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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 January 2022 19:40
To: [REDACTED]; Licensing
Subject: Fw: Proposed Hackney Carriage Fares

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Good Evening [REDACTED],

I've had this email come through yet there is no contact email for David Pattison, to object against the proposed changes.

I need to make awareness that none of the hackney carriage drivers including myself were fully aware, that these hackney carriage fares were going to be changed to these rates. A Majority of the hackney carriage drivers were not consulted for a majority agreement based on my conversations with many of the drivers.

I have been in this trade for over 20 years and have seen the great challenges faced to our trade, especially since private hire has facilitated for online/app-based booking including the likes of Uber affecting the market. Consumers don't take many hackney cabs as they used to, due to the ease of access and cheap bookings available from app-based booking. Our business does not have any competitive advantage to private hire trade and in fact, our only advantage to private hire taxis is that we have the station rank and market street rank to allow for people to catch a cab. Futhermore, footfall has severely reduced and with the access to mobiles, people can have a private taxi ready to hand when needed.

The only additional advantage we have is that we endeavour to pick up customers on-time in majority of cases compared to private hire taxis. Yet, this is not a really a major selling point for hackney carriage taxis versus private hire.

I am aware we haven't had a fare rise in the last 9 years and a fare rise is due of course to be consistent to the economy. However, these prices are not competitive for the market. These fare rises will price us out against private hire taxis and will upset more customers who will turn towards private hire taxis. This will have a substantial negative affect to our trade that will force lots of drivers to leave the trade, if the business has been squashed and not sustainable for drivers to operate their vehicles.

I insist that these fare changes to be reviewed again and to bring in all the hackney carriage drivers with translators to hand to support a fair consultation process. In my opinion, I think our hackney carriage fare rates should match Birmingham hackney carriage fares and be in line with their changes so as a region, we are consistent with the trade.

In summary, I personally object to these fares and recommend for a full consultation with all the drivers. Moving forward with these fares will damage our trade, upset our customers and will bring complaints to your council.

Best regards,

From: Wolverhampton Licensing Services <wolverhampton.licensing.services@notifications.service.gov.uk>

Sent: 27 January 2022 08:00

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Proposed Hackney Carriage Fares



Hello,

The council is launching a two week consultation on an increase to proposed fares:

Proposed Hackney Carriage Fares

- Tariff 1
(Day) Monday to Friday (Time) 06:00 – 22:00

(First 1/4 mile) £3.30 (Additional miles (10p increments)) £2.00

- Tariff 2
(Day) Monday to Thursday (Time) 22:00 – 06:00
following day
(Day) Saturday and Sunday (Time) 06:00 – 22:00
Bank holidays (Time) 06:00 – 22:00

(First 1/4 mile) £3.50 (Additional miles (10p increments)) £2.20

- Tariff 3
(Day) Friday to Sunday (Time) 22:00 – 06:00 following
day
Night before a bank holiday (Time) 22:00 – 06:00
following day
Bank holidays (Time) 22:00 – 06:00 following day

06:00 24 December until 06:00 27 December
18:00 31 December until 06:00 2 January

(First 1/4 mile) £3.50 (Additional miles (10p increments)) £2.60

- Other charges

Waiting time (every 30 seconds) £0.10

Soiling charge Up to £50

Any objection to the proposed variations should be made in writing to the undersigned by 9 February 2022.

David Pattison

Director of Governance and Solicitor to the Council

Civic Centre, St Peter's Square, Wolverhampton WV1 1R

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 February 2022 14:56
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Fare proposal

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Proposed Hackney Carriage fares

Tariff 1

Monday to Friday

[0600 - 1800](#)

£3.50 1/4 mile and £2.00 per mile

10p increments

Tariff 2

Monday to Thursday

[1800 - 0600](#)

Saturday and Sunday

[0600 - 1800](#)

And bank holidays

Tariff 3

Monday to Sunday

[1800 - 0600](#)

£3.50 1/4 mile and £3.00 per mile

10 increments

Tariff 4

Christmas and New Year

Double tariff 1

1800 24th December to 2nd January 0600

Soil charge £50.00

There should be a separate tariff for more than four passengers
(fair and a half minibus tariff)

I have looked at Shropshire, Walsall and Cannock Hackney carriage prices.

I have spoken to quite a few independent Hackney carriage drivers who agree with these tariffs.

Kind Regards

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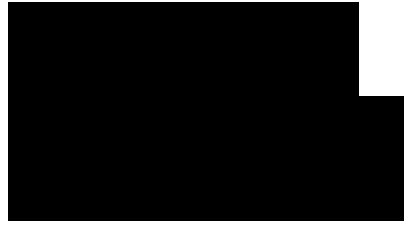
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To

David Pattison

Hi I am writing to you regarding proposed Hackney carriage fares they high because
With the energy prices in April these fares will be high nobody will be able to afford a taxi tariff 1
should be £3 first quarter mile
And additional miles 10 p £1.80
Tariff 2 should be £3.50 plus £ 2 .00
Rate .3 should be £3.50 plus £2.20
Bank holidays should be rate 2 all of rest should be same thank you so much



P.S. Saturday ~~and bank holiday~~ should stay on tariff 1
Bank holiday tariff 2.
all the waiting time should stay same
sole charges same too

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