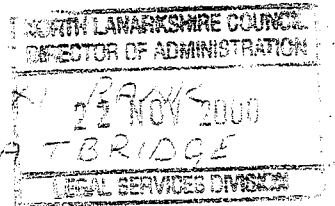
Helen Fyfe.

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1 HOWER ST
COATBRIDGE
M45 4DB

PROPOSAL FOR TAXI RANKS
HOWER ST COATBRIDGE



ATTENTION OF MR PARHAM

DEAR SIR,

THANK YOU FOR YOUR PROMPT ACTION ON SENDING ME PROPOSED PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED TAXI RANKS.

UNFORTUNATELY I DID NOT HAVE THIS INFORMATION BEFORE I SUBMITTED MY LETTER OF COMPLAINT, BOTH DRAWINGS ARE INACCURATE, IN AS MUCH THEY DO NOT SHOW EXISTING ENTRANCES.

THE DRAWING FROM THE TOWN PLANNING DEPT, OMITTS THE

ENTRANCES TO CLASSIC TV PREMISES,
WHICH IS IMMEDIATELY OPPOSITE MY
ENTRANCE TO 1^A AND 1^B HOZIER ST.
THE OTHER OMISSION IS THE
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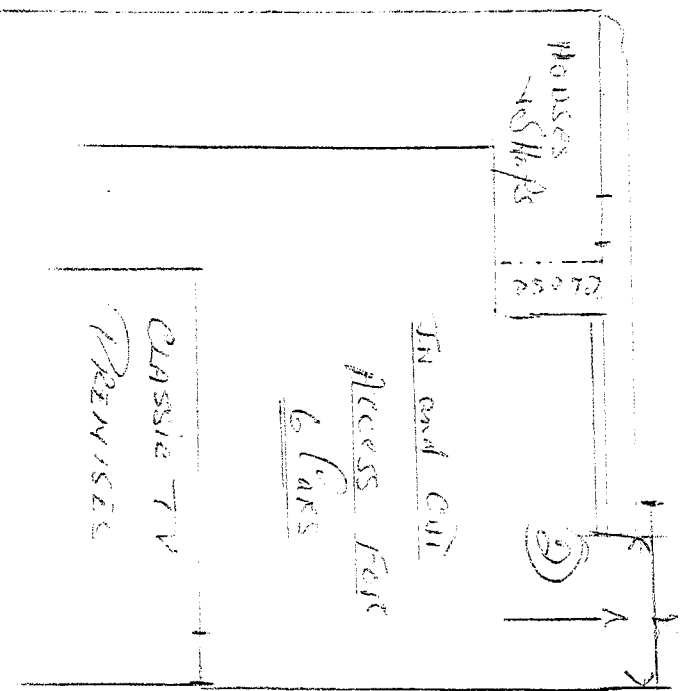
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THE TAXI TRADE DOES NOT SHOW
ANY OF THESE ENTRANCES, OR THE
EXISTING BOLLARDS, AND KEEP
CLEAR AREAS IN HOZIER ST, NOR
DOES IT ALLOW FOR A 5 YD CLEARANCE
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I HAVE INCLUDED IN THIS LETTER
A PLAN SHOWING A MORE ACCURATE
ASSESSMENT OF THE CONGESTION IN
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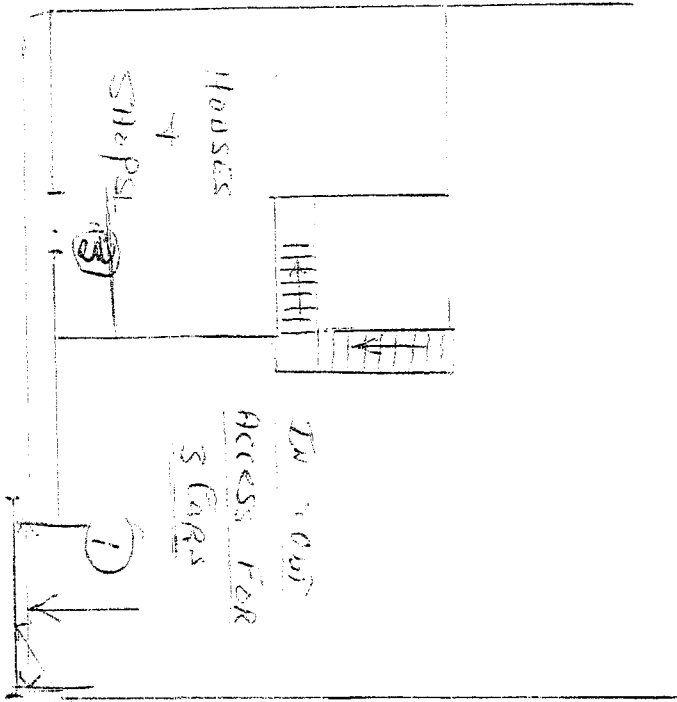
I TRUST THAT THIS INFORMATION
AND PLAN WILL BE SUBMITTED ALONG
WITH OUR ORIGINAL LETTER TO
THE COMMITTEE.

