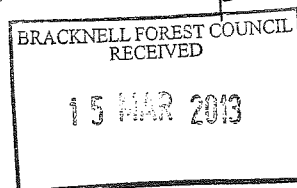


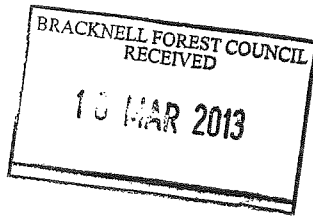
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Re: Tariff Change Proposal

I am writing to oppose the proposed tariff change from 50% to 50p as this will just not be beneficial for a driver to cover/justify paying out 60% - 70% more including price of vehicle than running a 4 seater. I realise we all had a choice, but the choice was buy a 6-8 seater & you will be able to charge extra 50% now you are threatening to take this away after the vehicles have been purchased

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TO

Bracknell  
Forest Council

REF. TARIFF Charge

Dear Sir or Madam

I Disagree with the  
Council Proposal to change the  
50% Surcharge for carrying more  
than four passengers as it  
does not cover my outlay &  
outgoing -

Yours  
Sincerely  
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11 MAR 2013

I certify that this is a true copy  
of the original document

JE

Dear Sir/ Madam

11<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Re: Response to Amendment to Tariff of Authorised fares.**

In December's taxi news I was informed that the licensing and Safety Committee have approved a revised fare for taxi's carrying more than 4 passengers. Currently, the 50% surcharge is used in such situation, however, it is planned to now be 50p for each extra passenger when a vehicle is carrying more than 4 passengers. Below I would like to point out my objections to this.

**1. Loss of income countered by High costs, for large seated taxis.**

A standard 8 seated vehicle costs more than a typical 4 seated vehicle. Now say if I were to take an average fare, of £20 to Reading one way from Bracknell as an example, than under the current system, the driver will be given an extra £10 for carrying 8 passengers so £30 in total. Under the new system, it would be £0.50 X 4= £2 extra (total fare being £22) for the same 8 passengers. This indicates a significant loss of earnings for drivers. Therefore it is of the opinion of the drivers, that it would no longer be worth the risk of investing in larger vehicles, as the extra return is minimal compared to the standard 4 passenger seated cars, which may in fact not be felt in economic terms, as their extra cost on say fuel, insurance, maintenance etc currently, also it will result in a much longer payback period.

**2. Decline in larger taxis and added fares charges/lack of enjoyment for customers.**

The fact that drivers of 8 seaters may no longer see it viable for them because of the point mentioned above, it wouldn't be surprising to see many drivers like myself move to driving smaller cars. The knock on effect of this will be that if say for example 8 people are looking to go on a night out say to Reading like the example above, they may be forced to take two separate 4 seated cars with the point that it may in the future be difficult to get a hold of an 8 seater. This will cost £20 per car and so the cost incurred on the group is £40 in total with the two cars. Under the current system, it costs £30, for all 8 to be transported to Reading. This illustrates the point that the proposed new system will also have a negative knock on effect on the customers in the long term.

Also since the group will now be split up between two cars, this may be against what they were intending to do, enjoying a night out together, at least for the duration of the journey.

**3. Pollution.**

Expanding on the previous point, pollution is also a problem arising if and when most probably drivers like myself move to standard 4 seater cars. Again with 8 people going to Reading it will require in the future 2 cars rather than one. I'm aware that a larger car emits more pollution than a smaller car, but

surely the combined total emission of two 4 seater cars exceeds the pollution emitted out of one 8 seater taxi. With an aim of the revised plan to charge 50p per passenger exceeding 4 being to perhaps increase the use of public transport, and reduce the spiraling rise of personal vehicles and hence pollution, this in effect in the longer term shows that the plan will not work to how it was intended.

