

Objection to advertised proposed Fare increase

June 2017

Objection dated 20th June 2017 and was received within the consultation period

Dear Mr Sylvester

I have just had a conversation with Carnforth Communications who are a company that fits and calibrates taxi meters. He actually asked me "which idiot put in for this fare increase?". The proposed increase is ridiculous on many levels. Firstly it takes us back to the 1980`s when we finally got rid of fares ending in odd pennies. Secondly it is not a balanced fare. The proposed yardage will alternately under charge and over charge for subsequent miles and therefore cannot demonstrate a fixed mileage rate. Thirdly contrary to the Primary Legislation the proposal does not represent any request from the trade and indeed represents a system introduced by the previous licensing manager without any consultation with the trade.

I believe we need a conversation about this before it all gets out of hand. Carnforth Communications rang me because he got a load of earache last year for a 10p rise and feels he may be the target for more flack this year.

This has clearly been instigated by people who neither understand what we do or how our businesses are run. It is in short ridiculous.

Regards

Andrew Kay

(follow up e-mails from Mr kay dated 20th June and 8th July received after above e-mail)

Dear Mr Sylvester

Thanks for the reply. Please take this and the previous email as an objection to the proposed increase for the reasons stated.

Dear Mr Sylvester

I have taken advice and must reiterate that the system put in place by Ms Peck ignores the primary legislation. Any increase has to be lead by the trade as we are the ones that understand the changes in costs and our customers. To impose an RPI increase leaving every fare ending in odd pence for the first time since 1983 is frankly stupid and unworkable. The proposed fare is not balanced and has not been proposed by ANY member of the trade. The "consultation" was in fact a binary question and did not consult in any way shape or form. A consultation requires input from those being consulted. Something or nothing is not consultation and is indicative of a complete lack of understanding of both the process to increase fares and the pressures of our businesses.

Objections received after the consultation period (received between 8th & 9th July)

(Elleran Hobart)

Hi

I would like to object to the fare increase for the following reason it was put forward years ago to have the tariff put to five pence or ten pence finish to make it easier for change.

I don't think you can even buy a coin holder for copper anymore please can this be looked at again common sense needs to be used in this case

Regards

Elleran Hobart

(Peter Hobart)

Hi

My name is Peter Hobart and i am a taxi proprietor of HV 184 and i would like to strongly object to the recent fare increase as i think it is ludicrous.

I have travelled in lots of taxis around the country and not once have i had to copper up to get the right amount it has always ended in a round number

whoever has put this forward obviously hasn't talked with the trade or doesn't have a clue.

Regards

Peter Hobart

(Paul Spencer)

I'm sending my objections against the rise in the meter price . it need rounding up and not in pennies.. We carry enough change we don't need more please look carefully at this thanks

(Neil Porter)..

I would like to strongly object to the proposed taxi fare increase and would be willing to attend a meeting to talk to the members of the LRC about the subject
Many thanks Neil Porter.

(Shaun Wilson)

As a Hackney carriage proprietor in the LCC area I'm not unaccustomed to being left in the dark about procedural changes to our working practices. However, when I saw the proposal for the new table of fares for HC vehicles I had to check the calendar to see it wasn't the 1st of April. Are you seriously considering that taxi fares can be priced in pennies? Surely modern businesses should be trying to eradicate the need for copper wherever possible. This proposed increase is just plain daft. I urge you to show some common sense.

Shaun Wilson
HV314.

(Craig Parker)

Mr Sylvester I would like to object to the proposed taxi fare increase, I personally think having to deal with coppers when giving change will only make working life harder than it already is.

(Tanya Muckle)

Please log this email as an objection to the proposed taxi fare increase.

Reverting fares to include copper change would make life incredibly awkward. To demonstrate this is easily done by the fact that all bus driver and taxi driver change machines now don't include sections for copper change. As drivers we rarely see any form of copper so we would have to purposely carry additional bags of copper change to give to customers.

It seems far more sensible to organise the fares in increments of 10p.

Yours

Tanya Muckle

(Joseph Muckle)

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Joseph Muckle

(Si Ball)

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am a taxi driver in Lancaster and Morecambe and have just been made aware of the proposed increase to taxi fares by LCC.

Are you as a Council really proposing to increase the minimum fare by 8pence and the incremental fare by 1p? This to me is ridiculous as we will now be forced to carry more coins in "copper."

This is going backwards instead of forwards! In 1983 the fare was changed to a "round" figure to avoid the need for copper change and in today's society, the country, as a whole is almost on the point of making copper redundant permanently.

I would like to oppose this change strongly. The cost to change it now and then possibly a few months down the line is just stupidity and is sure to annoy every single taxi driver and every single customer too. Already I have had the majority of my customers expressing their disbelief over "something so stupid!"

I look forward to your view on this matter.

Yours sincerely

Simon Ball

Sent from [BlueMail](#)

(Shane Walker)

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I am writing to object the proposed fare increase due imminently.

My reasons for objecting are as follows:-

1. Every Hackney carriage having to deal with copper is not viable, as we would need to reprogram the meters, buy alternate change holders, I personally think it would be confusing for the public and very time consuming for the workforce.
2. Taxi fares are in my opinion, are fair at their current rate.

I would like to suggest some alternatives, being :-

1. To increase the fares ten pence, or;
2. To leave the fares set to the current tariffs.

Please feel free to contact me if you require. Regards, Shane Walker

(Mr M Richmond)

Good morning Mr Richmond (HD7471) here I am contacting you today regarding the proposed tariff change . I personally object to this as the increase would be of no realisable worth. I would need to carry more loose change and would cost more to implement than it is worth. Thank you regards M RICHMOND

(Andy Kay)

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(Judith181@aol.com)

To whome it may concern

I would like to object to the proposed fair increase, it is a ridiculous proposal and no increase would be better than this

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