

APPENDIX 3

Representations following informal enquiries

AGREE	ADDITIONAL COMMENTS
YES	This is an average rise of 7%. Rate of inflation is at 3%. Fuel up by 23%. Cost of parts for my vehicle has doubled in most cases not to mention the availability time. Most of my colleagues in the trade will have to worry about CAZ being introduced across grater Manchester. There are more aspects of concern of being a taxi owner / driver in Tameside. Please let me know if the panel requires any further information from someone who works in the trade. I can make myself available.
Yes	should have been more due to current climate
yes	Totally agree. It's been 3 years since last increase - cost of living has risen 4%.
No	Try again in 12 months.
Yes	I'am (sic) happy with the fare increase.
Yes	Not happy - insufficient increase - should be 15%.
Yes	Yes I agree because the price opf (sic) the cost of diesel has increased.
No	<p>Having taken some time to study the proposed rates along with all the pros and cons the decision is to OBJECT this proposal. this decision is for ALL the Hackney plates owned by [REDACTED] and or [REDACTED]</p> <p>A few factors have swayed this decision, please allow me to explain a few and also I shall add some views from the drivers of these vehicles.</p> <p>The suggested increase in charge to customers is showing itself of an increase at a rate of anything between 11% and 25% taking into account current rates and put alongside the rates Hackneys charge on a private hire system.</p> <p>The main customer base that use Hackneys are residents of Tameside who for whatever reason do not have their own cars or have mobility issues.</p> <p>These are people who rely on the services that we provide to get to hospital appointments, scheduled doctors meetings, collect prescriptions and get out and about on a general day to day basis.</p>

The customer base we have, like everyone else are currently still struggling to get back to normal after a hard couple of years due to Covid19.

Without our reliable 24/7 service, helping them to be able to get to and from the places they need efficiently, safely and at a reasonable cost I foresee a detrimental effect on those needing the service.

A price increase for these people is not something we can support.

The Tameside area already has a huge issue in availability of Hackneys being prepared to work, especially in the evenings when the council provided ranks are empty.

The proposal of a fare increase would mean that these ranks would be empty much more often given the fact that the majority of Tameside Hackney cabs work on a basis of going home once they have earned what they would like as oppose to providing cover for the customers.

A fare increase would only reduce the amount of time any of these vehicles are on the road.

The Tameside area in general is an area of extreme poverty and a huge percentage of such rely on benefits, they already struggle to use facilities such as cabs so to suggest an increase is going to be ruling this base of customers out of being able to access a service that currently supports them and is just about within their budget.

As a result of all these factors all of the Tameside drivers are facing a shortage of fares and bookings.

One of the major issues Tameside Hackneys and private hire alike are facing with regards to shortage of bookings for the amount of vehicles in Tameside is that we have the Uber, Wolverhampton plated cabs and Sefton plated jobs allowed to work in our area at much cheaper rates.

The ability to compete with those prices given by the mentioned companies and plate holders are viable at the moment but will become a struggle should this proposed increase take place.

All Tameside drivers at the moment are currently in a position where they are able to make a comfortable living for the services provided and the beauty of being a cab driver means they can always work more or less hours to suit their own income.

In conclusion I think an increase in fare will be detrimental to customers, drivers and taxi companies in the Tameside area at the moment.