YOUR FAITHFULLY
MR. MRS J. SMITH

WHIFFLET STREET



HORIZER STREET



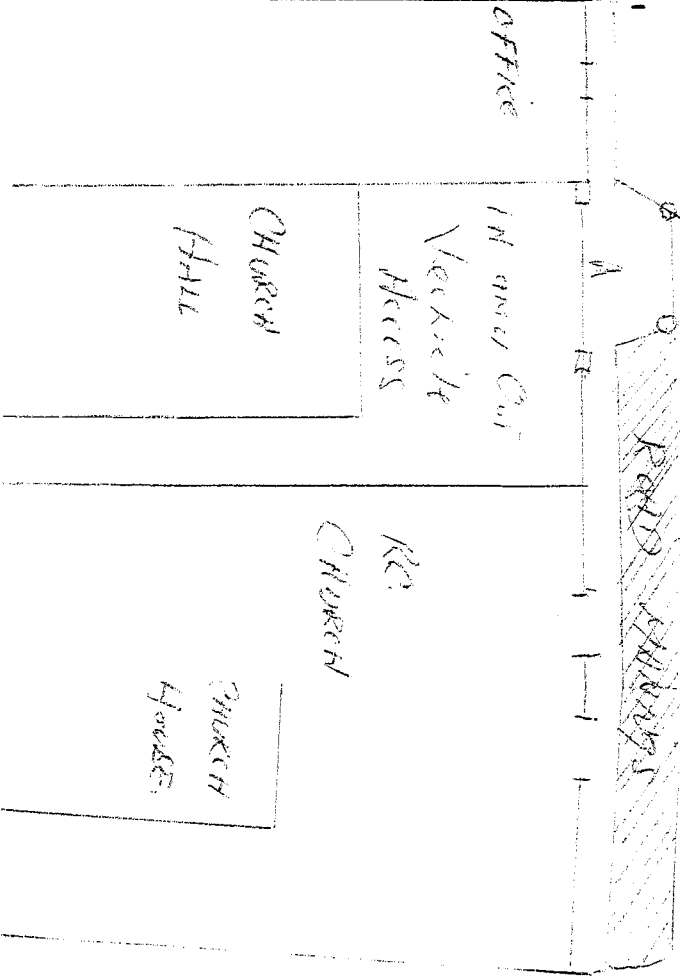
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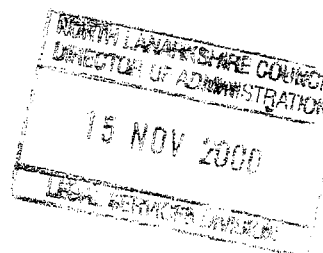
ST MARY PRIMARY School

St. Columba School

James Smith
1B Hozier Street
Coatbridge
ML5 4DB
Tel: 01236 605140

14 November 2000

Mr W B Kilgour
The Head of Legal Services
PO BOX 14
Civic Centre
Motherwell



Dear Sirs,

Re the advert in the local newspaper on the 8th of November 2000 regarding the formation of a 24 hour taxi rank in Hozier St I would like to record my objections, to the proposal, these are based on the fact that the area has been used for many years as an unofficial rank.

As a resident of Hozier Street for 45 years I am greatly perturbed at the proposal to create an official taxi rank beneath the windows of my house i.e. living room and bedroom, It would appear that everybody and anybody has been consulted with the exception of the residents.

Were the people who signed this petition made aware that my wife and I, who are both pensioners, and have had to put up with twenty years of radio calls disrupting our telephone calls and electric organ.

