Drivers are continuing to over-rank at St Budeaux (Wolseley Road) Hackney Carriage stand causing an obstruction to the city bound Bus Lane and also into Trelawney Avenue. This is in contravention of the Hackney Carriage Bye-Law 2(b) that states that you are obliged to proceed to another stand. This also applies to any taxi waiting for potential passengers that is not parked on a rank.

Taxi Licensing, the Police and the Parking will continue to regularly monitor the on-going use of this rank when in the area and ensure that a joint agency approach will continue to be applied.

Agencies will continue to liaise on the on-going use to this rank, to gather evidence of over-ranking, identify of persistent offenders and share information to ensure a fair and consistent approach to enforcement.

The rank has recently been extended to accommodate 5 vehicles within the confines of the lay by in recognition of capacity and frequency of use. So in recognition of the needs of the local community and your needs to service this rank the following procedure will be applied to ensure that a 'common sense' approach is applied to routine enforcement.

In cases of over-ranking the following enforcement options will continue to be applied.

1. Drivers positioned off the rank and positioned in the bus lane and beyond will be given a written warning and be asked to move on. If a driver receives more than one written warning on any rank (or for other byelaw offences) the Council will have regard to all the individual circumstances in deciding whether to consider any further legal proceedings for offences under the Hackney Carriage Bye Laws.

2. Parking Enforcement Officers will continue to take action against any vehicles parked on double yellow lines or obstructing the bus lane where it is established that the vehicle is unlawfully parked.

3. The Police will continue to use their own enforcement powers to deal with instances of wilful obstruction. In particular when vehicles are obstructing the Bus Lane and Trelawney Ave.

If you would like to discuss the matter in more detail please contact any for the enforcement agencies:

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