

Name	Comment
1	Regarding The Hackney tariff we are happy with the price of the tariffs we would like to leave them how they are.
2	Hi I agree it needs revised as the multi vehicle only gets 20p more than a car and it should be a lot more as the running costs are a lot more
3	I propose the tariffs to be made higher. As with rising fuel costs and more and more expense for running a vehicles. I think this to be only fair. Also maybe introduce a minimum fare so people aren't being undercut by these huge firms
4	Yes I think there should be a 10%/20 % increase in fares for the use of a minibus (4+ passengers) as previous northumberland tariffs were as the costs of a minibus are more.
5	Using rising incriminates of 50p instead of 10p. Starting the night tariff at 10pm. Halving the rising incremental time due to the 50% increase in fuel costs.
6	Price should rise as the daily fuel is rising along with oil pricing doubling and maintenance for the vehicles.
7	I think that the tariffs should be put up by 50 pence so on WD fares start at £2.50 so new tariff should be £3-£3.10 As a maximum and minimum of what is charged for Hackney carriage
8	Hi, as the fuel is at an all time high and it's been 3 years I believe a increase in rates would be justified.
9	The proposed change I would suggest would be to differentiate tariffs based on the number of passengers. Currently there is little if no difference in fare between 4 or 8 passengers on the same journey despite the extra cost in running a larger car ie fuel, tax etc. Currently there is no incentive to run a bigger car and these changes would make it more viable
10	In my opinion the tarrifs for up to 4 seats should be left as they are and 5 to 8 seats should increase by 20p per mile and 30p per mile on tarrif 2. Also I would like tarrif 2 to start at 8pm and finish at 8am. The taxi trade is almost on its knees and increasing tarrif 1 would be suicidal in my opinion.
11	The only real change I would like to see is the multi-seater tariffs (5 passengers and above) gain a increase in the metered fare. In a ideal world this would be fare and a half but I understand this may not be a welcome idea at the moment with the cost of living rising and may scare people away from using taxis. However any increase will be welcome given that depending on the journey a metered rate MPV journey can be upwards of £10 cheaper than Blue Line Taxis for example. I am happy with the current saloon car rates for jobs with 4 passengers or less.
12	I believe the fares should be increased to reflect the high inflation and record high fuel costs. The fares would have to be hugely increased should licensing go ahead with the 4 year limit on taxis due to the huge depreciation cost on a vehicle that has been used as a taxi.
13	As a whole I'm happy with the tariffs except for the minibus tariff, the step up to T4 in my eyes isn't enough to justify myself purchasing one.
14	The should be amended every year at least in line with inflation.
15	Whilst fuel has increased considerably in cost in recent weeks there is hope it will return to pre crisis costs. Together with the fragile state of the business we at The Morpeth Taxi Co do feel it would be inappropriate to increase taxi fares at this time and further if drivers are wanting more money there are many times in the week they could work and support the people of and visitors to Morpeth. That probably goes for other zones too

16	<p>To be totally honest I think that the present rates for both tariff 1 and 2 for 4 seater vehicles are more than adequate and any increase would only hurt the customers especially after everything with the recent lockdown.</p> <p>However I do think that the present rates for tariff 4 and 5 for multi seaters definitely need a rework. As the owner operator of an 8 seater vehicle I think it's truly unfair that our rates are identical to that of a 4 seater apart from the extra 20p or 30p on the standing charge. Not only are we able to carry double the passengers but all our expenses are higher as well, for example the initial outlay for the cost of the vehicle is almost £20,000 to £30,000 more expensive along with our fuel consumption and cost, insurance along with danger and risk.</p> <p>There is really no incentive to buy or own a multi seater if our fares are to remain the same as a car, it'll be more cost efficient to just buy a car which is cheaper and has a better mpg to save money on fuel and insurance.</p>
17	<p>I think the committee need to put in place, if not already a rate increase every 3 years based on inflation.</p> <p>As for any tariff increase this year, then yes a 15% rise across all tariffs.</p>
18	<p>I feel a tariff increase should be made as everything else is going up in price making it harder to make a living let alone a decent wage.</p>
19	<p>ref hackney tariffs fuel has never been so expensive therefore an increase needs to be considered and also a tariff needs to introduced for multi seat vehicles</p>
20	<p>I agree, there is a case to review tariff changes for all taxis in the district, especially with the current rise in cost of running a taxi and the difficulty transferring those costs into profits. At present a taxi driver has to work double the hours than anybody in a job that pays minimum wage. I see drivers working 70 hour weeks to make not even £300, yet for the purposes of benefit entitlements are treat as if they have made 70 hours work an minimum wage therefore don't qualify for help. My suggested proposal would be as follows:</p> <p>TARIFF 1: I do think during the day time on tariff one that the customer base would not pay any more if the increase was significant. Most customers are OAPs, those on benefits, and customers going to and from doctors or hospital appointments. Although these runs are short in distance, they form the core of our customer base throughout the day. I would suggest a small increase in starting price with no change to the increments per distance.</p> <p>TARIFF 2: Tariff 2 currently attracts a customer base who are out late at evening clearly with money to spend on nights out, restaurant visits, or other social activities. In my opinion, if people have money to spend on alcohol, and in many cases drugs and can be out until</p>
