

**Objections**

Reference	Representation	Interested Party
1.	As a taxi driver in Prestatyn i think the times of changing to tariff 2 are unacceptable. The people i have had in my taxi recently have said they will stop using taxis on a sunday. I also think tha starting tariff 2 at 6pm on a Friday and Saturday is unacceptable. Maybe 9 or 10 o'clock would be suffice. I personally think a sunday should be tariff 1 until at least 6pm. Only my opinion and customers ive had in car	Licensed driver
2.	Hi Licensing team I agree with most of the increase but trarif 2 on a Friday and Saturday should remain at midnight as this will just cause problems to both drivers and the public in my opinion. Thanks	Licensed driver
3.	I don't work on weekend nights but using tariff 2 from 6pm will just kill the trade..Also no way will I be charging tariff 2 on a Sunday.A price increase is needed but let's face it ,we don't live in a big wealthy city so any price increase should be realistic. Personally I think either an increase to the start price or the mileage but not necessarily both.	Licensed driver
4.	Good morning  As a licensed hackney driver in Denbighshire I feel some parts of the proposed increase are impractical.  Whilst I have no objection to the increase as such, I think the proposal for tariff 2 to start at 6pm Friday and Saturday is unfair to many who will still need transport to and from work etc it would be preferred for this to be brought forward to 11pm rather than midnight.  With regard to Sunday all day tariff 2 two this is just not practical as many of us feel it's a step too far and work will be lost as a result.  I hope you take these into consideration for your decision.	Licensed driver
5.	Hi.  I would like to object against the tariff increase,	Licensed driver

	<p>1, Tariff 2 6pm Friday night and 6pm Saturday night and all day Sunday, I feel it would price Taxis out the market as people will not use taxis as much as proven by the recent Easter weekend,</p> <p>2, Upping the start price will also I feel put customers off taking a Taxis as proven of the amount of Conwy residents ( Kinmel Bay, Towyn and Abergele ) use Denbighshire Taxis since Conwy put there prices up, so I feel its better for some work than nothing,</p>	
6.	I protest against the proposed fare price increase as I think it is not the right time in the current times	Licensed driver
7.	Hi, I would like give my opinion of the proposed fare increase, we are overdue for an increase, £3.50 for first mile is a decrease ,on a measured mile, at the present rate it amounts to £4.00 per mile taken into affect traffic conditions , i propose leave it as it is, just an increase of 50p on the start of Tariff 1 and 2, or £4 start on tariff 1 for first mile, and £5 start on tariff 2, hope all this makes sense thanks,	Licensed driver
8.	<p>Good Evening</p> <p>The proposed increase in tariffs would be a disaster for the local taxi industry.</p> <p>We have just had the pandemic which saw customer numbers plummet. It also saw the numbers of drivers willing to work plummet.</p> <p>Many drivers won't work at night which means the general public find it difficult to get a taxi in the evenings in Rhyl and Prestatyn.</p> <p>There is also a decline in numbers during the day.</p> <p>The cost of living is rising dramatically for households in all areas.</p> <p>The last thing the general public needs is a taxi rate rise.</p> <p>We are trying to encourage passengers back into taxis not chase them away with something they cannot afford.</p> <p>We already have complaints about how much fares cost.</p> <p>Tariff 2 all day Sunday.</p> <p>Nurses trying to get to the hospital on a Sunday with limited buses.</p> <p>Shop staff trying to get to work in Rhyl and Prestatyn on a Sunday.</p>	Licensed driver

	<p>Holiday makers wanting to go places in our area.</p> <p>The above all get paid at a normal rate for working these days. Why should we be different?</p> <p>Friday and Saturday nights in Rhyl, how many people walk home because they can't get a taxi from the pub/night club the numbers are more than you'd think. We need to try and encourage these people back into taxis not chase them away with higher fares.</p> <p>Holiday makers, do we not want to encourage them to come and spend money in our seaside town. To travel by taxi to their destinations from the railway station.</p> <p>The rate rise at the present time would actually make passenger numbers go down. All we would do is maybe still take the same amount of money with less passengers. Yes, less fuel and wear and tear. The other side, passenger numbers will fall off a cliff.</p> <p>You want people to use their cars less and use public transport and taxis to stop the congestion and parking issues in the town with a rate rise that will encourage more people to drive.</p>	
9.	<p>Good evening Nicky</p> <p>I want my objection to remain in place.</p> <p>Something I didn't put in the objection is we would be back to price wars as already stated by Steve Darbey.</p> <p>This doesn't be if it anybody and especially the drivers as they loose out on what they should be earning, state of vehicles suffer and with the new rules will further damage the industry.</p> <p>Thanks</p>	Licensed driver
10.	<p>Dear Sirs</p> <p>Taxi Charges</p>	Public