- A. The constant throb of diesel engines from 5.30am till 2am the next morning. The drivers do not believe in switching off their engines so an alarm clock is not required.
- B. The constant banging of doors as taxis leave.
- C. Taxi drivers shouting to each other, not always in the best language.
- D. Windows left down, with the radios blasting, while the drivers congregate in other cars
- E. Thursday, Friday – Saturday, Sunday – when the pubs come out from 12 midnight till 2am there is often people bawling and shouting and drinking while waiting on taxis, not to mention the odd fight over who's taxi is who's. It is very difficult to sleep.
- F. This end of Hozier Street is a one way system and when entering or leaving my house by car I have to turn right. I've lost count of numerous times I have put up with taxi drivers parking at my gate and sitting in other cars not caring if I can get in or out

You must be aware that Hozier Street is a very busy and congested street especially with funerals, weddings and masses at the R.C. Church. Also cars picking up and dropping pupils off at both schools, of further note is that that at lunchtime the street is further congested with pupils going to and from the shops.

I very much doubt if an ambulance, fire brigade or any such emergency service would easily access Hozier Street at peak periods.

Being a pensioner with a heart condition and breathing difficulties the last thing I need is Carbon Monoxide fumes from constantly running diesel engines, permanating into my home.

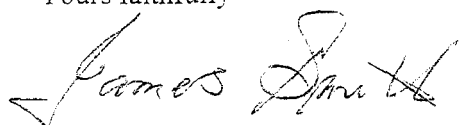
It should also be noted that the proposed position of the taxi rank means that persons entering the taxi next to the driver will be in the middle of the road.

Of further note the proposed taxi rank will be next to the storage area at the rear of the shops where combustible refuse is often stored, beneath our kitchen area. As a fire has occurred previously we have great concerns that it could happen again, due to discarded cigarettes etc.

As there are no toilets in the area we are concerned our garden will continue to be used as a toilet as it has been in the past.

We trust that due consideration will be given to the above points and look forward to receiving your acknowledgement that this letter has been received.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James Smith". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

JAMES SMITH

23 NOV 2000

6A Hozier Street
Coatbridge
ML5 4DB

19 November 2000

Mr Kilgour
PO Box 14
Civic Centre
Motherwell

Dear Sir

As a resident of Hozier Street, Coatbridge I am most alarmed to find out that it is proposed to make an official taxi rank in Hozier Street. I would have thought that under these circumstances the residents should have been notified in the first instance and given the chance to air their views. Having lived in Hozier Street for the past 10 years, I am fervently against this proposal and I list below some of the disruptive actions taken by taxi drivers, which cause great annoyance to myself and the residents of Hozier Street.

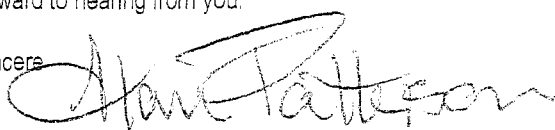
1. The unofficial rank is right outside my home. It must surely be madness to locate a taxi rank so near people's homes. Would you approve plans for a taxi rank outside your own home?
2. In some instances there have been as many as 17 taxis lined up in Hozier Street. This causes great disturbance to other road users and makes it very difficult, if not impossible, for me to park outside my home. As a result of this my wife and I have on occasion had to walk the length of our street with our weekly shopping.
3. They leave their engines running throughout the night and early hours of the morning disrupting my family's sleep.
4. They encourage large crowds to gather in Hozier Street in the early hours of the morning, again disrupting I and my family's sleep.
5. As a result of their late night customers (from bars etc), fights arise and many times I have had cause to telephone the police.
6. The clientele awaiting taxis late at night are often drunk and sick outside my home and on several occasions have disposed of glasses and empty bottles by throwing them into my yard causing damage to my wife's and my car.
7. They park their taxis across my and other residents' entrances, often leaving their own taxis to sit and chat within other drivers' taxis while they await their next customer. I have then to leave my car and go and find the owner/driver of the taxi blocking my entrance, often to be met with icy stares and sarcastic comments when asked to move.
8. Their radios are not up to the required standards and therefore disrupt the reception of televisions, telephones, music systems etc in my home and other residents' homes.
9. They empty the ashtrays from their taxis onto the street and pavement.
10. There are 3 schools in the near area and therefore situating a taxi rank here must place the children at greater risk.

Given the above set of circumstances, I do hope you will take these points on board and reject the proposed taxi rank in Hozier Street.

