

Dear Hackney Proprietor

Taxi Fare Review – South Zone

In June this year all proprietors were asked to consider a proposed tariff for the South Zone of Wiltshire Council. A number of strong objections to this tariff were received.

Some proprietors objected to the multi seat tariff. Some proprietors agreed with having no extras, some wanted to keep them. A petition with 46 names on requested that the tariff be left as it is at present with a fare review in a year's time. A number of proprietors objected to the proposed 2am – 6am tariff. The proposed tariff was in a similar format to the other 3 Wiltshire Hubs, North, West and East Zones, it is hoped to reach an agreement where the South Zone has a similar tariff.

Because of the difference of opinion, the only way forward is to again consult with all licensed hackney carriage proprietors. Please complete the attached pro-forma.

Fisherton Street Taxi Rank

A request under safety grounds has been received from Salisbury City Council to remove the Fisherton Street Taxi Rank and change the rank located in Malthouse Lane for use 24 hours a day instead. Please indicate on the attached pro-forma if you would be in favour of this or not.

Road Closures

Salisbury Christmas Light Switch On will take place on Thursday 24th November 2011, therefore Blue Boar Row will be closed from 6pm-8pm.

Amesbury Christmas Street Market will take place on Wednesday 30th November 2011, therefore part of Salisbury Street, Amesbury from Salisbury Road to Flower Lane will be closed from 1pm–8pm.

Changes to Wiltshire Council Guidelines

On first application for a licence, only wheelchair accessible vehicles under seven years old from the date of first registration will be considered. All other types of vehicle must be under 5 years old on first application.

Vehicle Checks

One inspection a year will be carried out by the Council's Fleet Services Team. You will be notified by Fleet Services when your vehicle is due for this inspection. At this inspection you will be required to produce an MOT less than 28 days old. Yearly inspections will also be carried out by a Licensing Officer so that vehicles will still have 2 inspections and 2 MOT a year.

Please ensure that your completed pro-forma is returned to this office by no later than Monday 5th December 2011.

Yours sincerely

Sasha Grandfield
Licensing Officer

Pro-Forma

Fare Review

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| 1. | I do not wish to have a fare increase at this time | |
| 2. | I am in favour of a fare increase now | |
| 3. | I would like a fare review in (give date) | |
| 4. | I would like to keep the existing 3 tariff structure | |
| 5. | I am in favour of the multi seat tariff | |
| 6. | I prefer to keep the extras as they are at present | |
| 7. | I would like the extras incorporated in the Tariff | |
| 8. | I support the proposed 2am-6am tariff | |
| 9. | I do not wish to have a 2am-6am tariff | |
| Please give details of your proposed <u>tariff</u> : | | |
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Taxi Rank

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| 1. | I would like the Fisherton Street Rank to stay in its present position | |
| 2. | I would like the Fisherton Street Rank moved to Malthouse Lane | |