### Conclusion

So, for the above reasons, I would like to request to you to rethink the proposed changes. Indeed there are numerous drawbacks which I feel the council have failed to acknowledge which show that the new plan would not be in the best interest of the majority.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

Kind Regards,

(Plate No: 40)

B. No = 335

Dear Sir/ Madam

12<sup>th</sup> March 2013

**Re: Response to Amendment to Tariff of Authorised fares.**

I am writing to inform you that during December's taxi news I was made aware that the licensing and Safety Committee have agreed a revised fare for taxis carrying above 4 passengers. As it stands, at the moment, the 50% surcharge is used normally in this situation, although, it has been designed to now be 50p for every extra passenger if a vehicle contains over 4 passengers. Underneath I would like to show my reasons for this.

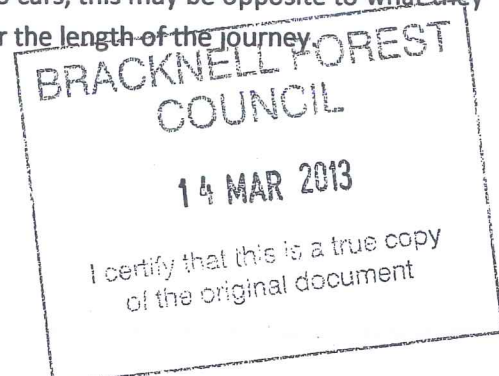
**1. Loss of income.**

A usual 8 seated vehicle costs more than a normal 4 seated vehicle. However, say for example if I were to take an average fare, of £30 to Heathrow, which would be a one way from Bracknell, at the moment under the current system, the driver will be given an extra £15 for carrying 8 passengers so £45 overall. As it stands, under the new arrangement, it would be £0.50 X 4= £2 extra (total fare being £32) for the equal 8 passengers. This shows a significant decrease of the earnings for drivers. For that reason it is of the view of many drivers, that it would not be worth the risk of investing in larger vehicles anymore, as this means the additional return is minimum in comparison to the standard 4 passenger seated vehicles, in fact it may not be felt in economic terms as well, as their extra cost on things like fuel, insurance, and maintenance etc at this time, due to this, it will also result in a much longer payback period.

**2. Decline in larger taxis and added fares charges/lack of enjoyment for customers.**

Also, as drivers of 8 seaters may no longer see it feasible for them because of the point mentioned above, it wouldn't be unexpected to see drivers like me choose to drive smaller cars. This would mean that if say 8 people are looking to go out to Reading for the night, they may be obligated to take two individual 4 seated cars with the point that it may in the future be tough to get a hold of an 8 seater. This will cost £20 per car and so the cost incurred on the group would be £40 in total with the two cars. Under the existing system, it costs £30, for all 8 to be transported to Reading. This illustrates the point that the planned new scheme will also have a negative knock on effect on numerous customers in the long term.

Also since the group will now be separated up between two cars, this may be opposite to what they were trying to do, enjoying a night out together, at least for the length of the journey.





### **3. Pollution.**

Furthermore, expanding on point above, pollution is also a resultant cause of many drivers like myself moving to driving standard 4 seater taxi's. This is because if there's less 8 seatar cars to access, say with 8 people going to Reading in the future it will require two 4 seater cars instead of one. I understand that a bigger car releases a lot more pollution than a smaller car, but surely the total emission put together of the two 4 seater cars exceeds the pollution emitted out of a one 8 seater taxi. With a target of the revised decision to charge 50p per passenger exceeding 4 being to maybe increase the use of public transport, and reduce the rise of personal vehicles and therefore pollution, this shows that in fact in the longer term shows that the plan will not work to how it was proposed to.

### **Conclusion**

So overall, for the above reasons, I would like to request for you to rethink the changes. As I believe there are frequent problems which I sense the council have not been able to recognize which shows that the latest plan would not be best for many.

I am looking forward to hearing a response.

