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To: Licensing (TWBC)

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Subject: Licensing fees consultation for Hackney/PHV

Dear sirs

I suggest that the fees proposal should be suspended subject to investigation that Tunbridge Wells Borough Council licensing department has made profit from Hackney owners/ PHV owners.

This is my finding so far, I have found a number of Hackney carriages/private hire vehicles never had a second test which is paid for in our fees over the last five years, as we pay for these test the council has kept this money which should be paid back to the owner as they didn't have a second test, But it is council requirement and a safety issue that cars have a second test which is Stated in the latest policy document which all parties must comply to which the council didn't enforce.

This is a huge problem which I have found but when we have mentioned over the years that of this failing no one Listened so I had to do it F0 I on this and now licensing department is listening!

On insurance cars they never have a second test which the council has kept this money so I've gone back from when the hub took over and on the 20th I should find out the council findings on this and then we'll see where we'll go on this.

Plus when we brought this up at the last council meeting this should've been taken a bit more serious especially from the counsellors which are meant to protect the public interest.

Regards

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