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Tony Thomas (thomas889@btinternet.com)	<p>Thanks for your messages in regards to the taxi fare. First of all I wish you all a very happy new year. Concerning my thoughts, I will leave the fare the way it is at the minute due to the current state of the country plus other struggling businesses.</p>
Alex Bannatyne (jammymutt@hotmail.com)	<p>Im not sure if your aware but I have in fact left the industry simply because the costs are far too high to make a living from Taxi driving in Newark.</p> <p>The night life is gradually being killed off by licensing so there is less work for many drivers, there is no sole rank in the town, and cards on Castlegate cars can freely park in the ranks, Personally I think you need to look at the cars coming in from Wolverhampton who have a far cheaper way of licensing and can compete for lower start-up costs.</p> <p>Also, the ludicrous decision to only use one doctor for as medical who is in Nottingham means a morning or an afternoon out of town for a medical WHY NO NEWARK Doctor allowed? Said Doctor in Nottingham wrongly told you and the DVLA I was diabetic which I am not he did alter the HGV licence medical I got at the same time but I couldn't be bothered to argue with the council.</p> <p>If the nightlife isn't there the taxis won't have the potential to earn a living. I think the fares are OK but Newark needs designated Taxi only ranks on Friday and Saturday evenings.</p> <p>It's a rarity to charge for soiling.</p> <p>Have you never thought of council App for independent drivers?</p> <p>The industry in Newark is dying, let night clubs open again and late pubs otherwise nobody need a taxi.</p>

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<p>Damian Carlin (damoavfc@googlemail.com)</p>	<p>Although the last pay rise was appreciated and required i still believe there should be a slight increase in the rolling rate to make the mile equivalent to £2.</p> <p>I also think it would be advantageous to eradicate the 12 and 11p increments and bring them back to 10p on Tarrif1,15p to tariff2 and 20p Tarrif3.</p> <p>Also has suggested before I believe Tariff 2 should start at 20:00pm rather than 23:00pm as there just isn't the work there after 23:00pm.</p> <p>Regarding the soiling charge this should be minimum £100 as our shift is over once we have a soiled vehicle.</p> <p>I believe Nottingham are at £8 for a 2-mile journey and Lincoln are £8.30 for a 2mile journey.</p> <p>To be on par with Nottingham a 9-10% increase on our current 2 Mile journey would match this.</p> <p>Eg: 2 Mile =£8 3 mile =£10 4 mile =£12 5 mile =£14</p> <p>Kind regards Damian Castle Taxis</p>
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<p>Jacqueline Ryan (dogsear0306@gmail.com)</p>	<p>Fare are enough are you trying to kill the trade?</p>
<p>Christopher Carlin (ccarlin47114711@googlemail.com)</p>	<p>Hi Anna/Nicola</p> <p>I was not truly happy about the last rate increase however im happy to hear its being looked into further</p> <p>I would like to see an increase as follows</p> <p>£4.50 on the flag including first 500 meters followed by £2.25 per mile (71 meters at 10p) for the first 5 miles (8046.72 meters) followed by a subsequent £1.95 per mile thereafter (82 meters at 10p)</p> <p>My reasoning is because the long distance is already just about where it needs to be currently, but the shorter journeys are insufficient</p> <p>I have created a spreadsheet where you can make all adjustments required to give accurate tariffs</p> <p>Currently a metered Heathrow journey is £273 and on the new rates it would be £277</p> <p>Also, a trip to the beginning of Collingham from Northgate is 12.93 and the new rate it would be £15.05 making it just a £2.12 increase on a 5-mile journey</p> <p>This is still only a small increase however it would be a great stepping-stone for the rates to be moved accordingly in the future</p>

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	<p>In an ideal world I would of proposed a £4.50 flag including first 500 meters and a rate of £2.40 per mile for first 5 miles and still leave the additional miles beyond 5 miles at £1.95</p> <p>This would take a typical Collingham from 12.93 to £15.75 making it a £2.82 increase</p> <p>The taxi fare calculator I have made will let you guys make alterations to suit and also make it easy to choose the amount of meters per pence charged</p> <p>On that note I would also like us to go back to 10-15 pence increments (ideally 10p)</p> <p>Really hope the calculator can assist</p> <p>Ps as a sidenote - I also believe the tariff 2 should be brought in from 20:00 till 07:00 as there is no incentive for anyone to stay out late anymore</p> <p>And the soiling charge should be increased to £100 minimum</p> <p>Also Lincoln is currently at £8.30 for a 2 mile journey and my proposal would match that and still not be too expensive on the longer distance journeys</p> <p>Kind Regards Christopher Carlin Carlins Cabs</p>
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<p>Alin-Ionel Zdroba (exactmon@gmail.com)</p>	<p>Good morning ,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. I think we need an increase 2. Yes 3. We need to bring the price up with inflation 4. A small increase from 0.11 to 0.15 and 0.12 to 0.15 will be decent.
<p>Martin Henson (chestnutmild@hotmail.co.uk)</p>	<p><u>TAXI FARE REVIEW - 2023</u></p> <p>Q1. Yes, reasonably content with current tariffs.</p> <p>Q2. No fare increase required.</p> <p>Q3. Whilst we would all like a little extra in our pay packet, the reality is that the average man in the street is already having to live with stretched personal finances. Since the £1 flag increase, we have noticed some regular customers no longer use our service, but this has not been detrimental to business as we are now able to accept other bookings.</p> <p>Q4. Round up or down the ‘pence’ on the metre (as suggested before).</p> <p>Q5. No suggestions offered.</p> <p>Q6. No suggestions offered.</p>
<p>Penny Dawson (pennypaco13@gmail.com)</p>	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>I refer to email in connection with the Taxi Fare Review which will be considered by the Committee on 2nd March 2023.</p>

