

# APPENDIX 3

## Steve Wearing

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**Subject:** Taxi Fares  
**Attachments:** PublicNotice-ProposedVariationofFaresforHackneyCarriages-2022.pdf

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**From:** Steve Wearing  
**Sent:** 30 March 2022 13:49  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Taxi Fares

Dear

Thank you for your e-mail of the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022, which was in response to the Public Notice placed in the Sunderland Echo on the 4<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 regarding proposals to vary charges to be paid in respect of the hire of Hackney Carriages, plus other charges specified in the Notice.

The period in which objections to the advertised proposals could be made closed on the 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022. You were on the only person to raise objections to the proposals.

By way of background information, the proposals contained in the Public Notice were put forward by the Sunderland Hackney Carriage Operators' Association, ("SHCOA"). At its Meeting of the 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2022 the Council's Licensing and Regulatory Committee resolved to advertise the proposals put forward by the SHCOA.

In view of your objections, the Licensing and Regulatory Committee is to meet on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 to consider the advertised proposals and your objections. This part of the Meeting will be open to attendance by members of the public and press. Having submitted objections, you are invited to attend this Meeting to make representations to the Committee about your objections. A Committee Report will be published regarding this matter. Following a consideration of your objections and submissions from the SHCOA in response to your objections, the Committee will be invited to decide which fares are to be introduced, ie. based on the advertised proposals and your submitted objections.

In order to assist me with the preparation of the said Report I would be grateful if you would please clarify the following matters, :-

1. Firstly, whether you continue to object to the proposals that were contained in the Public Notice. I have attached a copy of the Notice for your information. I ask this because you are the sole person who submitted objections. If you are no longer raising objections then the advertised proposals would be introduced on the 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2022. If your objections remain and the fares and charges are determined by the Committee they would come into effect no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> May, 2022;
2. That you consent to your e-mail of the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022 being included in the Committee Report that I need to prepare, with your e-mail being redacted to remove your e-mail address and home address. The Report will be a public document and will be accessible on the Council's website;
3. That you consent to your e-mail in response to my e-mail of today's date also being included in the Committee Report, with your e-mail again being redacted to remove your e-mail address and home address;

4. That you are to attend the Meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2022 in order to make representations. If so, I will contact you in due course to finalise arrangements for your attendance. An invite letter will be sent to you, which will include a copy of the Report and the Procedure to be followed when this specific Agenda item is considered by the Committee;
5. So that there is certainty regarding your objections, I would be grateful if you would please confirm the following matters in relation to your e-mail of the 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2022, ie. so that your objections can be explained in the Report, :-
  - (a) Given that you state "*I can accept that a modest increase in fares is reasonable*", when you say "*I would like to raise my objections to the blanket rise in fares*", are you referring to the proposal to increase each of the three Current Tariffs by £0.20 and, if so, would you please confirm, in monetary terms, what you consider to be "*a modest increase in fares*" to be applied instead of the proposed £0.20?;
  - (b) Given that you state "*I can accept that a modest increase in fares is reasonable and that consideration for enhanced fares on Christmas Day and New Year's Day are also reasonable*", is it your position that enhanced fares Under Tariff 3 should only have application on the 25<sup>th</sup> December, (ie. Christmas Day), and on the 1<sup>st</sup> January, (ie. New Year's Day), and not on any other days of the calendar year?

If your objections are withdrawn, you will not need to respond to Paragraphs 2 to 5 above.

I look forward to hearing from you as soon as possible.

Should you have queries concerning the above, then please do not hesitate to contact me on 07711 827989, or via e-mail : [steve.wearing@sunderland.gov.uk](mailto:steve.wearing@sunderland.gov.uk).

Regards,

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