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Dear Bill

Appeal against Distance from Secondary Schools Trading – Hazlehead Academy

We would like to formally appeal against the decision to allow us to trade 400 yards from the above named school.

We would like to appeal as we believe the trader outside St Machar Academy has obtained a licence to trade directly outside the aforementioned school. We do not see how the law can apply in one situation but yet in our own situation we have previously been advised that trading outside the school would be breaking the law. We would be very grateful if you could advise us as to why this is the situation.

We were advised in the letter that we received last year at renewal of our license that as of April 2011, we must not be closer than 400 yards from the school. From day one of this new law, we have adhered to the regulations as set out by your office, although we believe that we were the only ones to adhere to the new rules. We have been at Hazlehead Academy for over 5 years. If a problem as ever arisen, we have been very quick to ensure that we put a solution in place to avoid any problems. So we have been compliant in every way possible to the regulations and of what we have ever been required to do, by both the Board and the School whilst providing a convenient service for the children.

We have not had any explanation as to this new change in the law, even though this is causing us to lose our loyal customers and have a detrimental effect on our income. We aim like every good citizen to earn an honest living to provide for our family. We currently care and provide for our two grandchildren who live with us. We just want the same opportunity as we have had for the last 5 years in continuing to provide for our family and a convenient service to the children at Hazlehead.

We look forward to your response regards this matter and what we feel are the important points we have raised. If there are any underlying reasons that we are not aware for this change then we are very happy to address any situation that would rectify any underlying concerns.

We trust that you find this in order and thank you for your time in considering our request.

Kind Regards
Yours sincerely

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