

Taxi fees and charges - Table of objections received.

Appendix B

	Name	Badge Number	Date	Extract from email
1.	Danny Johnson	D 4950	08.12.20	<p>Hi . Having received your mail regarding proposed increase to fees for 2021 I feel this is unfair to increase fees no matter how little as the trade is suffering hugely . I also feel we should be helped to continue playing our trade which I believe other councils have done , I have been trading for 20 years plus with no help what so ever from Tunbridge Wells council and this year is needed more than any other year , my trade is down so far that I am on the brink of packing it all in as I need to survive and right now we have no work as you are probably aware of . I'm not one to complain but feel this is a kick in the teeth to us drivers at the moment . I just hope our trade will pick up soon before it's unsteinable to continue serving this borough</p>
2.	Rado Boltun	D 28	08.12.20	<p>I, as a driver strongly opposing to proposed fees,both driver's and vehicles.As the year 2020 was hard due to corona virus ,we are in deep losses.Hardly been able to make investments towards our vehicles to keep them safely operating, drivable according to good standards.Also many of us had to renew their dual driver licenses,as well as myself.Then insure vehicle doesn't come cheap.So I asking you where is our profit? We are contributing towards your salaries, but you should take into account our incomes went significantly down in some months by 70%.So bringing all fees up in this uncertain time seem like felony to me.We have our boundaries, which when crossed there wouldn't be any services for our existing customers which they are relaying on, elderly citizens those with various disabilities,parents with school children's and others.So now is the question,do you want this service in this town? Is it worth to bring the fees up?</p>

				My answer is no?
3.	Medhat Khechine	D 2013	10.12.20	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would like to object to the current plan of increasing the taxi licensing fees! It's very hard times to all of us and I was expecting some kind of support instead of asking me for more money! I hope you would reconsider your plan and bear in mind the current situation and how badly we are all struggling.</p>
4.	Ian Dolwin – ACS Chauffeurs	D 5189	10.12.20	<p>To whom it may concern</p> <p>I think this increase in fees is unfair. Due to no fault of our own ie - the Covid situation. The difficulty in keeping our car on the roads is great enough without this increase I strongly believe this increase should be scrapped and twbc should use the government to fund anything further as we the drivers are at our limit Some may not survive and the service to the public will be downgraded.</p>
5.	Amir Akram	D 5726	10.12.20	<p>He, as we all going through in difficult time specially taxi drivers are worst hit by pandemic and in this difficult time the increase of licensing fee is not justified and we can't afford to pay. Please think about taxi drivers . Thanks Sent from my iPhone</p>
6.	Clayton Berry	D 4749	10.12.20	<p>Dear Licensing committee</p> <p>The industry is on its knees but twbc wants a increase on our fees. I think this is insult as every year this has gone up and up. In 2015 the renewal of a hackney carriage was £274, in 2020 it's £400 so in 5 years £126 increase I could look at others. Plus I know there's a £30 difference in between PHV vehicles and hackney vehicles but what is with the £5 surely they cost the same to be tested and paperwork as there's no difference.</p>

				<p>So if the fees go up every year can we look at cost cutting in the licensing department, since we joined up with Sevenoaks it was meant to save money but every year it's gone up enough is enough. If we put our fares up the same percentage, the general public would never use us. So I strongly object to this increase.</p>
7.	Toni Conlon	D 5235	10.12.20	<p>Really!</p> <p>I am left speechless and my brain hurts.</p> <p>We are in the middle of a pandemic, we have no work, we, as well as the Chair of Licensing, have written to Greg Clark MP begging for assistance as more and more drivers are having to choose between food and paying their rent, and in the middle of all of this, TWBC want to put the fees up.</p> <p>I am an incredulous at the utter lack of understanding and empathy that TWBC are showing towards the taxi trade.</p> <p>So, just in case you are in any doubt, I object in the strongest possible terms! Give us a break.</p>
8.	Yahya Nasir	D 5780	10.12.20	<p>Dear licensing I'm against the decision of fees increase There is no work since the first lockdown . I waited at the station 3-4 hours and got 4£ that's under the minimum wage not sure Who came with this idea . Instead of thinking how to help the driver Instead of thinking how to help the driver</p>
9.	Marin Khan	D 5814	12.12.20	<p>This price rise is joke of the year . A taxi driver earn 50£ per week nowadays should he feed his family with 50£ or the vicious appetites of the council's .</p>
10.	Kamel Fguennou	D 18	12.12.20	<p>Hi I am a dual taxi driver Sadly ,most of us have no more to give and are really struggling to pay the current fees. I am not happy to pay the increase. Thanks</p>