Yours Faithfully,

(license no: 87)

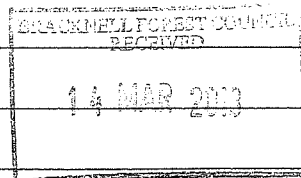
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Bracknell forest  
Council

Dear Sir/madam

To whom it may Concern, I am writing this letter against the new rules that the Bracknell forest Council are going to put in force to stop the 50% tariff. I believe that 50% tariff should continue, this is because when I brought my vehicle I knew if I carried more than 4 passengers I would receive an additional 50% from the passengers. This was the reason I brought an 8 seater vehicle, I have to pay extra insurance, extra road tax, extra fuel, extra wear and tear, tyre replacement etc.

If I have to pay so many additional fees, I totally disagree with council. The council should continue with the 50% tariff.  
Thank you Very Much.

Yours Sincerely,  
Plate no: TO

Dear Sir/Madam,

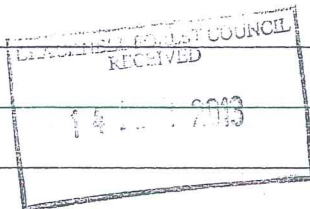
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I am writing this letter to contend the council proposal to stop the 50% tariff for taxis carrying 5-8 passengers. The reasons for this are: the extra cost of insurance, additional road tax, extra fuel, extra cost of tyres, extra wear and tear when carrying the extra passengers also the cost of vehicle to purchase, that I specifically bought this vehicle taking into consideration that if I carried more than 4 passengers I would be able to charge an extra 50%.

Thankyou

Your Sincerely

Plates no = 15





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**From:**  
**Sent:** 27 February 2013 14:06  
**To:** Licence All  
**Subject:** Amendment to Tariff of Authorised Fares

To whom it may concern

The removal of the 50% surcharge for more than four passengers and replacing it with a 50p per head charge is somewhat EXTREME to say the least.

I take it I am right in assuming this is right across the board - airports, long runs etc. If so, this means that some passengers will be travelling to various destinations i.e. airports, seaports and major cities for 50p per head!

When this proposal was considered I trust the following points were taken into consideration, besides a tough economic climate all round:

- Price of vehicles
- Wear and tear of carrying extra people
- Weekly rising cost of fuel
- Customer already getting a 50% discount on not needing to use two separate taxis
- Inflation

As it stands, a normal £30 fare to Heathrow Airport for up to four passengers costs me £9 in fuel, a £60 Gatwick Airport fare costs me £22. As you can see for yourself, an extra £1.50 for three extra passengers plus their luggage is totally insufficient.

In these difficult times I think that many drivers will no longer be able to afford to run these larger vehicles.

I'd appreciate a response to my comments.

Many thanks.

 badge number 237.

Sent from my iPad

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**From:** JJM Taxis  
**Sent:** 18 February 2013 12:04  
**To:** Licence All  
**Subject:** Taxi Consultation

Hi,

I am opposed to this due to the short term gains that will happen will soon turn to a long term loss for the customers after the taxi firms replace our MPV's with 4 seaters then the passengers will have to pay for 2 cars a surcharge of 100%, instead of the 50% they currently pay. This will also spill over onto the home to school contracts as by the next tender date our fleet will not have any MPV's to keep the cost down.

This will also harm any Green hopes the council may have as one vehicle will be replaced by two.

Yours truly,

JJM Taxis & Zulu Cars Ltd

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 15 February 2013 13:49  
**To:** Licence All  
**Subject:** Taxi Fares

Dear Sirs,

I wrote to the BFB Council last year to complain regarding the 50% surcharge added to taxi fares.

A group of 5 of us called for a taxi to go from the Old Manor in Bracknell to Great Hollands via Crown Wood. The fare was £16 but we were charged £25.

I believe that the 50% surcharge is extortionate and I can see no valid reason for it. I would welcome the change to 50p per person for each additional person over 4 passengers.

I hope that the Consultation agrees to change the current charging system in favour of the more reasonable "50p per person".

