

<u>Name</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Support of Proposal</u>
John Foster	I agree with the proposal.	Yes
Paul Dowd	<p>Hi my name is Paul Dowd and I am a taxi driver in the Newark & Sherwood District. In regards to your letter about an increase in taxi tariffs I would be in favour of the increase. My reasons are listed below.</p> <p>We have not had an increase for a very long time but in that time.</p> <p>1/fuel costs have risen. 2/vehicle maintenance costs have risen. 3/the licence fee has risen. 4/the plate cost has risen. 5/medical cost has risen. 6/taxi test/mot has risen.</p> <p>And I feel a meter rise is long overdue.</p> <p>Obviously this just my opinion.</p>	Yes
Sean Stevens	<p>I do agree with the fare increase but I think the flag should be £2.90 rather than £2.88. This would also round up the flag for tariff 2 to £4.35 and £5.80 for tariff 3.</p> <p>The price increase will be very welcome as our costs have been rising over the years but trade has fallen dramatically due to shop and nightclub closes in the town.</p> <p>We are also required to buy newer vehicles by Newark & Sherwood Council so I would like to see the public notified of this when the price increase is issued so they know what they are paying for.</p> <p>On another note I would also like the council to do more checks on z cars/Dg as they are breaking the</p>	Yes

	<p>rules off their private hire licence by picking up flag downs off the street (seen many times by myself and other drivers).</p> <p>They should also be made to display signage saying (illegal hire unless pre-booked) as in other towns and cities, to make the public aware they are not hackney carriage taxis.</p> <p>They also use hackney taxis in Newark licensed from other towns, but as a private hire firm they are not allowed to do this so clearly breaking the law. I would like to see more effort from the council to ensure z cars stick to their operator's license conditions as they are taking trade from us.</p> <p>We are licensed by yourself and have to follow your rules z cars do not have the same restrictions so would appreciate regular checks on z cars by the licensing authority.</p>	
Stephen Priestley	<p>Thank you for your letter dated 27 June 2019 outlining Council proposals for increasing fares.</p> <p>It has been a long time since an increase which I support but realistically only a small increase should suffice as trade has fallen dramatically since turn of the New Year. Personally I think 10 pence increase in tariff 1 fare (to £2.50 start) with an increase of 15 pence increase in tariff 2 (to £3.75 start) is adequate.</p> <p>Licensing dept should have other priorities though like perhaps having secret shoppers similar to those used in retail industry as I hear a lot from disillusioned customers about one or two independent one-man bands deliberately going a long way round between pick up and drop off points irrespective of roadworks.</p> <p>The biggest bone of contention however is the continuation of out of town registered taxis eg, City of Wolverhampton and City of Nottingham licensed vehicles operating in Newark & Sherwood District Council, blatantly ranking up illegally in this town. Going through all rules given to us Drivers and Operators this is obviously illegal as we Drivers cannot go to either of these cities and work out of them as there would, quite rightly, be an uproar from both of those licensing authorities.</p>	Yes

	This matter needs addressing as a priority with us local Drivers being supported 100% by our local licensing authority.	
Tony E	I support this proposal. Will I receive details of how to alter my meter at the relevant time?	Yes
Richard Cresswell	I am not currently working as a private hire driver but I have no objection to the proposed increases.	Yes
James Kavanal	This email is in response to the letter I received about the Hackney carriage fares increasing. In my opinion, the fares that are currently being charged are reasonable compared to surrounding areas such as Nottingham. I would be happy for the prices to remain the same.	No
Florin Dorgo	I would like to say YES, but our unfair competition from DG CARS, who are coming with old cars, with price under our rates on almost time, don't let me go forward with this proposal.	No
Lyndsey Cummings	Wondering if you can help me I would like to put my name forward to agreeing with the price increase for taxis after receiving the letter unsure of who I'm supposed to send this too? Also Pete was saying to me that we can give our numbers to the council for advertising Newark and Sherwood taxis? Is this correct and where do I send this to also? Sorry to bombard you! Hope you are ok	Yes
Gee Deba – Gxpress Cars	I do support fares increase of 20% on flag rate and 10% on rolling mile. I understand that this increase will be on each tariff 1 to 4. Also I hope that council will look into problem of Z Cars which also operate as DG cars as they break lots of operators license rules.	Yes
Graham Phillips	An increase, which is long overdue has to be a fare balance between the needs of taxi operators and the	Yes

	<p>needs of the service users.</p> <p>I do believe that any increase should reflect the aggregated average uk annual pay rises and not necessarily the aggregated inflation rates if the latter is higher because financial sacrifices have been made by all.</p>	
M N Iqbal	With due respect, I would prefer for the fares to remain the same as before.	No
Alin Iordache	I do agree with the increase of the taxi fares	Yes
Carl Forster	<p>I will agree in principle to the proposed changes but would like to ads an idea.</p> <p>If the flag is raised to £4 and start distance also increased to 1mile and the pence per mile decreased to bring us in line with Lincoln and other surrounding areas to generate more business that would otherwise go to cheaper districts</p>	Yes
Tony Thomas	<p>In reaction to the question my answer yes but it's not suppose to be an increase in other fees we pay.</p> <p>But the influx of the already saturated unknown companies using the loop holes of the law to trade is a bit concern.</p>	Yes
Damian Carlin	<p>Hi this is Damian Carlin from Carlins Cabs Just a short email In regards to the tariff increase just to say I agree to the increase But I believe it would be more appropriate to round the flag up to £2.90 or even £3</p> <p>And then for the rates to be reviewed again in 4-5 years time due to inflation</p>	Yes
Sorin Dan	<p>I am Dan S Lazar taxi driver since 2008 here in Newark</p> <p>I am agree to rise the taxi fare in a way that should protect eighter customers eighter drivers.</p> <p>So a fare of £5 for first 0.7 mile and £7.5 for the first mile would be resonable.</p> <p>The rest of journey taxi fare should stay as it is to be able to compete with other taxi companies from Lincoln and Nottingham who already chasing this town.</p>	Yes

