

Howard Bee

From:
Sent: 13 January 2019 17:03
To: Howard Bee
Subject: Re: Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff

Dear Howard

Re - Hackney Fare Tariff increase

I am writing with reference to the above and to make you aware that myself and a large number of NDDC Hackney Carriage Drivers do not want a fare increase.

I believe the proposal for this increase has been initiated by the Hackney Drivers who operate mainly out of the Train Station. Their way of operation differs greatly from the public taxi ranks in North Devon, they operate a first off the rank system where the drivers can achieve full meter rate for the majority of their journeys. On the public ranks that do not operate the first off the rank system there is a culture of bartering, and the vast majority of our fares do not achieve full meter rate.

As we are in a low income area and we have not have any noticeable fuel increase I feel that an increase in the tariff at the present time would not be appropriate.

I would also like to point out that with the introduction of night buses and the increasing number of unlicensed taxis it is becoming increasingly difficult to make a reasonable living, and the negative publicity caused by an increase would do more harm to the trade.

I would also like to ask if we could have more of an active involvement with the committee, as drivers we only hear the outcome and don't get the chance to add our opinion.

Many thanks

On Thu, 3 Jan 2019 at 13:40, Howard Bee <Howard.Bee@northdevon.gov.uk> wrote:

Dear ~~Darren~~

I am emailing to confirm that we have just spoken on a very bad phone line regarding a request to increase the Hackney Carriage 'Fare/Tariff'. If yourself and a number of other drivers are not happy with this request could you please as suggested submit a letter outlining the reasons why you do not agree with an increase and list and/or petition of drivers who support this view.

Regards Howard Bee

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From: Phil Fitzsimons
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Subject: Hackney Carriage Fare Tariff

Dear

Further to our telephone conversation today I am advised that a request for an increase in the current hackney fare tariff will be reported to the Councils Licensing Committee at its meeting of the 5th February 2019.

If it is your intention to submit any representation either in support or against any such proposal then please write or email Licensing at North Devon Council within the next couple of weeks.

Please note that if you wish to make any representation at the hearing then this would be at the discretion of the Chairman of the Licensing Committee.

Regards

Phil Fitzsimons