21	<p>With regards to a tariff increase I fully support this. It's been a difficult 18 months and there will be many challenges ahead ie fuel costs rising, insurance costs rising, the cost of vehicle replacements increasing and green taxes.</p> <p>I fully support a rise on the flag fall and a tariff increase to meet the constant increases in business running costs.</p> <p>Over the last 18 months many taxi drivers have left the industry for financial reasons. We are all now facing increased living costs and a tariff increase will help support drivers like myself continue in the trade.</p>
22	<p>I've viewed your email and have had some thoughts about what changes that could be made.</p> <p>My first thought about some amendments that could be made is the tariffs increasing due to recent fuel prices increasing.</p> <p>Another thought that I have had about the amendments is changing the times of tariff 2 changing because of the demand at the moment and would encourage more drivers to work later and new drivers to join. I definitely think there should be changes to the tariffs as other councils in the country have changed their tariffs.</p>
23	<p>I think the tariff should be increased but the licensing charge should stay the same no increase in badge charges for Northumberland we have gon through 18 months of hell and we would like to get some of the money back that we have lost</p>

24	<p>Given that the price of fuel has rocketed in the last few months an urgent review and increase is sorely needed given that fuel is one if not the biggest expense for a taxi driver</p> <p>Hopefully this can be rectified quickly</p> <p>On a much more personal note as a Blyth Valley Hackney driver prior to the last review there was a 20 to 25% increase on tariffs 1,2 and 3 for carrying more than four passengers for tariffs 4,5 and 6</p> <p>This made up for the increased costs incurred for the larger vehicle and of course the higher running costs incurred</p> <p>In simple terms the cost per head for five people travelling was the same as four travelling in a car, above that it became cheaper per head</p> <p>A return to that example would be a very positive step in the right direction</p>
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26	<p>My name is Neil Bunnett and I'm a driver yes there should be a tariff increase due to fuel prices going through the roof and the cost of living has gone up too I'm a single dad and struggling besides hasn't been a tariff increase for two years it should go up automatically every year many thanks</p>
27	<p>LAURA . I HAVE WORKED AS A TAXI DRIVER FOR TEN YEARS NOW AND I HAVE ONLY HERD OF ONE INCREASE IN THAT TIME AND WITH THE CURRENT CLIMATE I DO THINK WE SHOULD HAVE AN INCREASE AS ALL DRIVER'S ARE FEELING THE PINCH IN THE POCKET .</p>
28	<p>I think that taxi fares should be increased due to inflation, petrol costs etc. I also disagree with the tariffs of the multi-seater vehicles as there is only 40p difference from carrying one person to more than four people. I think this is why there is a shortage of multi-seater vehicles working now.</p>
29	<p>I think a rise in tariff charges are necessary as the price of fuel is rising uncontrollably. Especially for larger cars</p>
30	<p>Sorry about the late reply, but i do think that the cost increase to running and maintaining a taxi has increased to the point of coming close to unsustainable without a tariffs increase. please remember its not only the increase in fuel cost but with covid its the extra cost off disinfectant spray/wipes face coverings, gloves and hand sanitizers that the drivers need to cover. Also for a long time i was a taxi driver of larger cars i.e 8 seaters taxis the taxi had disabled access but the cost of running it was so high had to swap to a car which was sad as its one less taxi wheel chair users had available to them, but if i had been able to charge a higher tariff when carrying 5 or more passengers the extra income would have offset the higher fuel cost the passengers would still be happy as they would not need to pay for 2 taxis this would be a win win for everybody,</p> <p>if however the council decide not to allow a tariffs increase i truthfully believe more drivers will leave the taxi profession and with the driver shortage we have at weekend already would hate to see the problems on a Friday or Saturday night if more drivers pack in.</p>
31	<p>I would support a review and increase to the current tariffs as my running costs have increased. Also I think fares should increase for larger vehicles as their costs are much higher</p>

32	I believe a increase in tariffs for both saloon and mini buses is overdue, with the increase of fuel going up and up on a daily bases on top of all over increases many drivers are finding it hard to make a living so any kind of tariff increase would be gratefully welcome. Please don't forget all the hard work many many drivers did during all the lockdowns putting themselves and their family's at risk to get key workers to their destinations
33	as a taxi driver I would welcome an increase of the taxi tariffs, not to price taxis out of the public who use our service but to meet the rising overhead costs of running our vehicles, general inflation and the astronomical price of fuel in this current, crazy climate. Thank you
34	I agree to the increase for cars tariff 123 and mpv tariff 456
35	Hi Laura, I think there should be an increase in charges and a higher rate for larger vehicles
36	Hi Laura,, after giving it due care and consideration, I do think that the taxi tariff should be increased. Over the last 2 years, the pandemic has had a massive toll on our business. Our running costs have risen drastically due to the increase in fuel prices, I also think that the extra passenger increment, for mini buses, should be put back in place for over 4 passengers, after all extra weight means extra fuel. Most taxi drivers are a one man band and can't increase the tariffs individually, therefore this has to be done as a collective, and with the councils backing.