In fact, rather than creating an official taxi rank it would be far better for all concerned if the taxis were moved from Hozier Street and relocated to a position in Whifflet where residents would not be disturbed, for example in the locality of the train station, which is still in a central position and would not result in the taxi companies losing money and perhaps also gain customers from the trains.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely



Alan Patterson

Department of Education

St. Mary's Primary School
Dundyvan Road
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Coatbridge
ML5 5BA



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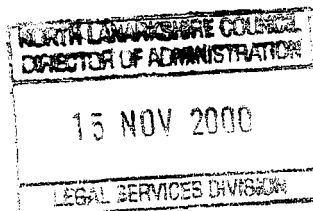
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Contact Sarah M Murray

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Mr. M. Parham
Head of Legal Services
North Lanarkshire Council
PO Box 14
Civic Centre
Motherwell



Dear Mr. Parham

Proposed Taxi Rank on Hozier Street Coatbridge

I have been informed of the possibility of the above street being used for an official taxi rank. I am deeply concerned at this proposal and hereby give notification of my objections to such a request.

Background

As the Head Teacher of St. Mary's Primary School for the past 5 ½ years, I have witnessed first hand the speed of taxis going down Hozier Street and have on occasions spoken directly to the taxi company themselves. This together with the lack of attention paid as to where the taxis park, stop and have conversations with each other, causes me concern about an official taxi rank.

Finally, parking outside my school (indeed any school) is limited and I fear that this would add further severe congestion to the already difficult situation.

I ask that you accept my objections and to keep me current with all that concerns this issue.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Sarah M. Murray'.

Sarah M. Murray HT

LANARKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
DIRECTOR OF ADMINISTRATION
14 NOV 1980
TELEPHONE ROOM

FROM

Mr. J MCDONALD
9 MARGARET STREET
COATBRIDGE
LANARKSHIRE ML5 4DR
SCOTLAND

THURS 9 - NOV. 1980

ON BEHALF OF MY FAMILY I WOULD LIKE TO
LINES DETECTION TO THE PROPOSAL TO
B.T.M A TAXI STANCE IN "HOZIER STREET"
AS WE FEEL THAT THIS STREET IS
FOR TO BUSY TO ACCOMMODATE TAXI'S
AND WE FEEL IT WOULD BE HAZARDOUS
AND LEAD TO TRAFFIC CONGESTION IN
THIS ALREADY BUSY AREA AS IN THE
PAST TAXI DRIVERS TRIED TO COMMANDER
THIS STREET AND WE THINK IT WILL
BE ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE THEY
TRY AGAIN.

Mr James McDonald

*Saint Mary's R.C. Church, Hozier Street, Coatbridge,
Lanarkshire, Scotland. ML5 4DB*



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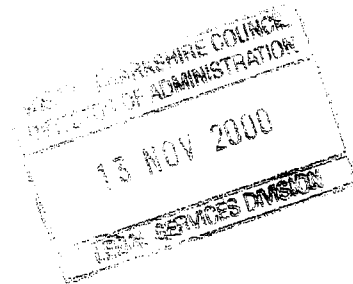
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8th November 2000

**FAO: Licensing Sub-Committee
North Lanark Council
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Civic Centre
MOTHERWELL**



Dear Committee Members,

Re: Proposed Taxi Rank on Hozier Street, Coatbridge

I have been informed that there may be a possibility of designating area(s) in the above street for an official taxi rank. I am alarmed at this consideration and I notify you of my objections to such a request.

Background:

Over the past four years I have endured ongoing traffic problems on Hozier Street. Admittedly, these are not all merely in relation to taxi cars. The general public in parking inappropriately on such a narrow and highly used road have also been a major cause for concern. And so, at a joint meeting with Local Councillors, Roads Department, Police and Member of Parliament, a design for road markings was mutually agreed. This included the provision of a "hatched box" to prevent any parking or waiting of vehicles in front of the church to allow access/egress for priests and for funeral and wedding cars. In truth this has made insignificant change to the traffic problems of such a narrow and fast moving road.

Current Issues:

1. Unfortunately, taxi drivers in particular ignore the current advisory markings and still use the "hatch box" (at the front of the church) and the "keep clear" markings (across the vehicular gateway to our property) for ranking purposes. On many occasions I have had to ask them to move their car so that I can gain access to/egress from the property. As a priest I offer a 24-hour service and I am often called to emergency situations. Such flagrant abuse of road markings delays, if not denies, me the opportunity of the ministry of Christian Sacraments.

Rev'd Raymond Dempsey, M.A., Parish Priest.