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	<p>My response to the questions contained within the email are as follows with the same numbering:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. No I am not happy with the current rate 2. Yes I would like to see an increase in the current rate 3. I understand it has been a number of years since the last increase in the rates. 4. I would suggest an increase across all fares of 10% rounded up. The standard rate of £3.90 would therefore be £4 and the first 95 metres should be 13p and subsequent charge after that 12p. 5. The minimum soiling charge currently £50 should increase to £100. This is on the grounds that it is simply not possible to have a car undergo a full valet with seats cleaned for less than £95 in Newark. 6. I think it is high time that taxi fares were increased to assist with the huge increases in the costs of motoring generally. I have been trading for 3 years now and when I first started I could fill my vehicle tank with diesel for £63-£65. Now the cost is £95-£100. I fill up twice a week. I simply cannot afford to keep absorbing an extra £60 per week for the cost of fuel. The costs of a new used car has doubled. I will not be able to afford to buy another vehicle in three years' time, by which time my car will have clocked up towards 250,000 miles, if I have not been able to save a sizeable deposit, which I will not be able to do without an increase in fares. Interest on loans has increased too. The cost of living has increased. My mortgage has gone from £184 per month to £420. Vehicle insurance has increased not decreased as I had expected. I thought that after three years no claims I would have seen a decrease in my insurance premium but it has not decreased at all. The double fare taxis are allowed to charge at Christmas time is no longer relevant. Whilst some city taxis may be able to obtain work at that fare I found that my phone did not even ring. And I could not even take bookings at the fare I was hoping to be able to charge. Customers just could not afford it. This was the general experience across the board for all the drivers. Customers just cannot justify paying that fare on top of their night out to get home. Many people chose to (drink?) drive, walk or simply stayed at home.
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	<p>I hope I have put my opinions across clearly and I sincerely hope the Committee will listen and consider all the responses at the meeting. Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to give our opinions.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Penny Dawson Collingham Cars</p>
<p>Helen Gent</p>	<p>Attention: Licensing Department Re: Taxi Licencing Consultation on Fare Review</p> <p>I write to request taxi fares are increased by 10% on the rolling mileage charge, rounded up to the nearest 10pence, with a minimum £5 flag fare.</p> <p>My reasoning for this is:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The £1 increase on flag fare isn't a sufficient increase, after having no pay rise for 10 years. The fare should be a minimum of £5, because it isn't worth a driver travelling 15 minutes across town to collect a customer for £3.90. <p>Many drivers turn down such small fares, because quite honestly, it's not worth leaving the house for £2.90, now £3.90.</p> <p>It is particularly common for drivers to turn down fares from Newark Northgate Railway Station to Castle Railway Station for this exact reason - it's not worth the driver leaving their rank position for 'a coupla quid'. This however, leaves customers in a terrible position of not being able to get between stations - customers who would be perfectly happy to pay £6 over having to walk the 20mins between the stations.</p>

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	<p>This is the same for all small fares across town - particularly in heavy traffic, where the £4.20 fare may take 20minutes. NOBODY should have to work for ½hr for under a fiver - after vehicle costs, it's less than minimum wage per hour!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Fare increments to be in 10pences for ease and transparency - no taxi drivers give out change in 5p/2p/1pence! 3. All council services, including employed council officers pay, councillors expenses, council tax, business rates, council rents etc etc, have ALL increased multiple times in the last 10yrs to reflect inflation/GDP. <p>The council have totally neglected taxi drivers wage increases and fuel price increases over the last 2yrs, by not providing a fare/pay increase for 10yrs.</p> <p>The £1 flag fare increase does NOT account for this at all. The flag fare increase does not affect private hire vehicles at all, and only provides about a £1-10 per day increase for Hackney Cabs.</p> <p>This does not in any way even cover fuel price increases, let alone also cover our wage increase for 10yrs. Inflation increases by an average of 2% each year, and this year closer to 4%. Over 10yrs, this is 20% of inflationary price rises that taxi drivers have not seen at all - £1 simply does not even touch on covering this.</p> <p>The fuel price rises and the huge rise in the purchase cost of new/2nd hand vehicles, as well as the large rises in vehicle maintenance at garages, due to a national mechanics shortage, as well as vehicle parts shortage and their price rises, means that taxi drivers are massively out of pocket - we aren't allowed</p>
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	<p>the price rises in our fares, to cover our massively increasing costs - so it comes out of our wages, which are now below minimum wage per hour.</p> <p>This is entirely unacceptable that we have to accept below minimum wage just to cover our vehicle costs, just because the maintenance has increased but our fares haven't.</p> <p>It's quite a disgrace that it's been so neglected, and cab prices have fallen so behind. No other council controlled service, would tolerate a 10 year price freeze, PARTICULARLY with such huge current inflationary rises happening on ALL products and services. We must not be left behind and neglected any longer - we NEED it very badly. Our fares should be increased annually, as well as every other service that receives annual inflationary increases. It's a travesty that we've had a 10yr price freeze enforced upon us with no choice.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Yours sincerely, Helen Gent ACORN TAXIS</p>
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