

**From:** Mary Mears  
**Sent:** 13 June 2015 16:40  
**To:** Penny Jennings  
**Subject:** Letter for Licensing Committee 25th June.

Dear Penny.

Please find my letter for the licensing committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> June.

Request by Uber for a PHV Operators License for Brighton and Hove.

As a City Councillor I wish to raise concerns regarding the licensing request by Uber,

I understand the difficulty in refusing a license and important issues like economic impact are outside the decision remit.

The question is are they "Fit and Proper", in my view they are not, issues have been raised, partially in light of the Rotherham and Oxford reports and the councils duty of care for young children and vulnerable adults.

There is documentation from around the world where there has been serious issues with Uber.

U.S authorities have launched an investigation, there have been reports that British customers have had their accounts being used in US Cities other users in the U.S claim they have been charged for trips in London, A range of complaints have been made against Uber in California, Los Angeles, San Francisco where it's headquarters are based, not just in the U.S but also in Southeast Asia, India, Spain, and Sydney Australia.

Serious concerns have also been raised regarding equalities, practically for disabled users.

Uber do not regard themselves as a Taxi company and refer to themselves as a third party taxi booking service.

They state they are NOT a "transport provider." They are in fact a phone app.

If CCTV data from Uber vehicle is required (A condition of Licensing under Brighton & Hove) how will this data be collected?

I do understand concerns raised by local authorities, as Uber is owned by a multi-million pound company, and the threat of being sued is a real concern, but I feel as a council our duty is to protect the most vulnerable, by refusing a license.

Kind regards.

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