



Dear Sir/Madam,

I would like to pass comment and complain about the decision to offer the taxi industry within the borough of Tonbridge and Malling the insulting 3% that you have suggested.

I think this offer is totally inadequate for the service offered to the public at the ranks within our area. As you should all know we have not had a rate rise for 3 years that means that we are only worth 1% of an already pitiful rate per year.

When I attended the last committee meeting it was said that the rate rise was to be held over until the committee could look into parity with other boroughs in the area. The derisory offer of 3% puts us even further behind them so I feel as though we were conned or even lied to.

I understand that not all drivers want an increase but in a lot of cases it will mean survival the recommended rate is a maximum, so they do not need to charge the increase.

Our largest outlay is fuel which has increased at a much faster rate than the pitiful 3% that you feel is adequate for us. This woefully inadequate offer will not even sustain the recalibration of our meters in our vehicles.

This needs to be resolved as it will soon be time to apply for another rate increase.