37	Hi I recently received your email about the tariffs I'm all for it since its been 2018 the last change I think the increase would be good since everything has gone up food fuel house hold bills phone contracts the list keeps going on ***** asked me to email you and what I thought I think it a good thing hope the customers we pick up on a daily base think so.
38	<p>I would like to express my opinions on the current hackney carriage tariff consultation. It is my belief that the tariff increase is more than needed due to the rise in costs of running our vehicles and maintaining them to a high standard.</p> <p>In addition to this, the tariff for larger vehicles should be higher as they cost more to run and maintain than a typical saloon/ estate car.</p> <p>It is my belief that Taxi drivers should maintain the highest standards at all times and the cost of the service we provide should be reflective of this.</p> <p>An increase in tariff would allow drivers to be more selective when purchasing vehicles to be plated, that would not only be more up to date with safety technology but also improve both the image of the operator and passenger comfort when travelling in Northumberland plated Taxis.</p> <p>I hope my opinions can have a positive impact for change to the tariff, I look forward to seeing the changes in the near future.</p>
39	In regards to the email I have received about the proposed increase in tariffs, I would like to propose that there is an increase across all of the current tariffs. My reasons for this is due to increase in running costs for the majority of vehicles ie. fuel etc. I personally drive an 8 seater vehicle so would like to see a bigger increase in our tariffs for larger vehicles due to our running costs being considerably higher than the a normal car.
40	In regards to your email, I think a tariff increase would be beneficial to drivers, in regards to larger cars ie: 6 to 8 seater cars, especially fuel cars after the increase in fuel prices.
41	I'm in favour ov a higher tarriff
42	I am emailing yourself in regards to the proposal email for a price increase on tariffs for the larger vehicles which effects myself driving a 7 seater mercedes, I think this move would be a sensible move forward for the northeast taxi trade as currently there is very little difference in price carrying extra body's in a larger vehicle compared to a smaller car
43	in response to changes I think the basic 4 seater rate has to increase and the rate for 8 seats needs to be increased more again the cost of running a bigger vehicle now is not worth it.
44	An increase would be great all-round including the 5 passengers and over.
45	<p>I think it fair to say that being a taxi driver and most Fields of work has been very tough in the COVID-19 pandemic and the cost of living has Gone up quite a bit over recent months.</p> <p>To run a taxi in the current Climate is quite possibly at an all time with petrol prices among other thing.</p> <p>My personal opinion if current Hackney Carriage tariffs were increased that would be very fair. Myself and all taxi drivers I have spoke to are still recovering off loss of earnings due to the pandemic and restrictions put in place to combat that even with government and council grants</p>

46	I am writing in response to your request for views on the proposed changes to Hackney Carriage Tariffs; I believe that due to repeated increases of cost of living, petrol and other associated costs an increase to the current tariff is necessary.
47	I would like NCC to reintroduce individual rates for 4 5 6 7 and 8 seat vehicles especially because the costs of vehicle purchases and fuel increases
48	I understand you are looking for taxi drivers options on tariff rises. I think personally they should go up as the cost of living has increased a lot, so our earnings need to increase too.
49	I work for Phoenix and propose an increase in tariff rate song with a higher multi seater tariff such as 8 customers or more in the 1 vehicle purely for the fuel cost and upkeep of the bigger vehicle.
50	I'm a Hackney driver and feel the tariffs should be increased. After Covid the cost of living and fuel costs have greatly increased. I also think that six seater and above should have a larger increase as they're more expensive to run and have higher charges at the airport. I hope my opinion helps .
