

Feedback from the “Statement of Licensing Policy” (Licensing Act)

| Comments received |
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| I am against the proposed fare increase for the following reasons: a) the timing for the increase is unfortunate - we currently have the lowest fuel prices since 2010 and our clients <u>will not understand how a fare increase can be justified at this time.</u> b) the reduction in initial distance, the increase in waiting time charge, and increases in fares at night time and bank and public holidays is not transparent to the client. <u>I see these proposals as fare increases by stealth</u> - the clients will not see any change showing on the meter but the fare for the journey will be higher than before! c) <u>the route taken on short journeys will become critical</u> if the client is not to be penalised with a higher fare. [We have many alternative route options from say ASDA Swanley to Northview estate or Hart Dyke Road area all of which currently come within the minimum fare of £3.80 but with the reduction in initial distance a number of these route options will cost more. Many drivers take different routes to avoid traffic or sleeping-policemen etc. but I can foresee a number of arguments and rows starting with our clients if one route now costs more than another!]. d) any fare increase will require taxi meters to be recalibrated at the drivers expense. I hope that other drivers in the District realise the implications of the fare increases that have been proposed. |
| Does not want a fare increase, would be happy with the waiting time to be increase. |
| Regarding the tariff change, It would not be good idea to hide the change. But to show it on the meter. It could cause conflict between driver and passengers over the final figure on the fare, because starting at £3.80 and finishing at a different finishing price could cause all sorts of problems. i.e.: if customer has been drinking. |
| The tariff that we feel would be preferred by the drivers is, Start at £ 4.10 /4.50 for 7/10 ths mileage there after at£0.28 |

Waiting time 0.45

Waiting time extra 0.70 / 0.70/0.90

The 23.00 hrs to 07.00 to change to 22.30 to 06.00 Monday to thursday £2.00 more than the fare when set.

Weekends from 22.00 to 07.00 hrs e.g. (Friday sat Sunday eve to Monday 06.00)

Weather (snowing £2.50 on the fare when set?)

Bank hols £2.50 on the fare when set

Christmas and new year same 100%

But to start at 16.00/17.00 hrs and end same time jan2

And all the meters go calendar.

I hope the council will register this complaint, and on another occasion veto requests from taxi firms to impose higher fares that are prompted only by the desire to cash in on passengers' needs to travel at particular times.