

Objections Received to Proposed Increase in Table of Fares.

Sight For Wight

We write with the strongest objection to the proposed increase in taxi fares

The majority of the fares are increasing by a staggering 50% which must be an unprecedented increase and therefore not reasonable. Examples include £2.40 to £3.60, 50p to £1, £4.00 to £6.00, 80p to £1.20 with others exceeding a 50% increase including 80p to £1.50 and 50p to 90p.

Whilst we understand petrol price increases these increases simply cannot be justified based on this.

Our members whom are all blind and partially sighted rely on taxis, many on a daily basis, and with only 16% of members of a working age in employment, funds are simply not available to sustain such a hike in prices.

Whilst we acknowledge bus passes are available 75 % of the island is classified as rural and buses run only on more populated routes

Perhaps if weekly mobility PIP mobility were doubled too this would leave people in the same equitable position.

I very much look forward to hearing from you

Members of the Public

1. It was with dismay that I read of the proposed "variation" (surely the word "increase" would be more accurate) of taxi charges.

At a time where less domestic car use should be encouraged; at a time when the hospitality trade needs all the help it can get; in a county where large areas have little or no bus service; in a county where the taxis are already beyond the affordability of many, not to mention discouragement of drink driving; the increase in taxi fares is incomprehensible.

The way taxis are organised on the Isle of Wight benefit the Council through licensing revenue and the taxi companies themselves, most of which own one car and operate when and where they want.

The one group of people not taken into consideration is the general public of the Isle of Wight.

In many places on the mainland, it is not uncommon to call for a taxi either by phone or mobile app and expect to get one within a few minutes. The charges are affordable and the car stays in the garage. This, of course, leads to fewer private cars on the road, more taxi use, and as a result, more income for the local economy.

Please reject this poorly considered proposal that would be of no benefit to 99% of Islanders.

2. I am frankly surprised that, considering the “market economy”, the council is allowed to control the cost of non-governmental services. I wonder if they could set a minimum charge for bass guitarists.

I wish to formally object to the proposed rise in taxi fares.

I have many reasons for this but mainly the fear of people drinking and driving as they don't want to pay extortionate taxi prices

Taxi Driver

I would like to register my objection to the proposed new 'Table of Fares'.

I am a licensed driver of over 4 years on the Island. I do not need a major pay increase and have felt taxis were fairly overpriced on the Island anyway.

I believe this will lead significant drop in business for the taxi trade, particularly during night time hours. This will in turn, hurt other businesses such as pubs and restaurants. Could it also lead to an increase in drink driving?

It is also unnecessary to move Tariff 2 to 8pm, and to change the Sunday hours.

As a driver I did not receive the email consultation, this may have been an administrative oversight. However I plead strongly that any increase should be minimal.

Taxi Proprietor – Received outside of Consultation Period.

With all the problems the taxi trade has at the moment with the fare increase I hopefully have a solution that will keep all parties happy.

The flag down remains as it is.

Tariff 1 Remains as it is,

Tariff 2 increase by 15p per quarter mile Tariff 3 increase by 20p per quarter mile Tariff 4 increase by 25p per quarter mile In essence tariffs 2,3 and 4 come in line with tariff 1 which have not been in line with each other since 2014.

Sunday rates stay at tariff 1 8am - 10pm (can only think this was put out there as some drivers are too greedy lol) Tariff 1 stays the same as Sunday (again drivers greed lol) Then in the future all increase need to go in line with all tariffs having the same increase.

Yes the trade does need an increase as everything is going up but the proposed increase by the trade and council was far too much. 50% in some instances.

My proposed increase will give the drivers who work the unsociable hours more income and may even put more drivers on the road at these times as the increase will be fairer for the driver. The majority of the public who use taxis will not be affected by the changes thus appeasing the outcry of them.

I hope you can put this proposal to the committee so we can get to the end of this situation.