

Date: 25th July

Dear Licensing Office (Kettering)

As requested I submit my thoughts and preference for the current proposed options regarding an increase in hackney carriage fares, which I have to add, is overdue during this present climate. I have deliberated extensively on these changes and have chosen, what I believe to be the fairest for driver's operators and customers, for the following reasons.

First of all I would like to discount immediately **option three** and **option five** on the grounds that whilst they may be suited to the larger towns in our area, the driver's working in smaller towns would suffer and consequently the customers by losing a valued service. **Option three** is an improvement on the above but again because of the distance of the subsequent £0.20 increments being higher, this would affect the drivers in large *and* small towns alike.

Option one and **option two**, in my opinion, are the only options which would produce the harmonious effect you desire. Both options are identical, with the exception of the earlier start of the two higher tariffs and the inclusion of an extra charge for more than four passengers. Whilst the former of the two differences would be acceptable the latter penalises some customers so, those customers have to contend with not one rise in fares but two.

In conclusion my choice would be **option two** on the grounds that, in my opinion, would be the fairest for all areas and achieve the harmonious solution required.

~~Yours Sincerely~~