

Appendix 2 - Consultation Responses Received by Email

Two responses were received into the licensing inbox

RESPONSE 1

Hi Licensing team,

I write to suggest that you implement the proposed fares from the 21st July to avoid any further business failures or drivers leaving the industry.

- If I am the only email please do not take this as an objection.
- The increase is long overdue, being around 15%.
- Perhaps you could then undertake a review and look at a much larger increase perhaps using rate 2 for rate 1, and increasing the other rate pro rata .
- Taking into account fuel prices almost doubling over the period, increases in living wage, inflation over the period and the current sharp rise of about 9%, as well as other increased cost.
- I would suggest drivers relying on the rank would be able to pay themselves very little and those sub contracting to form perhaps earning around 50% of living wage on a busy day.
- As the fares are maximum fares I believe the competition will mean that drivers would charge less than meter.
- The rate increase will not involve any cost to the council when compared to the covid grants.
- I realise that I must give you my identity, however if possible anonymise my details if passed to a 3rd party.
- You can also consider automatic annual increases based on say inflation or average earnings .

Thank you in an anticipation that you might consider my views.

RESPONSE 2

I'm in favour