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**RE: APPEAL FOR TRADING CONSENT**

I received your letter today refusing me consent to trade selling hot and cold food in the car park of Unipart.

I have had consent from Unipart, I have only been there for 3 weeks. There was a complaint made the first day I was there by the manager of Masteroast. There were a lorry parked at either side of his drop kerb, so I placed traffic cones either side of the drop kerb so no vehicles could park there, since then there has been no problems with parking there.

I have spoken to people from other companies around the area and they have not noticed any extra traffic around the area and no-one has a problem with me trading there with the exception of Masteroast.

The head of the licensing department came to see me and even he said he had been watching the area for 3 weeks and has admitted he has seen no problems caused by my trading at Unipart or no change in the amount of traffic. There are no parking restrictions there so I suppose people park wherever is convenient to use any of the companies around there, not just to buy food from me, so I don't know why the Highways Agency should have any problem with me.

I have a trading place at fourth drove, but am finding it difficult to do enough trade to keep my business afloat. To make matters worse Gypsies keep turning up and taking my space, when they are eventually moved on they leave such as mess it's a rat trap which is unhealthy and bad for business.

Until 4 years ago I was in my job for 10 years, I was made redundant because the company when bust. I was then made redundant the following year and the year after that. Finally I'd had enough so I scraped together every penny I could and bought my burger van, but no matter what I do it seems there's always someone to make things difficult for me to work.

It seems no matter what I do I am destined to end up in the queue for unemployment benefit alongside all the other millions of people.

I am so disgusted that its so hard to make a living in this country now, that I am forwarding a copy of this letter with copies of several letters from the council and highways agency along with a petition wanting me to stay at Unipart to my MP.

Yours sincerely

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