

Representations received:

| | Date Received | Consultee | Comments |
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| 1. | 23 rd November 2015 | Mr P. Bartholomew HCD/PHO | <p><i>"In reply to the notice given for consultation for Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Fees increase, I wish to inform you in writing of my objection to any increase in the tariff. My reason for this objection is that due to the vast increase in Private Hire vehicles, operators and drivers, more income than ever must be generated by this. Therefore in my view without seeing the annual accounts, the income must be greater than the cost of running this service, and to my knowledge the fees should not show a profit for this department. The service provided has decreased for example waiting at reception to license drivers and vehicles; I propose a reduction in fees. Larger companies over 20 cars should be charged more as they are at an unfair advantage for example a fleet of 80 vehicles currently pay £11.97 per car per annum, in comparison to a fleet of 10 cars paying £62 per car."</i></p> |
| 2. | 9 th December 2015 | C. Rodgers HCD | <p><i>"I, give formal notice of my objection to any increase in the above fees. As previously stated, these fees are regulated by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 inasmuch as they are only allowed to raise the actual costs of the administration of licence fees etc under this Act. The simple question is: "If the Hackney Carriage and Private Hire trades disappeared would these costs also vanish?" The only time your Council answered this question the answer was "No". No proper figures have been presented to show that these costs actually exist and that they are not covered by the current income from existing fees. It is obvious to all of us in these trades that none of the so-called savings made in administration, e.g. the new method of application and scrutiny, have been passed on. The savings actually cause more disruption in process and more inconvenience to all licensees and no benefit is felt nor appreciated. We have gone from a simple and efficient renewal process to a cumbersome and often flawed one. Now all applications have to be made many days in advance and fees paid long before they are properly</i></p> |

APPENDIX 2

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| | | | <p><i>due. We are told that it has to be this way and yet when a mistake is made in plate or badge issue it only takes about 15 minutes for the mistake to be rectified. Who's trying to fool who?</i></p> <p><i>You are not permitted to use the Hackney Carriage or Private Hire trades to generate extra income."</i></p> |
| 3. | 14 th December 2015 | Mr Z. Ahmed HCD | <p><i>"I object to the taxi and private hire fees being raised. The figures seem arbitrary and with economies of scale there should have been greater savings. The apportionment is also flawed."</i></p> |