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To whom it may concern / Swindon Borough Council Taxi Licensing Committee

Dear Sirs

In reference to the imposition of a fare cut I would like to make the following points:

1. There is no need to consider a fare cut as the Council complied with the 14 day rule on advertising and had no objections or comments made.
2. The petition was not held in a fair manner:-
 - Whose name was the petition in? I wish to be provided with a responsible name and not just miscellaneous unknown people collecting signatures.
 - A lot of drivers have complained to me that they felt pressured into signing the petition and now have regrets.
 - If you still think that the petition is valid would you please send letters to each of the drivers on the list checking if they still wish to be on the list and also possibly asking them if they drive a cab or a car (NB: approximately 40 drivers work night and many only at the weekend and yet there are 90 signatures on the petition. Maybe they thought they should have more money on days?!)
3. Compensation:
 - If the council reduces the fares what consideration will be given to our financial loss?
 - What will the council consider appropriate?
 - Would paying just, warranted and fair compensation cause a financial difficulty or heavy burden to the Council? We hope not but fear it would.
4. The Meeting was held in an unfair manner:-

- There was insufficient time allowed for this meeting,
- 2 of the 4 speakers do not even own taxis.
- There were 3 people speaking against the new fares and only myself speaking for it, and representing the silent majority, because everyone thought that the Council would correctly comply with their own rules and therefore had not asked to speak and/or had not even attended. The majority of drivers did not understand the need for attendance at the second meeting as the fare chart was already correctly and lawfully agreed under the council rules
- In order to be fair I should have been given the same amount of time to speak as the 3 people who spoke against the fare rise, combined. I felt I wasn't given sufficient time to speak, as the main supporter of the council imposed fare rise..
- The new fare proposal had had no objections and therefore the Council could have imposed the decision.

5. Paper Advertisement:

- The latest advertisement in the newspaper fails to make it clear that drivers and the public can object to the proposed fare chart and makes no reference to a time limit for comments or objections of any sort to be submitted - so I feel that this possibly has a legal implication or a problem of fairness.

6. Solution:-

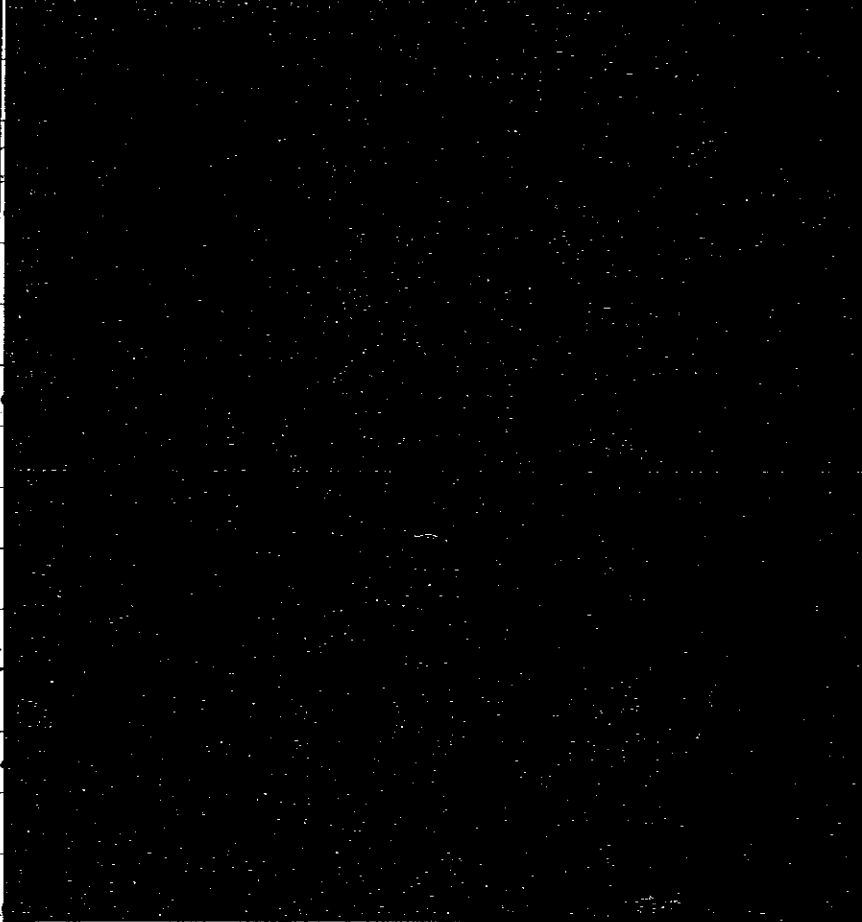


The solution to our problems of the council and the taxi trade over the matter be for all interested parties from the taxi trade and licensing officials plus 2 politicians from the 2 major political parties to have a meeting to work out an agreed fare in total for both days and nights, bearing in mind that this is scheduled to be done in December in any event. This would enable us all to have a fair debate and honourable solution.

Please note that I, and my family, object to the imposition of these new rates vehemently and wish our objections to be considered/heard fairly.

Yours sincerely





SWINDON BOROUGH COUNCIL			
OBJECTION TO THE PROPOSED HACKNEY FARE			
REDUCTION EFFECTIVE FROM THE 1ST OCTOBER 2016			
NAME	SIGNATURE	LICENCE NUMBER	COMMENTS
			
			I think they want to reduce it too much.
	Will collect more		
	IF REQUIRED PLEASE		Ring me
			



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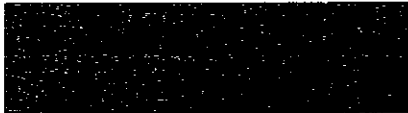
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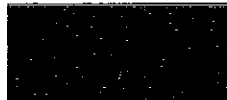
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Since this is going to have an impact on my income I have no choice but to register an objection to the proposed action.

Name



H/D licence no.



Signature



Date

28/9/16

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26/9/16

