



September 27 2016

Objections to Proposed hackney Carriage fares 1st October 2016
Including Petition

Dear Ms Ashton

Would you kindly find enclosed a petition and objections signed by 17 night Drivers who are both aggrieved & Object to the fares as advertised in the Swindon Advertiser dated 14 September 2016

However there are many others who have also signed for which I am as or date unable to present, 

These numbers represent 70-90% of the night/early morning Drivers, depending upon times

It is the general opinion from the Night Drivers that between the Hours of 00.00hrs to 02am there are at peak periods only 25-35 Cars working , This dwindles down quickly to only 20 -25 at 02am and at 03am between 15-20. Dwindling further to 10-15 after 03am , bearing in mind that most of the Bars and clubs close between 03-04am .

The Cutting of the Night rate we know will lead to less drivers working the Late nights/early Mornings .Thus through the Councils actions in cutting the night rate would leave the Council to be acting beyond its responsibilities for

1. The prevention of Crime & Disorder
2. Public Safety

3. Prevention of Public nuisance.

Under Licensing Act 2003 for which the Council have a given Responsibility to uphold and not put at risk.

This I have been informed is of concern to the Police, Bar and Club security teams .

The already low night rate is already responsible for these low Numbers as “already” stated in your Swindon local Transport Plan 2011-2026 , where it clearly states >> THERE REMAINS A PROBLEM THAT AT PEAK TIMES DEMAND FAR EXCEEDS SUPPLY <<

The said Advertisement for Fares as advertised in the Swindon Advertiser is also “INVALID” as it did not comply to the required legalisation as a public notice, as it failed in its entirety to state anything regarding the objection process Times, dates , address and to who within the Council to address such objections to .

As you are aware at the very least this will need to be re-advertised in the correct legal format

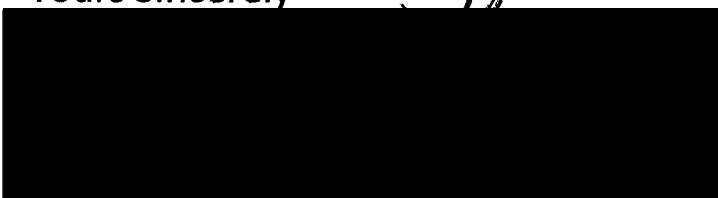
We find the Cutting of the night rate to be “Wednesbury Unreasonable “

And by doing so find that the Council have acted in a Manner that is “UNDERMINING” businesses as well as refusing to render a required Expectation of Commercial confidence .

The Objection & petition dose not request any increase in Fares only that there should be 3 Rates (as in place until 2008)

Should you require further information my Details are already with the council

Yours Sincerely

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ADVERTISED TAKING EFFECT OCTOBER 1 2016

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We therefore petition the Council not to cut the night rate but to return to the 3 separate tariff system

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Evening rate 06am-23 hrs (as advertised for night rate)

Night rate between 23hrs-06am (as remaining for present fares)

Please note we are "not" requesting any increase but think it only "reasonable" that increased fares should be in place for Night & early morning hiring's in line with most Councils.

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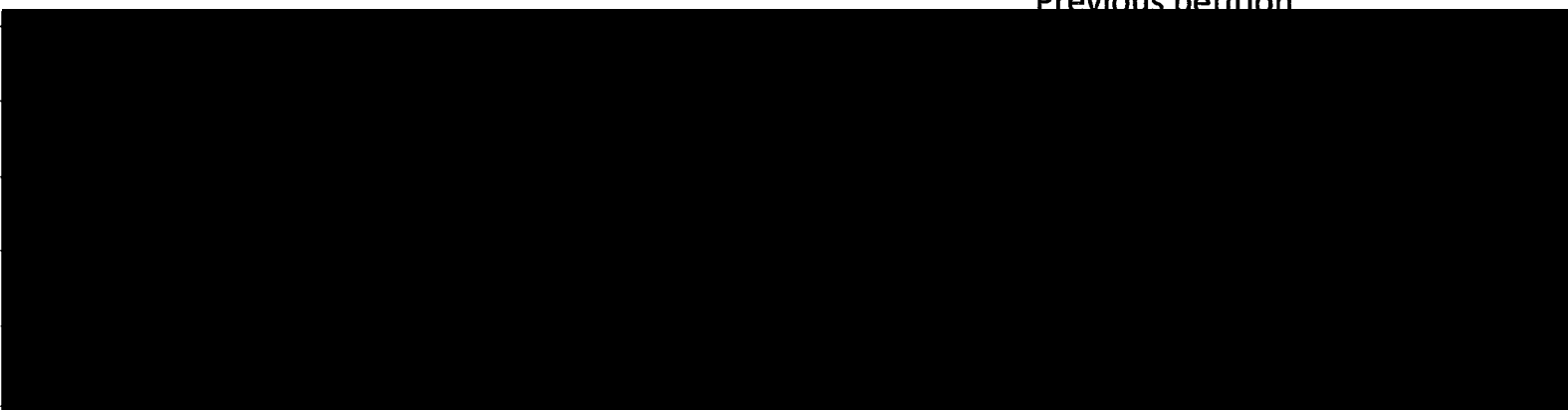
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