


## RE: Hackney Carriage Fare Increase



To  Licensing Services

Anthony

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I really think the council needs to focus on catching up to TW's flag and push towards getting the flag nearer the £5 mark over the next few years rather than increasing an already nationally league-topping mileage rate.

I would urge the council to reconsider not increasing the flag, even if the distance was increased to compensate and/or the mileage rate returned to its current rate.

I would also urge the council to agree to an index-linked rate increase every 12 months. As I explained in my last objection, we currently do not have a fare increase for 5 years at a time and then all of a sudden the rates go up a huge amount and the public are in outrage over the increase. It would be far better to have smaller increases but more often. This may raise some concerns among drivers around the cost of having their meter updated every 12 months as it takes some time to get that money back through doing fares at the newer increased rate, the current price for a meter update is £25, however as the Aquila agent for the area I could agree to reduce this to £10 for the drivers if the council agreed to an increase every 12 months and I'm pretty sure I could speak with Ben Acres (who does Digitax and Viking) and get him to agree to do the same.

To make it clear, I am not objecting to the mileage rate increase (although I feel it is unnecessary). I am objecting to the flag **not** being increased.

Can you please just confirm that this objection is acceptable in email format, or does it need to be in letter format in a Word document?

Kind regards

Mike  
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