Yours faithfully,

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**From:** Licence All  
**Sent:** 16 January 2013 14:46  
**To:** Laura Driscoll  
**Subject:** FW: More than 4 person surcharge consultation

**From:**  
**Sent:** 15 January 2013 17:01  
**To:** Licence All  
**Subject:** More than 4 person surcharge consultation

Dear Sir/Madam,

I feel that the 50% surcharge should be removed. Further more, I believe there should be no extra payment for carrying more than 4 people. If you do add a surcharge of 50p per person, this should only be charge for each additional passenger over 4, i.e. a taxi with 5 passengers should then only have a surcharge of 50p, not £2.50 which is what your web page suggests would be charged.

Thanks,

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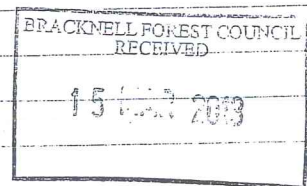
Wednesday 13th March 2013

Re: Tarnf Change

I disagree with the councils proposal to do away with the 50% surcharge for carrying 5-8 passengers as it does not cover my outlay and outgoings

The primary reason I bought my 9 seater vehicle was as I would've been able to charge 50% extra for 5-8 passengers. It is just not viable to drive someone around for 50p

~~Yours~~ Yours Faithfully



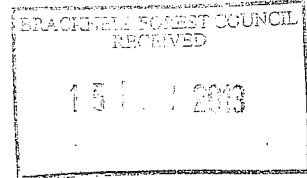
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RE: PROPOSED TARIFF CHANGE:

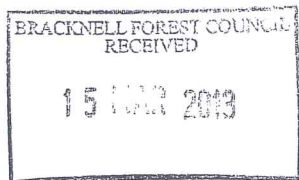
I DISAGREE WITH THE COUNCIL'S PROPOSAL TO DO AWAY WITH THE 50% SURCHARGE FOR CARRYING 5-8 PASSENGERS. AS WITH HIGH FUEL COSTS, ~~AND~~ HIGH ROAD TAX, AND INSURANCE IT MAKES <sup>IT</sup> VERY DIFFICULT TO RUN THIS VEHICLES.

YOURS SINCERLY:

BADGE - 394

PLAT - 11

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Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2013

Niamh Kelly (licensing officer)

Time Square

Market Street

Bracknell

RG12 1JD

Dear Niamh Kelly

I would like to take this opportunity to formally protest against Bracknell Forest Borough Councils proposed rate change for larger people carrier Hackney carriages. I along with all my fellow hackney carriage operators feel that this proposal will make life more difficult for us.

Currently we are allowed to add a 50% surcharge on the meter price if we carry more than 4 passengers, we may only do 3 or 4 of these types of journey a day, however these journeys do go along way towards helping us cover our running costs. These Vehicles are more expensive to purchase, the cost to insure these vehicles is also higher, as is the cost to maintain them.

The Hackney Drivers of Bracknell have already suffered loss of Business to Wokingham based operators as well as Ascot based operators. This is due to corporate clients preferring to travel in saloon vehicles as opposed to wheelchair accessible cars. Our loss of trade due to Bracknell forest borough council regulations has forced our hand and we purchased the more expensive people carriers so that we may gain business elsewhere. Now the Councils new proposal is going to force our hand again. We will not be able to maintain the vehicles to the standard they should be maintained or we would have to work longer hours. Either way it will put the passenger safety at risk. The only other option we would be left with is to move our business elsewhere to a different borough. Bracknell is a small town and the opportunity to earn a living by plying our trade as Taxi drivers is hugely restricted compared to much bigger boroughs such as Slough and Reading. We the Hackney drivers of Bracknell urge you to reconsider this proposal, and not take it any further.

Yours Sincerely

RE: Tariff Change

I write to oppose the tariff change of 50% extra to 50p for more than 4 passengers. This does not cover additional money spent on buying and running a 7-8 seater.

