

APPENDIX C

Fare Increase – agreed trade

No	Comments
1	That is perfect
2	I'd like to support the idea of a fare increase to reflect the current increase in fuel costs, especially relevant for cabs which are less efficient than cars.
3	I agree that due to the current financial situation the tariff increase should be implemented as soon as possible
4	Yep I'll have a bit of that thanks
5	Im not working at the moment, but I agree the fares need to be in line with everything else.
6	Yes I agree to the proposed increase
7	Further to the email regarding the tariff increase I think its desperately needed in this current crisis and also something put in place for tariffs to increase with inflation year on year
8	I agree with any increases
9	With regards to the fare increase I'm in favour of this
10	Yes 100% needed
11	Fine by me all helps
12	I can only add that the proposed increase in the fare tariff is certainly needed
13	I agree with the proposed changes
14	Yes with fuel costs still high I agree to the increase
15	I agree with the proposed rise
16	Yes I agree with the rise if that's okay
17	I agree to the pay increase
18	Yes this increase is needed
19	Thank you for the proposal, I would like to agree to this price rise
20	Wow how fast are you, firstly I think you know I'm all in favour of the overdue increase and this seems absolutely fine
21	I agree with pay rise as things r continuing to increase and times r hard
22	Yes
23	Yes
24	We agree with the tariff increase
25	We agree with the tariff increase
26	Yes I think there should be a tariff fare increase
27	Yes
28	Yes
29	Fare yes
30	Good idea
31	Yes
32	Yes I agree with the tariff fare increase
33	I would be in agreement of the proposed increases
34	I am happy with the proposal
35	Yes that change seems fine
36	Thank you for your email regarding a tariff care increase. Yes I would welcome an increase as proposed in your email
37	Hi I agree with the proposed increase in fares
38	Yes

39	That's a yes from me
40	I am in favour of a tariff increase
41	I agree with price increase
42	In reply to your email regarding a tariff change I would be in favour of the increase as my running costs have increased
43	Seems to be in the best interest for all drivers with the financial climate being the way it is and showing no decline
44	I would like to say yes to the increase
45	The rise is fine by me
46	Yes we should have a pay rise
47	I agree with the rise
48	Yes tariff increase please
49	I just wanted to say I am a favour of the increase
50	I'm in favour of increase
51	I would welcome the increase. This will help with the ever increasing costs to running and maintaining our taxis along with the cost of living increases
52	Regarding the increase on fares and waiting times I would welcome the increase and at the moment in time is really needed
53	I'm in agreement with the proposed new tariff
54	I'm more than happy for the tariff to go up the average price of diesel is now about £1.80 per litre. Tyres have gone up road tax has had a increase and so has parts and labour on getting work done on the taxis to keep them up to a good standard. Some drivers moan and say know its ok for the odd few that try and take the moral high ground who don't have kids and young families. If other drivers want to keep it the same that's ok if the government decides to cut fuel duty more and road tax etc. Sorry to grumble on I think a fair increase would be welcome on my behalf
55	I would like to agree to the increase
56	Yes please
57	Yes I agree to the rise
58	I agree to the tariff rise
59	Agree
60	The proposal sounds great. I'm in favour of the tariff increase
61	I would welcome the increase given the current financial climate
62	Yes I agree with the rise
63	I'm in favour of the increases proposed
64	Yes I agree with these changes
65	Yes agree to all of the email
66	It is definitely needed every little helps
67	Totally agree that a fare hike is needed. Fuel is up prices of tyres and servicing vehicle as gone up
68	I'm happy with whatever pay increase you set
69	I feel that it is about time we had a tariff increase because we haven't had a proper increase for a decade not counting the 60p increase last year which was negated in no time at all because of the rocketing price in fuel that happened shortly after. So I believe that this can be considered a cost of living tariff increase which is am fully in support of. I do believe that the taxi trade in the Borough have made a rod for its own back by not having a tariff increase every 1 or 2 years so I do feel that the council could not object to this increase that will be gratefully received by the majority of the trade if accepted. I feel the public will come to terms with this increase in no time at all and feel that any

	objections received by yourselves by them would not be justified purely on the grounds of the length of time that has passed since the last increase
70	I'm in favour of the pay rise
71	I write in support of the proposed increase
72	I strongly agree with a rate rise
73	I'm in favour with the pay rise
74	Considering the current state of affairs/cost of living increases it would make sense to increase the tariffs as you suggest above
75	Due to currant cost of living I agree to increase
76	Yes that seems good
77	I would be in favour of all the tariffs and waiting time increases from the proposals that have been put forward that have been set out below
78	Driver could not reply to email so call via telephone and confirmed that he agrees to the pay rose
79	I agree with the tariff increase
80	Short and sweet I say yes to the tariff increase
81	I fully agree with the recent request for an increase in the Hackney Carriage tariff. I feel with the current economic conditions and the many inflationary costs we are having to cope with there is no sensible option. Apart from the obvious increase in fuel, garages charges, spare parts, insurance and many other prices have risen, some quite sharply. In the last two years the price of tryes of my vehicle have doubled
82	Any increase in tariff would be welcome
83	Yes I am happy with the increase
84	This driver originally objected to the tariff rise but has since withdraw the objection and agrees
85	I agree there needs to be an increase yes
86	This driver originally objected to the tariff rise but has since withdraw the objections and agrees
87	This driver originally objected to the tariff rise but has since withdraw the objection and agrees