	Thank you for your attention	
Roger Ifie	The fare Increase is welcome as long as all fees are not increased as well.	Yes
Martin Henson	<p>The proposal for Tariff 1 increase appears to be sensible and affordable. However, purely from a practical point of view the inclusion of the 'pence' is unnecessary. I believe most cabbies would prefer rounded figures and those I know 'round the fare' ie: £4.10p is £4 etc etc.</p> <p>On a personal note the eradication of small fares would be welcome. At Yellow Cabs we do a lot of fares that are often uneconomical. As an example, I recently counted my first 17 jobs, all local. Of these fares, one was £4 and ten were well under £4. The distance involved and time to do these fares are often long.</p> <p>As an example I travelled from Balderton to Albert Street, the fare went from Albert Street to Lombard Street Doctors (set down was Asda top car park). The customer has severe mobility issues and takes 'forever' getting in the car and settling the fare. My next fare was in Farndon. Total time from Balderton to do the job and then pick up in Farndon was 23 minutes. I had taken £2.60 in 23 minutes. Anything that could have increased my takings during that period would have been welcome.</p> <p>On 1 Apr 19, the living wage increased to £8.21p an hour for those over 25 and working outside London. I can honestly say that in terms of earnings I and my colleagues do not earn that amount. The exception to that rule is that a specific job may earn more than £8.21p and with also with gratuities. However, at the end of a 10/11 hour shift earnings are often significantly lower.</p> <p>The decision to 'leave alone' T 2, 3 & 4 is welcome. T2 from Fernwood to McDonald's and Vodafone on a Sunday via the A1 is around £15 and these journeys take less than 10 minutes; I am always generous with customer discount on such fares; very expensive (enough said).</p> <p>Any increase in fares has to be controlled and reasonable so that the 'customer' continues to use NSDC taxi services. Even as part of a small and relatively busy company earnings remain low and most definitely not in line with normal low paid unskilled employment.</p>	Yes

	<p>Finally, whilst it does directly affect me, the decision made to increase the year from 5 to 4 years for a newly registered taxi/PH is disgraceful. This inexcusable decision has clearly been taken by a person(s) who have zero experience of the trade and of the financial hardship taxi owners/operators face. It has obviously been taken by a 'know it all, know nothing' council staff member(s) who clearly take such irresponsible decisions without any thought for those it affects. Having spoken to many other owner drivers from other districts over the years and seen for myself the cars they buy, none ever enter into the ridiculous regulations of having to buy 5 and now 4 year old cars.</p> <p>That concludes my opinion</p>	
Binod Giri	<p>It is my pleasure to get chance to take part on the above subject.</p> <p>I have gone through the documents and from my knowledge I found the revision proposal alright. Therefore I fully agree upon the proposed proposal for revised taxi fares.</p>	Yes
Simon Sparks	<p>I would just like to give you my thoughts regarding the proposed meter increase.</p> <p>It has been a long time since our last increase and since then as you can appreciate fuel, insurance, hackney licensing charges and hackney badge charges have risen considerably.</p> <p>The proposed meter increase therefor in my opinion is justified and I am sure will be welcomed by most of the cab drivers in the NSDC area.</p> <p>However, my major concern is the timing of it.</p> <p>The pound is very weak against the euro & the dollar at the minute and is forecast to drop lower until Brexit is sorted. The uncertainty of Brexit is making a-lot of people and businesses hold on to their money. Our government could possibly be looking at another general election very shortly which is also putting doubt into the spending market. In my opinion taking all of the above into account, this makes travelling by taxi a luxury.</p>	Yes – supports the proposal but would like to wait until after Brexit.

I know this sounds silly, but, the only people that are going to be affected by the fare increase are the customers (obviously) who use taxis. We should be encouraging these people to keep using taxis to support local businesses and not penalise them by a fare increase when cash is already pretty tight. We are now on the downhill run leading up to Christmas. This always has an impact on our trade but this year without the fare increase, I foresee a decline in custom so again, I fear an increase at this unstable time of year is the wrong call.

I have the experience to know that along with a fare increase comes a drop in footfall. The initial increase in profit due to the rise is very quickly retracted by a drop in footfall, again putting the taxi prices for many out of reach, or making them choose alternative arrangements for travel.

Like I said in the beginning, I do feel we are ready for a fare increase and with me running the largest taxi company in Newark I should be welcoming this with open arms, and I will, but please could this be put on the back burner until after the new year, April possibly. By this time our Government, the strength of the pound and Brexit would of all been sorted, hopefully.

Finally, please amend the committee proposal for a flag rate of £2.88 and £4.32 respectively to £2.80 and £4.30. Small change is something that taxi drivers hate, just a suggestion.

I look forward to hearing from you regarding my thoughts shortly