

Appendix 6

To commercial and licensing manager

I object to the proposed tariff increase suggested by 8 drivers my reasons as follows

1. We have and are still working through a pandemic for last 2 years
2. The people of Stevenage are struggling to pay bills with increase in food gas and electric etc
3. Uber who are not licensed in this town are undercutting our fares when they are quiet and price surging when they get busy
4. Are you aware of how many Stevenage residents are using food banks to survive?
5. We are a luxury for most people so why would Stevenage licensing try and put local cabs out of business by having a unjust increase when so many people are suffering

Kind regards
Mr s.boyce

Sent from Samsung Mobile on O2

Appendix 7

To who it may concern

I am writing this email to object to the proposed tariff increase due to the fact that we are still currently in a pandemic aswell as inflation rises in utility bills. I would also like to point out that yes meter prices have not increased for a few years but at this precise moment in time I think that if the meter prices do increase then it would have a detrimental impact on our living as Uber also currently undercut as and when suits them with their pricing so how can we compete with that when our own coats of living are impacted.

Kind regards

Mrs M Boyce

Sent from my iPhone

Appendix 8

Good evening

In regards to a tariff increase that has been proposed by EIGHT drivers, I am entirely AGAINST.

To begin with how is 8 drivers, in a town with over 200, enough to even contemplate a tariff increase?

We are still in the grips of a global pandemic, when people are struggling to make ends meet you are asking us to charge them more.

I understand that the cost of living has gone up, but as self employed taxi drivers we are lucky enough to be in a position to work extra hours should we need them. The majority of people do not have this luxury and are on set incomes. Asking them to pay more for their journeys is more than likely only going to get them to stop using taxis completely or turn to Uber.

Speaking of Uber, we are already struggling to compete with them on a day to day basis and the fact that you have done nothing to try and stop them working here over the last 5 years has not helped.

One major source of lost income is the reduction of Stevenage nightlife.

Having been a driver for over 20 years, I remember a time when people would travel for miles to come to Stevenage and visit the Leisure Park for our restaurants, pubs and nightclubs. The Leisure Park has become a food court with a cinema and bowling alley.

If this fare increase goes ahead I think you can pretty much say goodbye to the taxi trade in this town.

Kevin Godfrey

Sent from my iPhone

Appendix 9

Hi, I'd like to appose the price increase as in Stevenage a taxi is a luxury as a lot of people can't afford taxi prices as it is. By raising the tariffs it is going to create less work and with the likes of Uber it is already hard for us to get any fares so I don't think this is the best move for taxis and private hires.

King regards,

Elaine Barker

Sent from my iPhone