

Appendix 3

Objections

	Please explain, in as much detail as possible, why you object to the proposed increase in hackney carriage fares: - Objection explanation text area
1.	Prices already rose this year. Fuel costs already show signs of dropping at the pumps, so looks like a temporary high - any proposed increase does not seem to be linked to pump prices so will become permanent regardless of actual fuel cost. Poor bus service in district causes many taxi journeys. If people were not forced to use taxis to replace awful bus service, then my view would be different. Sort the bus services in Taunton.
2.	<p>The recent price increase that happened in February has already made me less likely to use a taxi. I agree that the previous price rise was long over but another rise now is to soon.</p> <p>With the cost of living crisis continuing people who rely on Taxi will be very hard hit by a second price rise.</p> <p>Furthermore, the current high fuel prices will hopefully start to come down in the coming months.</p> <p>If this increase was for a limited period, say 6-12 months I would be much more likely to support it.</p>
3.	Taunton costs more than any other town. Fairs went up not long ago. It is unfair to consumers.
4.	The cost of living is already so high. I wouldn't be able to afford a hospital or drs trip is costs go up. Taunton taxis are already cheaper then other areas around the UK.
5.	<p>I don't - I totally support the increase.</p> <p>I live in the real world, inflation is currently at 9.4% per year. No one can operate a business without covering cost..</p> <p>Therefore the proposed increase which are below the current inflation rate are totally acceptable.</p>
6.	I do not object

7.	It is not an objection, just I think less and less people will use them and it will be a vicious cycle. I would also like to better understand how these rates compare to other place in the South West. Our charges seem extremely high in comparison with other areas I go to. Also I don't feel the prices you show are a true reflection of what people will pay. I remember 6 years ago getting a taxi back from Taunton station to my house in the Dowslands area of Taunton at 11pm. It was just over 2 miles and I was charged £15. This indicates it would be a little over £10.80. I would suggest that what ever this shows, it will be significantly more and I just don't think it is fair on people without a car.
8.	I am a pensioner who has had to give up the car because of sight issues. I use several taxis every week and struggled after the increase earlier this year. If there is another increase I will be unable to go out to attend various clubs or meet friends. I live alone and will be stuck at home as my sight stops me using public transport. This situation would seriously affect my mental health, and I am very worried. I also need taxis for medical and dental appointments which cannot be missed.
9.	The price of diesel has already dropped by up to 15 a litre in the last month I think the price increase should be held for a couple of months and see what the markets do
10.	Hello John, bit late for me to voice my opinion but I'm hoping the taxi rates are not increased again so soon. Fuel prices are showing signs of easing and i feel another price increase will potentially damage the numbers of people able to afford using a taxi. I for one would not want to get my meter changed again and charge the higher prices as i would feel I'm just adding to the financial strains our customers are experiencing.