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To: Morrison, Dawn
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Dawn,

Pleasure to meet you yesterday to have a look at the taxi/ parking issues In Gresham Road, outside the rail station. Hope you have dried out now!

In relation to our site visit on 9th November between 07.50 and 08.30hrs, I would make the following comments-;

As indicated in my previous correspondence of January 2014, I have looked at this many times before over the years and on this particular location it was the best and most orderly that I have seen it. There were only 2/3 taxis parked up waiting for fares at any one time and these were all parked in the designated taxi rank. There were a few company mini buses that were waiting on the yellow lines near the station entrance, however these were not there for a long period of time before the train came in and their passengers boarded and the vehicle moved off without causing any real issues. As indicated, a certain amount of time is permitted (but not exactly specified) to allow passengers to board/ alight, so this is a difficult one to deal with and manage.

I would consider that some enforcement of the waiting restrictions and the taxi rank is required to maintain the current situation, which in my view was as good as it is likely to get, given the activity that takes place outside this and every rail station, particularly at peak times. I have checked the injury collision data for the last three years and have attached details of the only one that has occurred in the entire length of Gresham Road and as you will see it has its own special circumstances and cannot be considered as an indication that there is a particular road safety problem for pedestrians at this location.

Kind regards,

Graham

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