The main reason I bought this vehicle as I was able to charge 50% extra for for 4 or more passengers. The change the council is purposing is not viable, and to drive around someone for 50p is not something I would like to do.

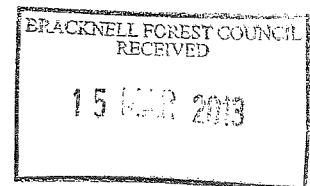
It would still be cheaper for the customer to pay the 50% rather than getting 2- four seater taxis.

I would therefore request the council to not go ahead with the change.

Kind regards

Badge Number:280

PALTE No. 17



14 JAN 2013

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To whom it may concern,

I opened the TAXI NEWS LETTER and had to check the date I thought it was 1 April (April fools day) This refers to the amendment of tariff section for over 4 seater. What DESK BOUND MANIAC came up with this Crazy idea not only do we not have a fare increase for a couple of years (Fair Enough) but you not only charge in your fees about 4% increase a year but in these troubled times you expect us to take about a 5% decrease by only charging 50p a head extra instead of 50% for over 4 passengers.

Takes A hard look at the following

1. Our TAXI/PRIVATE Hire MPV's cost to buy at least 50% more than a Saloon/Doble
2. We have double the Risk when picking up quite often Drunken passengers up to 8
3. Our fuel cost per mile is approx 25% more than a saloon/doble

I SEE THE COMMITTEE for coming up with this Crazy idea is called Licensing and Safety (joke yes)

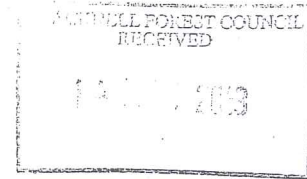
Sorry if this letter sounds Rude But its coming from a Very Annoyed operator

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Date:-13/03/2013

The hackney carriage officer

Bracknell forest council



To whom it may concern.

We have recently been informed about the taxi fare adding fifty percent to the fare at the end of the journey. I have been driving MPV since 2002 and nobody has complained to pay fifty percent if they have five or more they said often save money instead of ordering two taxis they can save money and most of the time when they are going to airport its very useful and we don't charge extra even if four passengers and lots of luggage.

I have got eight seater taxi and if they are eight they don't need two taxis just one and save fifty percent on fare. I have carried many times mother children with buggies and sopping they find it's very useful to have big taxi and still they pay same price as small taxi. Recently I picked up the lady from train station to Boole heights mother with three teenager daughter and baby she didn't mind paying because she would not like to take two taxis and her children travel in different taxi.

I know it's more expensive to run a big taxi and it's not very good idea to buy or keep big taxi and not being able to charge if they are even eight people travelling . We can't afford to keep the car. I hope you will consider about this decision.

Badge no # 6 Plate no # 97



Caroline Klee

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From:  
Sent: 16 March 2013 17:45  
To: Licence All  
Subject: tarif change.

Dear sir, madam

I oppose the tarif change of 50percent extra to 50pence as this does not cover additional money spent for buying & and running a 7,8 seaters vechiles.

compare with buses & trains they charge p person why taxi driver give 50 pence ride as a chairty work. we got family to feed them.

we will lose intrest to buying these vechiles which will cost to customer and council to down grade like 4 seaters vechile.

current rules is better for taxi trade.

thanks

badge no 16

plate 45 hackney.

Sent from my iPhone

**Caroline Klee**

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From:  
Sent: 14 March 2013 22:13  
To: Licence All

Dear Sir/Madam

I am emailing regarding the proposed change to taxi fares when there are more than 4 passengers.

My friends and I often use 7 or 8 seater taxis when we go out in Bracknell and are happy to pay an extra 50% as it means that we can all travel together, and understand that the vehicles cost more for the drivers to run/buy. My concern is that if the tariff is changed, this will result in fewer 7 or 8 seater taxis, as the drivers will not be earning as much from their larger vehicles, resulting in my friends and I having to travel seperately, and ultimately paying more.