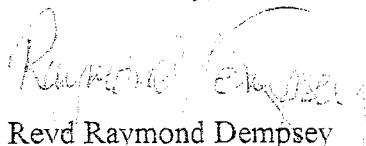
2. The Taxi drivers are renowned on Hozier Street for their speed; their blockage of the roadway in uplifting fares; their obstruction of the T-junction of Hozier Street & Whifflet Street in uplifting fares and ranking on this corner (which already has a single yellow line); their noise of engines and CB radios.
3. In uplifting fares, along the roadway, the taxi car becomes a dangerous obstruction to other car drivers and pedestrians alike.
4. The extremely close proximity of both the Secondary and Primary Schools suggests that a taxi rank being located on Hozier Street would both increase the danger of a road traffic accident for school children and force other car drivers to park their cars even closer to the schools. In itself a major concern for the road safety of children and unacceptable.
5. Access to a taxi rank in Hozier Street will require taxis to enter Dundyvan Road to Wallace Street and then to the proposed rank at Hozier Street. This not only results in the street block effectively becoming a roundabout but will also introduce increased and fast moving traffic to residential streets heavily used by residents and local school children of primary and secondary age. This situation is simply unacceptable.

As I understand the situation, the taxi drivers had already been offered an official rank at the Whifflet Rail Station/Community Centre. Surely this location is ideal in that the taxi rank would not be sited on a narrow and busy residential street? The rail station is a location that also appears to enjoy the security of police surveillance cameras!

To date, I have remained relatively quiet on the situation of the taxis in Hozier Street simply because I would not wish to deprive anyone of their livelihood. I have attempted to gently ignore the taxi company's resilient contempt for ignoring the Highway Code. This I can no longer do. I must stand and support the overall needs of this community in respect to a taxi rank – safety, legality and courtesy. As such, then, Hozier Street is an inappropriate location for a rank. Indeed, with the volume of traffic using Hozier Street, it would be more fitting for the Council to implement an advanced traffic-calming scheme for Hozier Street.

I ask you to accept my objections and to keep me current with all that concerns this issue.

Yours sincerely,



Revd Raymond Dempsey

CC. *Licensing Sub-Committee: Mr Gavin Whitefield; Rt Hon T Clarke MP;
Mrs E Smith MSP; Cllrs J Gordon, T Maginnis, J Brooks, J Cassidy;*

Revd Raymond Dempsey, M.A., Parish Priest.

Mr Marcus Parham
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Civic Centre
Motherwell

13 October 2000

Classic Tv 6 Hozier Street
Coatbridge
ML5 4DB

Dear Mr Parham,

Unauthorised Taxi Rank – Hozier Street Coatbridge

Over the past year the residents and businesses in Hozier Street have been complaining to the Police at Coatbridge about the illegal "Ranking" of Taxi's in the street.

About 1 year ago the "Airdrie & Coatbridge Advertiser" highlighted this problem and stated the Police were going to resolve the problem with a clamp down on offenders. To date there has been no improvement or action taken, surely an unacceptable situation given the publicity at the time?

The main offender, Town Taxis, recently canvassed for public support in trying to secure a legal Taxi rank in Hozier Street. At no time did they consider the views of any of the residents or businesses that have to try and live and work in this street! We have to suffer the continual noise of the Taxi's, the fumes polluting the environment, the constant shouting and swearing from the drivers as they greet each other, speeding down the street to try and get a fare, parking across the entrances to yards in the street, surely a serious accident is looming!

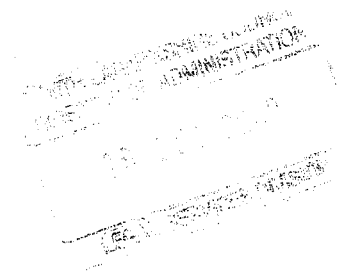
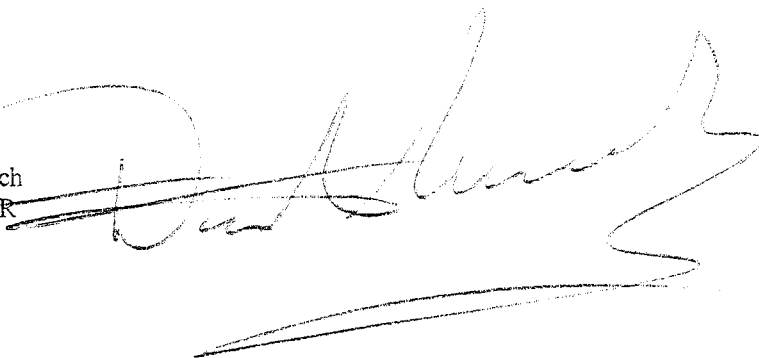
The immediate vicinity boasts 2 schools, a church, and two nurseries. The congestion in the area in the mornings in particular with parents dropping off children to school and nursery is at the chaotic stage causing serious turmoil and danger.

