

Name	Vehicle/Driver/PHO License Number	Summary of Comments
Abdul Luhid	Driver 2267	Mr Luhid would like to know what the reason is behind the increase, when drivers are struggling to make any income. He believes the increase is unfair and is an injustice by the Council, particularly as other Councils are providing grants, free renewals or extensions. Mr Luhid would like the increase to be revoked, and the Council to be more helpful.
Michael Turner, M.T. Executive Cars of Thatcham	Not provided	<p>Mr Turner cannot understand how the Council can consider putting up the price of a plate yet again, as this is 'killing' taxi drivers, particularly as it is hard enough trying to find the money to pay the bills at the moment. Mr Turner would like the Council to consider giving some sort of help, especially as it's going to take a long time for business to come back (only doing local dares, as there are no pubs/clubs/airports/docks). He thinks drivers should stand together and fight the Council until they receive the help they need.</p> <p>Mr Turner also raises the issue of courses – he believes they should be suspended for a year, as they cannot be done in a classroom, and many 'of us' are not computer literate. He says the courses are not up to standard, there are too many problems doing them online, and that lots of taxis are packing it up because of the cost of the flights for courses, when there is no money coming in.</p>
Mohammed Sarwar Hussain	Not provided	Mr Hussain believes increasing licence fees at this difficult time is unfair for all drivers and owners. He advises that sometimes they cannot even make £20 for an 8-9 hour shift. He states it is unfortunate that the Council are not helping, when other Councils are providing cash grants or reduced fees. He would like to the Council to reconsider the decision, and help to save the trade.

<p>Walter O'Brien, Cabco Objection lodged on behalf of 98 members / drivers on Cabco circuit</p>	<p>Not provided</p>	<p>Mr O'Brien would like to convey his strong objections to the proposed increase. He finds it astonishing that the Council can even consider this proposal when the industry is struggling to even survive this pandemic.</p> <p>Mr O'Brien is the Senior Director for Cabco in Newbury, and would like the Committee to be aware that this objection is shared by the 98 members / drivers in their Circuit. If necessary, he can provide the names, details and signatures of these drivers. He would like the Council to be aware that a good proportion of these individuals do not have the facilities or technical ability to participate in a Zoom meeting, but that it is essential that their voices are still heard in this matter. He trusts that the Council will take cognisance of this request, and does not attempt to railroad this proposal through based on the absence of participants or the lack of an effective Taxi Association in West Berkshire.</p>
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