

APPENDIX 1

Hi Mrs.

Thank you for your response with regards to the Fare Increase Proposals.

_____ We have submitted an excess of 230+ signatures {including TOA drivers} who believe we have the strongest proposal that will be more beneficial to suit the needs of all the Hackney Carriage Trade.

Increasing the Fare by a minor amount will be insufficient to solve this ongoing issue as there has been no increase in fares for approximately 12+ years. The cost of the constant daily rise and cost of living, and maintenance of vehicles is the major contributor to our request.

The General Public are familiar and are already making use of Tariff 2 and 3 and as we are already using these, our increase will not affect Trade.

Since submitting our proposal it now seems somewhat obsolete, as card payment charges, higher purchase loan payments on upgrading tax, and CAZ charge it would be inconceivable to accept anything less than our proposal.

We believe in order to avoid misconceptions or disagreement on the increase, should the need arise, we suggest a postal ballot be made available giving the Trade details of both proposals and drivers to make a choice, this would allow the increase to be fair and unbiased.

Kind Regards

{on behalf of all my colleagues}