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Dear Sirs,

Firstly can I say I support the policy to licence rickshaws and therefore counter any future problems they could bring if not. I'm not even aware any exist in the district but imagine some may ply their trade in Torbay.

Having lived in London before the popularity of rickshaws I can attest how there were calls for them to be regulated by some means and the mayor at the time decided against it. This error has resulted today in an unknown number causing havoc in Central London. They park and ride on pavements and harass tourists, play loud music all times of the day and demand extortionate fares, sometimes asking for more after the journey.

I'm glad that by bringing them under the Hackney Carriage rules, any issues can be swiftly dealt with. My only comment is that no mention is made in Appendix A about audio equipment which in my view should be banned. In practice rickshaws play music for the enjoyment of their customers and also to draw attention. Noise nuisance has become a pressing issue for residents in Central London and this trend has now been picked up by general cyclists.

Kind regards

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