51	I would like you to propose an increase in the tariff due to the following reasons. We have had an increase in insurance, tyres, maintenance ect and a very large increase in fuel prices. We are now paying an extra 0.40 per ltr compared to last year. Our margins are getting smaller and a lot of taxi driver are leaving and this is leading to a shortage of drivers.
52	Following your email last month, I do feel that the starting price of Tariff 1 needs increased from £2.50 to between £3-4, but the distances for increments should remain the same. Maybe giving the customer a much greater mileage for that £3 or £4 than the current £2.50 allows. Ashington for example, is a very low distance town, most fares on T1 don't even reach £5! Likewise, the same should apply to higher tariffs. A cheap taxi now costs a minimum of £400/week in bills alone, so I feel £2.50 is too cheap.
53	Sorry about prior message, I was just sending a quick message regarding the tariffs, I think it would be positive for a rise as the cost of running vehicle's is always on the rise, also would think that higher tariffs for even larger vehicle's, Vans, mini buses ect would be great as I drive one myself because increase in fuel prices are more difficult to manage than more fuel efficient car's.
54	<p>I would like to propose an increase on both saloon and MPV tariffs.</p> <p>The most recent fare increase in 2018 saw saloon fares increase an average of 27% (T1 and T2), with an average increase of 16% on the first mile charge.</p> <p>However, the tariff for larger vehicles increased at a much lower rate, increasing at an average of 5.8% and 1.9% average first mile charge.</p> <p>This tariff change in 2018 matched the mileage rate of saloon and MPV vehicles on all tariffs. The higher cost of running larger vehicles has caused a significant reduction in the number of drivers of larger and wheelchair access vehicles who are willing to work evening and weekend shifts and we have seen a reduction in the number of drivers willing to drive these vehicles at any time.</p>
55	<p>am writing as a licensed driver and operator to inform you that the fares should increase by around 20% in Northumberland. The reasons there should be this increase are as follows:</p> <p>There has been no increase since 2018. Three years is a long time to wait for an increase as costs naturally increase and costs to the trade have increased significantly in this time</p> <p>The pandemic has resulted in driver shortages and many drivers suffering hardship and the increase in fares will help attract new drivers and bring licensed drivers who have left the trade to come back</p> <p>The council's climate emergency dictates that better, costlier vehicles should be licensed by the authority in the interest of public health. To allow drivers/operators to upgrade vehicles fares should be increased</p>
56	The tariffs should go up for all cars as our costs are increasing all the time. It is getting harder to make a living with the cost of fuel/insurance etc being so high.

57	Hi Laura I drive a wansbeck 8 seater and would like to say that I think 8 seater vehicles need a considerable price increase as at the minute 8 people can travel anywhere for 40 pence more than a single person. Fuel price's for these vehicles are very expensive when loaded with people and general running costs also very high and we did not get tarrifs increase last time as cars where just brought into line with our tarrifs basically. I also support a increase across the board in taxi fares thanks
58	<p>With regard to the current rates for tariff's they should increase above the current rate as wages in the employed sector are rising . Whereas self employed rates have remained static and running costs continue to increase in effect reducing a drivers income. Making the job less attractive.</p> <p>The rates for cars up to 4 seats in relation to say a minibus 7/8 seater are disproportionate. Most of the larger vehicles operate on diesel which has risen by some 10% in recent weeks alone. The proposal of these being replaced with an equivalent electric one isn't a viable option as the cost too purchase is considerably higher £30000 for diesel compared to £49000 for an electric one.</p>
59	<p>I am a Wansbeck 6 seater taxi driver</p> <p>I do believe that larger multi seater should have a price increase as cost more to run on the whole also multi seaters did not have much of a price added other than 40p at start of the metre.</p> <p>Im in fully support of on a whole price increase for taxis in general .ore so the larger multi seaters</p>
60	<p>To the licenseing Team.</p> <p>I believe that they should be a tariff increase in Northumberland and a further percentage tariff increase for larger vehicles to be implemented ASAP.</p>
61	I believe that the tarriffs should go up and also 8 seaters have a different tariff to normal size cars.
62	Yes I do agree there should be a price increase for blyth valley taxis especially the bigger cars on a separate tariff from the normal 4 seater taxi .
63	In line with the general direction of inflation and increasing costs, I think the tariff should increase by at least 20% and 20% more for larger vehicles.
64	With regards to the question you have raised I think we should review the tariff and have an increase especially the multi seater vehicles having ran a saloon car for many years and now run an 8 seater the cost of running one of these is far greater the current tariff needs to be increased to help towards the running costs hope my comment helps
65	<p>I know this is past the closing date. I thought it was today the 19th.</p> <p>I strongly think that we should have a tariff increase to cover the rising costs we are incurring.</p>