

STEVENAGE CABTRADE ASSOCIATION

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Dear Emma,

Compliance Test Increase.

On behalf of SCTA we would like to make a formal objection to the proposed increase.

The compliance test is more stringent than the normal MOT. Moving from London rd to Cavendish road

NO consideration was given in the planning or building of the new site to cater for the needs of the trade.

The new depot is not VOSA approved (not a MOT testing station) and does not provide a viewing area.

Cavendish Rd does not offer value for money and you are expecting the trade to swallow a further increase.

With your proposed increase of £50 plus drivers paying between £40-£50 for a further MOT.

The puts our costs at around £100 because you are unable to provide the full service.

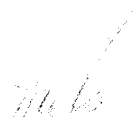
Other Councils i.e. North Herts provide Mot and a Compliance Test for £54 .

Hackney Carriage licensed Sept to August. Private hire April to March . Many of the cars could not be tested in time . They have to book 3 weeks in advance to get a slot. If the vehicle fails a retest is a further 2 weeks. This makes the driver unemployed (the Right to Works Act) .

If a car fails the inspection the licensee(driver) is taken to the loading bay and shown the faults. Due to the bad design of the facilities it is shared with lorries and vans etc of Stevenage Homes. With the movement of vehicles in and out it contravenes the Health and Safety Acts. The licensee should be allowed the best value for money with better facilities. You do not provide either requirement. If you cannot provide our requirements the licensee should have the freedom of choice and be allowed to source alternative facilities.

he general feeling of the trade is NO increase for a compliance test unless you can provide our requirements.

Yours sincerely



Chairman SCTA

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