

# Appendix B

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20th Nov. 2014

Dear Julia,

Setting of the maximum chargeable fares & Restructure of the Tariff Card for Hackney Carriages W.E.F the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015

The members of the above mentioned association with the support of local independent drivers, operators and Directors from Cabco, Dolphin Taxis, Theale Taxis, and Kenikabs have instructed me to apply to you for a restructure of the Tariff s,

Whilst we understand the current market forces our Trade agrees that all WB Licenced Hackney Carriage's need to adopt a change in the way we charge and transport the public.

**Our application is as follows:**

Restructure of tariff Card – Introduction of two new tariffs and a new start time for T2.  
(Please see attached revised tariff card).

This restructure will see the introduction of a new tariff 2 between the hours of 22:00hr – 24:00hr, resulting in a reduction of fares, during this time.

This will help boost the local economy, encourage people to travel to local amenities i.e. cinemas, Corn exchange, restaurants etc.

Furthermore, the above proposals present an increase's in initial distance (in yards) before any subsequent (yards) are charged.

We would be obliged if you could consider the above and arrange for the appropriate Committee to consider our application at their earliest convenient meeting in order that the proposed changes can be implemented from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. We will be pleased to have a representative at the committee meeting to answer any questions councillors might have.

Yours faithfully,

Mr A Vass Chairman of the WBHPHA and Mr. R Sheikh on behalf of the West Berkshire Hackney and Private Hire Association

Mr Wally O'Brien on behalf of the Cabco Owners and Drivers Association and Mr Matt Castle on behalf of Dolphin Taxis.

# Hackney Carriages Table of MAXIMUM Fares

A lesser fare can be agreed prior to commencement of the journey.

	MAXIMUM fare for any hiring when the journey commences:				
Taxi Plate Number  Licenced to Carry ?? Passengers	Tariff 1 (Standard Time)  Indicated by a "1" on the taxi meter  1. 06:00 and 21:59 Monday to Saturday.	Tariff 2 (Time and a 1/4)  Indicated by a "2" on the taxi meter  1. 22:00 and 23:59 Monday to Saturday  2. Any journey with 5 or more passengers which commences between 06:00 and 21:59 Monday to Saturday	Tariff 3 (Time and a ½)  Indicated by a "3" on the taxi meter  1. 00:00 and 01:59 Monday to Saturday  2. All day Sunday, Bank Holidays or Public Holidays  3. 19:00 and midnight on Christmas & New Year's Eve.  4. 06:00 and midnight Boxing Day  5. Any Journey with 5 or more passengers which commences between 22:00 and 23:59 Monday to Saturday	Tariff 4 (Time and 3/4)  Indicated by a "4" on the taxi meter  1. 02:00 and 05:59 Monday to Sunday  2. Any journey with 5 or more passengers which commences between 00:00 and 01:59 Monday to Sunday.  3. Any journey with 5 or more passengers which commences all day Sunday, Bank Holidays or Public Holidays.  4. Any Journey with 5 or more passengers which commences between 19:00 and midnight on Christmas & New Year's Eve.  5. Any journey with 5 or more passengers which commences between 06:00 and midnight Boxing Day	Tariff 5 (Double time)  Indicated by a "5" on the taxi meter  1. Christmas Day until 06:00hrs on Boxing Day  2. Midnight and 06:00 on New Year's Day
Initial 1280 yards (1170.4 meters) (8/11 of a mile) or 240 seconds or a combination of time and distance.	<b>£4.00</b>	<b>£5.00</b>	<b>£6.00</b>	<b>£7.00</b>	<b>£8.00</b>
For each subsequent 160 yards (146.304 meters) (1/11 of a mile) completed or part thereof	<b>20p</b>	<b>25p</b>	<b>30p</b>	<b>35p</b>	<b>40p</b>
Waiting time: for every period of 30 seconds or part there of	<b>20p</b>	<b>25p</b>	<b>30p</b>	<b>35p</b>	<b>40p</b>

Where the taxi is used for pre-booked journeys the fare shall be calculated from the point in the district at which the hirer commences their journey. (Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 sec. 67) If a Hackney Carriage is booked by telephone, facsimile, e mail, app or other electronic means a booking fee may be charged by prior arrangement only.

Congestion Zone Charges, Tolls or similar will be applied for any journey where such charges or tolls are incurred.

Credit and Debit card payment surcharges that comply with Consumer Rights (Payment Surcharges) Regulations 2012 may be added on top of the metered Fare.