In short, Hozier Street is a narrow one way street, with no room for these Taxi's causing trouble in the area. Residents and businesses cannot gain access to their premises or gain parking space, especially when there is a Wedding or Funerals in progress.

I would urge you to consider the above and refuse to allow the above and stop the farce that has been allowed to go on for too many years, and that common sense will prevail in this matter.

Sincerely,

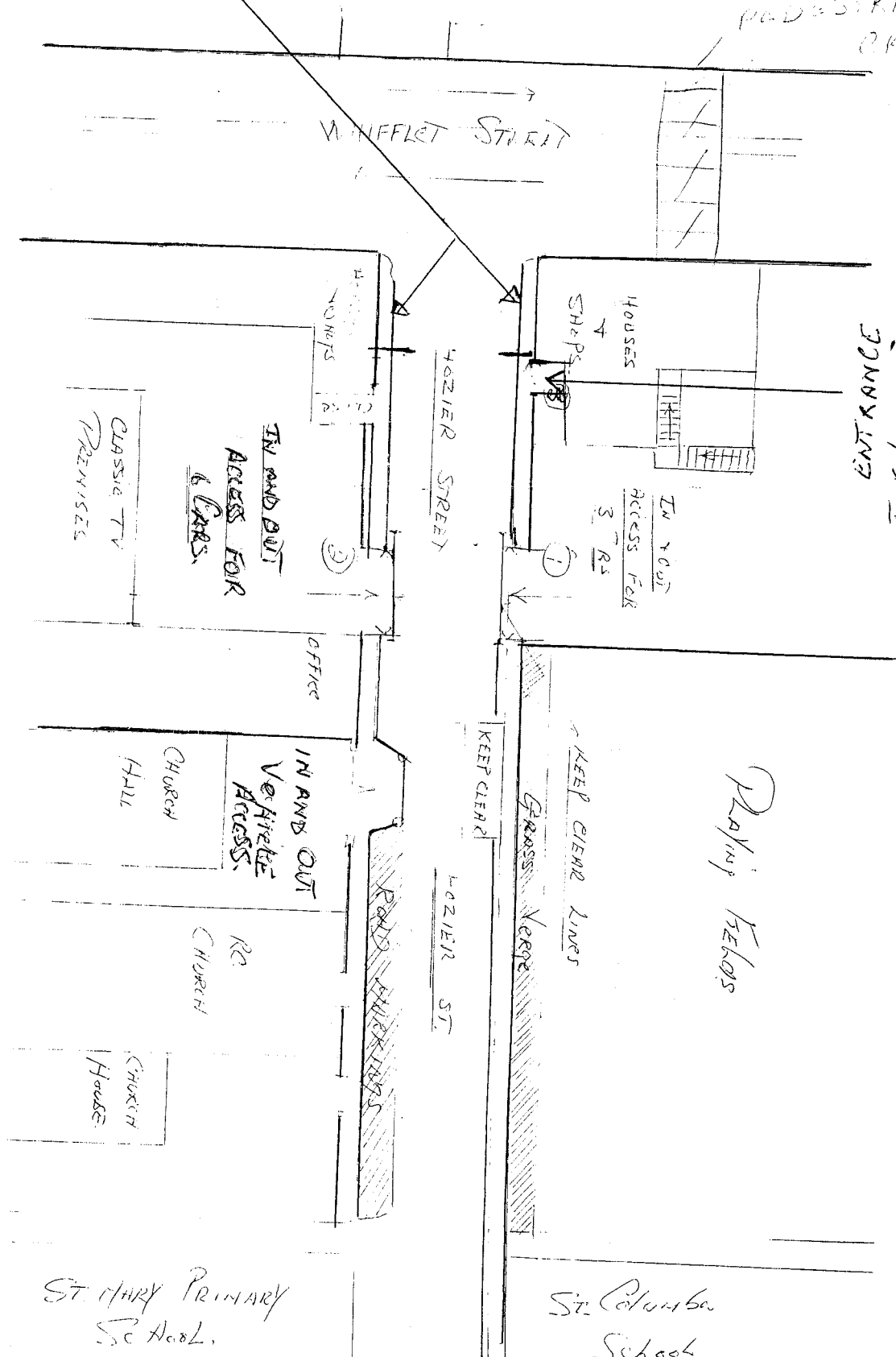
David Murdoch
PROPRIETOR



YEHOM LINES

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ENTRANCE TO S/SHOP.

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ST. MARY PRIMARY School.

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