

APPENDIX A


Plate No 758
Licence No 2091
Vehicle Reg. No VN59 YTU

Dear Brian,

I am writing to you in response to

the advert I saw in the Newbury Weekly News on Thursday 30/04/15 alluding to the proposed tariff changes put forward to the Council by the Hackney Association.

I wish to let you know that I object in the strongest possible terms to any tariff change whatsoever at this time. I object because fuel is the cheapest it has been for a few years, and I feel it is just greed on our part if we change the tariff. Also the Association does not speak for me and many of my fellow taxi drivers, and I resent the fact that they pretend that they do. Thankyou for reading this letter and I hope you forward this to the relevant people on the Council.

yours faithfully 

APPENDIX B

Cheryl Lambert

From: Cheryl Lambert
Sent: 20 April 2015 19:59
To: Licensing
Cc:
Subject: Proposed Increase Taxi Fare

Dear West Berkshire Council,

I am an independent Hackney Carriage Taxi operator (Taxi Plate Number: 49; Badge Number: 2020) and wish to register my opposition to the proposed increase in taxi fare tariff in the strongest possible terms. The increase is unfair and must not be imposed under any circumstances.

Many of my customers are pensioners who live out of town and have no choice but to use a taxi given the infrequent and unreliable public transport service. These stalwarts of our society find it extremely difficult to maintain a living wage in this time of austerity without being penalised by these proposed fare tariffs.

Perhaps WBC could explain to me and my fellow taxi service providers the justification behind the increase, especially relevant, when we are informed that our great nation is currently in a situation of economic deflation?

I look forward to your response.

Regards

Freda Hammond

Mrs F. Hammond

APPENDIX C

Sharon Gavin

From: Sharon Gavin
Sent: 16 April 2015 09:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi Fares - Proposed Increase
Importance: High

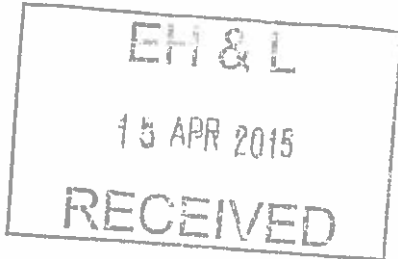
I would like to raise an objection to the proposed fare increase application being made by the West Berkshire Hackney and Private Hire Association. There has already been a major reduction in fuel costs which has not been passed onto taxi passengers. That means the taxi firms and independent drivers are already in receipt of a substantial increase in their margins through the reduction in a large element of their costs. I would like to see that passed on to taxi users in reduced rather than increased fares.

In addition, the official rate of inflation is now zero, reflecting overall economic stability. Members of the public who use taxis are generally being held to zero or minimal increases in their incomes. In the circumstances I would suggest that there is no justification for any increase in taxi fares. I do not see any reason why taxi firms and independent drivers should benefit from an increase that has no justification in the market in which all forms of pricing are being made to conform to the market forces prevalent in the national economy.

M.B. Elliott
Newbury Resident.

APPENDIX D

April 2015



Dear Mr Leahy

**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 sec 65
Fixing of Fares for Hackney Carriages.**

Further to the notice set out in the Newbury Weekly News dated April 2 2015.

Myself and the following Hackney Carriage license holders and Proprietors would like to challenge the proposal to change the current 3 tariff system to a more complicated 5 tariff system.

Our objections are unanimous, and we would like you to accept the attached sheet of signatures as our opposition to the proposed changes.

Our main objection is the huge increase in the start fare; (particularly Tariff 4) which we consider to be too high. At a time when the public are more price conscious than they have ever been, this excessive increase is going to cause drivers a lot of problems and abuse, and drunken arguments will be inevitable.

The current trend of Facebook cabbies will certainly benefit from these new tariffs as people consider licensed cabs too expensive.

We ask that the council consider the wishes of the drivers that actually work the ranks day and night and not a small group of association members who barely work the ranks at all.

We trust the licensing team will see sense and not allow these changes.

Thanks

Andy Keast (On behalf of the attached list)

Driver Name	Badge	Plate	Signature	Date
PAUL HIGGINS	2091	758	<i>Paul Higgins</i>	08/04/15
CARL TAYLOR	216	567	<i>Carl Taylor</i>	08/04/15
STEVE BRANTON	2186	N/A	<i>Steve Branton</i>	08/04/15
NABIL ALI AL	2233	858	<i>Nabil Ali</i>	8/4/15
MARTIN BOOTA	2049	65	<i>Martin Boota</i>	8.4.15
MICHAEL SIMPSON	2173	609	<i>Michael Simpson</i>	8.4.15
Richard Rowe	2168	N/A	<i>Richard Rowe</i>	8-4-15
JOHN KENNEDY	2065	808	<i>J. Kennedy</i>	8/4/15
Geoff Williams	608	740	<i>Geoff Williams</i>	8/4/15
James Higgins	2238	810	<i>J. Higgins</i>	9/4/15
John Burns	2077	617	<i>John Burns</i>	9.14.15
S DODD	2090	N/A	<i>S Dodd</i>	9.4.15
J DAVIS	2009	711	<i>J Davis</i>	9.4.15
A CLARK	2223	N/A	<i>A Clark</i>	9/4/15
M MEHTA	2066	713	<i>M Mehta</i>	9/4/15
A. GADDER	2205	N/A	<i>A. Gadd</i>	9/4/15
P KENNEDY	2138	58	<i>P Kennedy</i>	09/04/15
L. VERNACE	2166	868	<i>L Vernace</i>	09/04/15
D. BINDING	2276	802	<i>D. Binding</i>	09.4.15
K MEZSE	2184	N/A	<i>K Meze</i>	09.4.15
M. SMITH	2029	38	<i>M Smith</i>	09/4/15
B. RICHARDS	2194	795	<i>B Richards</i>	09/4/15
W. HINES	2241	N/A	<i>W Hines</i>	09/4/15
P. TEIXEIRA	2039	64	<i>P Teixeira</i>	10.4.15
L. CANNING	771	N/A	<i>L Canning</i>	10/4/15