I hope that you take this into consideration when reviewing the proposed change.

Kind regards

From:  
Sent: 14 March 2013 20:42  
To: Licence All  
Subject: Consultation on Amendment to Triff

## Consultation on Amendment to Tariff of Authorised Fares

Please find the below my comments:

1. My vehicle is MPV transporter which takes 8 people.
2. The cost of Insurance, road tax, fuel, maintenance is high.
3. It is more economical when 5 or more work colleagues, friend or family hire MPV, It stops people form hiring 2 four seater Taxi which is more costly.
4. It's cheaper if I take 5 to 8 passengers i.e. if it cost £10.00 at the end of the journey plus 50% which makes it £15.00. On the other alternative four seater Taxi they will need 2 four seater Taxis which will cost them total £20.00, hence it economical to hire MPV.
5. If a wheel chair person is travelling with 2/3 people they will not fit into any of the four seater's vehicles because the back seat of a four seater Taxi will have to be folded to make way for the wheel chair hence 3 seating places is lost. They will have to hire 2 Taxis which will be double the cost.
6. In most cases the corporate passengers are always happy in using MPV which makes it easier for them to plan and talk about their business before they are dropped off.

I shall be glad to have your views on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Caroline Klee

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From:  
Sent: 14 March 2013 14:01  
To: Licence All  
Subject: MPV tariff change

I am writing to oppose to the MPV 7-8 seater 50% surcharge by the council and the reasons are

- \* The MPV cost to buy is more then double the price from a 4seater.
- \* When carrying more then 4 people the cost of fuel and wear and tier is more.
- \* People to hire a MPV is cheaper then getting 2 taxis.
- \* Travelling in the MPV has more space and people have a comfortable journey and is more better for the people with disability.
- \* Also the benefits of the larger vehicle is for the people with wheelchair that are accompanied by 2 or 3 people that can travel in 1 taxi were as the 4 seater can carry 1 person + wheelchair

If the 50% surcharge is scrapped and 50p apples for hiring MPV 7- 8 seater drivers will be replacing there vehicle for 4 seater vehicles and then the public will have to hire 2 taxis  
And pay more for there journeys.

I hope you look in to this matter with the views from my points and other drivers

Thank you

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Sent from my iPad

**Caroline Klee**

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 14 March 2013 15:22  
**To:** Licence All;  
**Subject:** Proposed amendment to tariff of authorised fares

To whom it may concern,

Can I have confirmation of ii) add extra charge of 50p per passenger when carrying 4 passengers. Does this mean for all passengers or just the extra passengers over 4, as it reads it means all passengers is this correct. If it is all passengers it may be acceptable but if, it only the passengers over 4 it is definitely is not for the reasons listed below:-

. The most common Hackney carriage is a Fiat Doblo (new price £12,000 ) larger H/C ( 8 seater Transporter £26,000 ,up to £43,000 for a purpose built Mercedes 8 seater H/C)..Road Tax for Doblo is £150 per year and 8 seater H/C £400 plus. Insurance, fuel costs, servicing and repairs also much more costly than a Doblo. A new tyre for a Doblo £45, for 8 seater H/C £110. It would not be economical to run these vehicles if it was the latter.

John V. Coley (CMAA) National Chairman



Caroline Klee

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From:  
Sent: 15 March 2013 15:37  
To: Licence All  
Subject: Objection on scraping extra charges for MPV

Hi I am disagreed about council are changing prices for mpv when they carry more then 4 passenger .i bought recently 4 seater about £7000 and if I buy 7 seater it will be cost me about £15000 only for second hand and after that running cost is also more for Mpvs . So just 50p extra is not covering the whole cost and I thing if this thing happen driver will buy 4 seater car . So when passenger take two cabs they have to pay 100% .

Many thanks

Your sincerely

Badge no : 30