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Hackney Carriage Proprietor / Driver

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Your ref
Our ref Unmet Demand
Date 24th February 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

Number of Hackney Carriage Vehicles

Following discussions with Hackney Carriage Proprietors and drivers at the recent trade meetings there was concern over the number of licensed Hackney Carriage Vehicles operating with Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council (TMBC).

Under the Transport Act 1985, Local Authorities are only able to limit the number of Hackney Carriage Proprietors licences issued if there is no 'significant unmet demand'. The existence of the concept of 'significant unmet demand' must be determined through robust statistical analysis as any decision to limit the number of licences may be open to detailed scrutiny by the Courts should the Committee's decision be challenged. Such surveys are normally conducted every three years.

The effect of the above is that a refusal to grant a Hackney Carriage Proprietor's licence, on the grounds of the numbers of Hackney Carriages within the area could only be justified if the Council could demonstrate that there is no significant demand which remains unmet for Hackney Carriage vehicle services.

Significant unmet demand is made up of two components:

- Patent demand – which is directly observable from observing queues and waiting time and the ranks; and
- Latent demand – calculated using data from the rank observations and public attitude information gleaned from the survey.

A survey will cost between £8,000 - £14,000 to be completed and will have to be paid for out of future fees. This would result in an additional fee tariff of between £7-11 a year.

As a result I need to understand how many licence holders would like to invest in an Unmet Demand Survey to be carried out in Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council area. I will then report the finding to the Licensing and appeal Committee for consideration.

Director of Central Services and Monitoring Officer: Adrian Stanfield LL.B (Hons) Solicitor

Question 1	Please tick ✓		
Do you want Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council to commission an Unmet Demand Survey?	Yes		No

Proposed new fare increase.

Following discussions with Hackney Carriage Proprietors and drivers at the recent trade meetings there was support for a Fare Increase from those present. I need you to answer the following questions. The results will then be presented before the Licensing and Appeals Committee for their consideration. If the Licensing and Appeals Committee agrees a fare increase a public notice will be published and there will be a fourteen day period whereby objections can be raised.

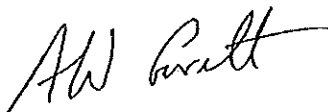
Question 2	Please tick ✓		
Do you want a fare increase?	Yes		No

Question 3
What fare increase do you want considered?

Driver Badge Number	Signature
Drivers Name	

Please return to the licensing team at Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council in the pre-paid envelope by Monday 3 March 2014. All papers will be available for inspection.

Yours faithfully



Anthony Garnett

Licensing and Community Safety Manager