

Additional comments received from Drivers in Favour of Proposal

1. I am in favour of a fare increase due to the inflated cost of living and rising taxi running costs
2. Considering the current situation of fuel prices I am in favour for a fare increase. But the 5 different Tariff in the new proposal is not business friendly. I only agree to have tariff 1,2 and 5 from new proposal. To keep things simple I don't agree with Tariff 3 and 4. Personally I don't think it's necessary to have those separate tariffs only for weekend.
3. I am in favour of a meter increase. But I don't agree with the change of tariff during the weekends. Personally, I think it is ripping off the Public. Who we rely on for our livelihood.
4. Cost of living up, Taxi running costs up, Diesel costs up

Additional comments received from Drivers opposed to the Proposal

1. No - I am NOT in favour of his increase! This has been pushed forward by one particular company who, I understand, have already changed the meters in their private Hire vehicles to reflect these rates, purely to compensate the Drivers for a huge increase in the dues they charge the drivers.
I hope that any signatories to the petition that are Private Hire Drivers will be ignored, since the legislation applicable to fares solely affects Hackney Carriages. This is NOT the time to force an increase on the travelling public, many of whom are struggling financially and Taxis are their lifeline! The result can only be fewer people able to afford taxis, especially the elderly, people with young families, or those with disabilities who may well end up unable to afford to leave their homes!
2. In response to your request for views on the proposed Taxi Fare Increase, I am registering a firm NOT IN FAVOUR. It is overly complex and designed (by use of unjustified vindications) to extract the maximum from the average client. The MSDC current Tariff is one of the highest in the UK, excluding areas around Airports, probably the highest local council rate. Consequently, any increase would lead to a further drop in Taxi usage and be detrimental to the trade and local taxi users alike. Your letter informs that the request had not come from either the MSTA (now defunct) or the council. I am reliably informed by members of the trade that the originator of the request is Station Taxis. When the MSTA existed Station Taxis tried to use the number of plate holders they had working for them to propose and vote through detrimental changes that had no benefit except to the directors of Station Taxis. I think this tactic may in use here. I am also told that the proposed Tariff increase have already been put into effect on Station's PHV meters. Is this legal to have varying meter rates. Should the public not be informed that displayed fare is not an official MSDC sanctioned rate. My feeling is that the council should not put itself in a position to condone the lining of a few individuals' pockets at the expense of others i.e. The Trade as well as the public. Another worry is that, without a functioning trade representative body, many plate holders will not fully understand the consequence of voting in favour. Unfortunately, there is an element of reasoning that says "we are losing revenue, let's put the fares up to compensate". The better alternative would be to consider how to increase trade without increasing prices. Maybe a Tariff reduction??

3. Now is not the right time to be seeking a new increase in view of the last 2 years and the economic hardship many families have had to endure. To put the fares up will just force what little trade there is into the likes of Uber.
4. I would like to strongly vote NO to the proposed tariff increase
5. Fare price do not need to go up happy with same price.
6. I think that the Tariff of Midsussex hackney carriage should NOT increase due to various factors Notably due to Covid19 and Our business is slowly picking up by increasing fair it will Not help
7. I'm not in favour of the increase but the 5 tariffs are very confusing. Also we are just coming out of a pandemic when money is already tight for a lot of people. Fuel prices are high at the moment but will probably drop in the near future.
8. The meters should go up annually.