

Dear Mrs Taylor

I wish to object to any proposed licence fee increase until a report containing a detailed breakdown of where the Trade's money is being spent is produced for observation. After reading February's report to the LRC, I have serious difficulty in understanding why it appears this department has accumulated big debts over the last 2-4 years.

I, as a proprietor, feel there is a need for an independent inquiry to be conducted before I am prepared to agree to further increases of any kind. The Trade further believes that it should not be expected to finance bad management.

In the local newspaper last week it was stated by Councillor Eileen Blamire that Lancaster City Council needed to save nearly £3.5 million by 2018 and I believe this department has run up so much debt it surely must be adding to the funding gap mentioned.

You are aware that the Trade has asked for cheaper MOT testing and to not have the unnecessary cost of replacing hackney carriage plates every six months for the sake of a date with a view to the Trade saving money themselves. If these requests were to be taken on board and implemented it is likely the Trade would then be more open to agreeing to future increases.

Please acknowledge receipt of this objection.

Yours sincerely
Keith Raby

Dear Mrs Taylor

I would like to object to the Licence fee increase for 2015 /2016

I can see no justification for this , we should not be getting increases just because the licensing debt is rising surely you have to look into why it has started spiralling out of control and not just put the burden onto the trade I would like to know why there has been no increase on the vehicles that are over 10 years of age as I can find nothing in relation to vehicles that are tested 3 times a year on the report that was submitted to the LRC by Mrs Peck there is no mention on the payment forms concerning 3 monthly test why ? .

I would like for you to please demonstrate how my current Licence fees are calculated and then I can have a better understanding

Why in the report submitted by Mrs Peck to the LRC it has Administration Fee at £40.80 before the increase and yet on the form that I have just submitted for my vehicle test shows it as £40
Something does not tally up right

We have gone from 1 year badges to 3 year badge it is all the same process so why are we paying for 2 years worth of costs when it should only be 1 year cost why is all this saving not being reflected

I would like to know why was it proposed to increase New Driver Applications by 10% what is the total cost already for a person who is on benefits and trying to get into the Taxi Trade or is just to stop people coming into the trade it makes not logic

Does the licence department gain the same amount of costs from all operators/proprietors ? below is what I currently pay 31.5 pence per day this is what I have calculated for myself and my vehicles after the main cost are taken out I get at £114 to licensing that I cannot see where it goes to

. 3 – 10 years of age

2 yearly test £ 148.80 x 2 = £297.60 – 2 x £

40.00 admin fee – £80.00 = £217.60 - £ 51.50 x 2 = £103.00 - £114.00 / 365 days = 31.5 pence per day

Kind Regards
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