**Fouling will be charged at a maximum of £150**

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CURRENT TARIFF

Name : <b>TARIFF 1</b> Date: 01/03/2013 Soiling charge: ALLOWED Wait: 27 (secs) Flag fall: £2.80 A Initial yardage: 377 1429 B Unit thereafter: 123.2493 C Price unit: 0.15 D Initial Waiting Time (secs): 63	Name : <b>TARIFF 2 (current)</b> Date: 01/03/2013 Soiling charge: ALLOWED Wait: 24 (secs) Flag fall: £3.80 A Initial yardage: 377 1429 B Unit thereafter: 106.8431 C Price unit: 0.2 D Initial Waiting Time (secs): 85	Name : <b>TARIFF 2 (current)</b> Date: 01/03/2013 Soiling charge: ALLOWED Wait: 24 (secs) Flag fall: £3.80 A Initial yardage: 377 1429 B Unit thereafter: 106.8431 C Price unit: 0.2 D Initial Waiting Time (secs): 85	Name : <b>TARIFF 3</b> Date: 01/03/2013 Soiling charge: ALLOWED Wait: 27 (secs) Flag fall: £4.80 A Initial yardage: 377 1429 B Unit thereafter: 123.2493 C Price unit: 0.3 D Initial Waiting Time (secs): 63
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Name : <b>TARIFF 1</b> Wait: 30 (secs) Flag fall: £4.00 A Initial yardage: 1280 B Unit thereafter: 160 C Price unit: 0.2 D Initial Waiting Time (secs): 240	Name : <b>TARIFF 2 NEW</b> Wait: 30 (secs) Flag fall: £5.00 A Initial yardage: 1280 B Unit thereafter: 160 C Price unit: 0.25 D Initial Waiting Time (secs): 240	Name : <b>TARIFF 3</b> Wait: 30 (secs) Flag fall: £6.00 A Initial yardage: 1280 B Unit thereafter: 160 C Price unit: 0.3 D Initial Waiting Time (secs): 240	Name : <b>TARIFF 4</b> Wait: 30 (secs) Flag fall: £7.00 A Initial yardage: 1280 B Unit thereafter: 160 C Price unit: 0.35 D Initial Waiting Time (secs): 240	Name : <b>TARIFF 5</b> Wait: 30 (secs) Flag fall: £8.00 A Initial yardage: 1280 B Unit thereafter: 160 C Price unit: 0.4 D Initial Waiting Time (secs): 240
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Distance (miles)	TARIFF 1		TARIFF 2		TARIFF 3		TARIFF 4		TARIFF 5	
	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
1	£4.60	£4.80	£8.40	£6.76	£9.40	£8.89	£9.05	£8.86	£8.40	£8.20
2	£8.70	£8.80	£9.80	£8.50	£9.80	£10.20	£11.90	£11.90	£12.60	£13.00
3	£8.80	£9.00	£13.00	£11.25	£13.00	£13.80	£15.75	£15.75	£16.80	£18.00
4	£11.05	£11.20	£16.40	£14.00	£16.40	£16.80	£19.60	£19.60	£21.30	£22.40
5	£13.15	£13.40	£19.80	£16.75	£19.80	£20.10	£23.45	£23.45	£25.50	£26.80
6	£15.25	£15.60	£23.00	£18.50	£23.00	£23.40	£27.30	£27.30	£29.70	£31.20
7	£17.35	£17.80	£26.20	£22.25	£26.20	£26.70	£31.15	£31.15	£33.90	£35.60
8	£19.60	£20.00	£29.60	£25.90	£29.60	£30.00	£35.00	£35.00	£38.40	£40.00
9	£21.70	£22.20	£32.80	£27.75	£32.80	£33.30	£38.85	£38.85	£42.60	£44.40
10	£23.80	£24.40	£36.20	£30.60	£36.20	£36.80	£42.70	£42.70	£48.80	£48.80

3 December 2014

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Dear Chief Vehicle Rentals

**RE: CONSULTATION (in Two Parts)**

**Please read this document carefully, it may affect the way in which you operate your business in the future.**

**First Part (Taxis Only) (Owners and Drivers)**

The Council is consulting all hackney carriage owners and drivers regarding a proposal put to the Council by Mr A Vass as Chairman of the West Berkshire Hackney and Private Hire Association and Mr R Sheikh on behalf of the West Berkshire Hackney and Private Hire Association. This document is supported by a number of others, all listed or mentioned in the covering letter.

The proposal consists of three pages and is enclosed with this letter.

If you wish to have your views upon the proposals considered you should submit them to the Licensing Team no later than **31<sup>st</sup> January 2015**. All results will be collated and the results presented to the Licensing Committee at its meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015. These views will be presented without bias and using only the details received other than the officer's standard report format.

Comments should be submitted with name, licence number/s and a contact address or telephone number. You may also respond as "in favour" or "not in favour". It is important that your licence number/s is/are included. It is also important that you identify yourself as either a proprietor or a driver, driving someone else's vehicle.