Fare Increase – against trade

No	Comments
1	Raising the fares at the moment not a good idea as people are struggling enough to get taxis in the current economic climate, plus the way that the proposal has been set out, I personally don't think it is fair on the customer who is travelling future
2	I am against the tariff increase, I think it could end up having a detrimental effect on the taxis as people are truly struggling, yes I do agree its hard for us too, but I think all taxi drivers should be looking at the bigger picture on trying to keep customer & not sending them away due to tariff increase
3	I still don't think the increase in fares should be done at this time. It is likely to discourage taxi use at a time when everyone is struggling and I would rather keep things as they are, at least for the time being
4	At this moment in time I'm personally against a tariff rise because there is such uncertainty how things are going to be financially for everybody we have already seen a slight drop in customers in the trade and with electricity and gas jumping next month people won't be able to use taxis I think we will lose those that still need to use them
5	I know times are hard for everyone and other places are getting pay rises. But in the taxi trade its better to keep customers rather than push them away. Fuel has dropped a bit, but I think stay as we are. So it's a no to a pay rise from me
6	I don't think there should be a rise in the tariffs, the price of fuel has come back down over the last few weeks and with the high cost of living at the moment, I think it would be the wrong time to put the tariffs up and would just mean less people getting taxis meaning driver would be worse off
7	Personally I don't think there is a need to raise the fares as I would say 95% of customers leave a tip anyway, so in theory we are already getting paid an increase. I think by increasing the fares to would push people more towards using the buses more
8	I am against a fare increase at this time. This decision should be made by Halton Borough taxi drivers only and no other taxi firms from outside the borough
9	No
10	There are many reasons for a pay increase, but I am against this tariff change. As it penalizes the more lucrative longer distance fares more so than shorter fares
11	Not at this moment in time for me
12	With the current economic situation & customers having less money, I don't think a rise is justified at this time
13	<p>I disagree with the proposal.</p> <p>Whilst I feel we have had very, very little support through the pandemic and the current crisis unlike other forms of transport despite the trade carrying the same per cent-age of passengers as the buses (past UDP document) and our trade colleagues in other areas I don't think now is the right time to increase fares by 80p+ per mile (T1) and more on T2/T3.</p> <p>The bus industry has just launched the £2 capped fare on a trial basis, with financial support I might add, so I believe we should await the outcome of this and look at an increase in February 2023 for an April implementation. We can of course review the situation sooner if the economy dictates.</p> <p>I think the trade would get more relief from a reduction in the fees paid and a review of the requirement of the test frequency. The inspection (test) was introduced because of the deterioration in standards when the trade used the old FX4 cab. Today, and has been the case for a number of years, certainly in excess of ten, the taxi fleet is one that has been said to be one that the authority is proud.</p>

	<p>We are currently paying nearly £300 on admin fees and £63 for a test which the same garage charges £40 to the public and less for employees. The testing should be opened up to other garages. To continue as we are is causing problems because of the lack of appointments and I do wonder if a 'closed shop' approach is indeed lawful.</p>
14	<p>I personally feel that a fare increases wouldn't go down well with the public at this time</p>
15	<p>Personally I think this is a bad idea, mainly because the majority of people who use cabs are those complaining about the cost of living eg shoppers, commuters etc and any increase would just drive them away. Also the high price of fuel is already beginning to drop which will (eventually) see a drop in prices (wars not included) and finally the cap on bus fares at £2.00 is surely going to have an impact</p>
16	<p>I believe it is still not the right time to be doing the fare increase. Although I agree that with the price increase in fuel and other bills this is a difficult time for us, but if we increase fares its only going to discourage customers from using the service altogether</p>
17	<p>After reading the proposal for the tariff increase. I am writing to say that would not support this proposal. As I think, despite the current financial situation, this type of increase is far to much.</p> <p>The tariff 1 increase of every 20p every 200 yards, would add £1.76 per mile, this alone, I would struggle to justify with our customers and can only see an increase of this size, as having a detrimental affect on the trade in general and especially Halton Borough Taxi Drivers</p>

Fare Increase – Queries

No	Comments
1	We could seriously do with the tariff 3 period increasing time wise. There's little incentive to work boxing day when tariff 2 kicks in at 6am. I believe Warrington get T3 every bank holiday and doubt the public would resent paying the extra 25% (from T2 to T3) In comparison we must get the shortest T3 person of any taxi service in the country
2	I agree to the tariff changes but I also think the start price should be increased by at least 30 pence
3	Yes we need this rise badly also I would like to see the 6 miles reduced 5 miles