	<p>It seems that a rather standard formulation is being proposed where little consideration to the reasons for travel or the nature of the travellers has been given. With generally poor and deteriorating standards of public services the consequence will be that taxi services will continue to be seen as the last, unavoidable option for vital journeys by many people regardless of their circumstances or ability to pay. It will mean, inevitably, that some important travel is avoided. I am thinking here of journeys for medical treatments or appointments (possibly repetitive) or family emergencies, particularly where people are less able. on public benefits or straitened circumstance, or have no other public service option at all.</p> <p>It is recognised that a tariff arrangement is needed in a market where different providers must compete for business and where their costs will vary according to particular days/times, journeys and loads, but the proposed tariffs seem simplistically crude and not to have considered the imperatives for travel of potential passengers. If there is some means for a more imaginative approach to be considered it could have a marked beneficial impact on many who currently find themselves excluded.</p>	
11.	<p>Hi as a taxi driver myself for 22 years, reading your new tariff prices that you have proposed, i think they are way above inflation and will do damage to the trade, they will stop people from going out for meals and drinks in the evening, also push the older people who struggle to make ends meat, putting T2 start at 6pm Friday and Saturday and Sunday all day is outrageous, i have customers from abergele who go on a Friday to the plough at 7pm and back at 10pm. Cost at the moment is £25 for the whole job, new cost will be £50 and that'll be the last i see of them, St Asaph to Chester will also increase from £60 one way to £130 one way, outrageous. I also have a old lady who's goes from St Asaph to Rhyl bingo on a Friday at 6.30 and returns at 10pm, price at the moment is £24 new price will be £44.</p> <p>I'm not saying there shouldn't be an increase cos our costs have gone up, a start price of a extra £1 would be good but no change to the running price, example, most driver do about 20 jobs per day, so an extra £20 per day, £100 per week, £400 per month, which in my eyes is a good rise, the few people who have wanted the rise do not work on the streets and do account work so the big company's are paying the bills not Joe Public. I do hope you can change the new tariff as the trade can't do with anymore loss of customers.</p>	Licensed driver
12.	<p>FAO of the Licencing team,</p> <p>I'm writing to you to state my concern regarding the proposal to substantially raise the table of fares as of 11th May 2022.</p> <p>I personally feel the increase to the table is ridiculously excessive.</p>	Licensed driver

	<p>I have worked as a self employed hackney driver for Denbighshire for 7 years this year. I pride myself of giving a great service to the people of Denbighshire and I work long hours to keep my customers happy. I am based in St.Asaph, which means I am central to Denbighshire and cover quite a large area of Denbighshire and out of county work when requested.</p> <p>The cost of a typical daily fare from St.Asaph to Rhyl town centre during the daytime for the elderly, business people or our disadvantaged customers at the current tariff 1 rate is approximately £12, if the new proposed tariff prices were implemented the fare would rise significantly to £15, at Tariff 2 rate this run would be £22 to drive our customers 6 miles!!! I personally feel this price would deter our customers from using our service!</p> <p>I also feel the proposed change of tariff times (Friday 6pm - all weekend, day and night) is unnecessary. As an example to you, if a customer wanted a taxi at 6pm on a Friday night to take them to a restaurant in Ruthin from St.Asaph (13 miles) one way journey would cost them £50.25!!! That's over £100 return trip!, Would you be happy to pay these prices? I know I wouldn't, this will have a knock on effect, people won't be able to afford to use taxis, which means they will drive or even possibly drink drive!!! We all know that goes on, but we don't want more drink drivers on the road!!</p> <p>I absolutely understand why you have looked to rise the table of fares, as we haven't had an increase since 2018. And also the huge rise in the cost of living. But there really is no need to make such a substantial change to our meter rates. I don't know if you're aware, but there are many Denbighshire Hackney drivers who have serious concerns about this. We are the ones that are at the front line dealing with passengers daily on the ranks etc.</p> <p>Please seriously consider the livelihoods of the Hackney drivers before you impose this increase. Please consult with the drivers, ask them what their thoughts are regarding an increase, rather than just taking on the views of a company who only use the meter for business work from the Business Park in St.Asaph to the Airports, this company don't do any rank work for 'Joe Public'.</p> <p>Please feel free to contact me.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p>	
13.	Dear Sir /Madam I would like my Lodge my objections to the proposed rise in taxi fares	Licensed driver

	<p>With the cost of living on the rise this is not the correct time for a rise as it will make having a taxi a luxury and cause more damage to the trade , at the moment I am getting 5 to 1 out of my diesel insignia down from 7 to 1 but I am still making a profit , we are already fighting against community transport the new text a bus which the council are promoting and home delivery from supermarkets and an increase which turn people towards this services</p> <p>The types of rises that have been proposed seem to be geared around people going out at night and no thought about people who need taxis to get to work or appointments in the day or evening ,the part of the rise which brings traiff 2 in at 6pm on Friday and Saturdays would be the worse thing that would happen to the taxi trade since deregulation and would cause unreverable damage , we have to remember we are not working in a city with a large night time economy, I understand some people who can't get normal finance are paying a company in Liverpool round about £200 aweek for a vehicle but we should not ruin the whole taxi trade for a few that are paying these high rates for vehicles,</p> <p>Once again I don't think this is the correct time for any sort of a rise but if we have to look at some sort of a rise I would say £3.50 start and £5 start after midnight and Bank Holidays is the only part of the proposal which should be brought in</p> <p>The charging of tariff 2 on a Sunday will kill the Sunday local trade the same as it done charging it on a bank holiday , I do agree drivers should get extra for working Sundays and bank holidays but why not put a surcharge of 50p on each job which goes to the driver as it cost no extra for the owner to have the car out working as any other day</p> <p>I have driven taxis in Rhyl for over 35yrs and if the rises are brought in I really fear for the further of the trade</p> <p>Many Thanks</p>	
14.	Not happy with night rate and all Sunday	Licensed driver