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Dear Paul

As you know we have looked at the accounts for the last two years and have found that apart from the operators license you are making a profit.

Now last year when we all spoke you made a promise that should there be a profit this year you would reduce the cost of badges, this is not the case is it.

Over the last two years you are showing a profit of £17971.93 in total at the moment.

We all know since the price of the badges went up nearly three years ago over 300% there would come a point that Thurrock Council would be making a profit and now it is happening but you are still increasing the costs this now becoming really unfair.

Also as you are well aware as the you are now guaranteed a income for Private hire badges alone of nearly £23,000.00 alone

Hackney License £7500.

Dual License £22680.00

Private Hire Cars £66950.00

Hackney Cars £30450.00

As a rough estimate this will give you an income of £150,000.00.

So looking at the last two years accounts this figure well above the costing for two members of staff and all that comes with it so don't you feel

that an increase to drivers which in the long run will past onto Thurrock public is unfair.

As you also aware that there are a few companies looking at leaving Thurrock and working under Transport for London but still keeping our main office in Thurrock this is something we really don't want to but feel we are getting pushed financially to move.

We as companies are trying to our best recruiting new drivers but the first thing that is going to put them off is having to pay nearly £300. for there first years badge, this figure does include Pax test and medical.



Thameside

Taxi and Private Hire

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29 December 2015

Dear Paul

Re. Proposed charges

We at Thameside Taxis Ltd challenge the proposed charges to the Taxi and Private Hire industry within Thurrock.

1. By putting up the cost of operation you are restricting entry to the trade, this will reduce the availability of taxis, increase waiting times for customers and reduce choice and safety for consumers.
2. The aim of the local licensing authority of the taxi and Private Hire trades is to protect the public. Local licensing authorities will also be aware that the public should have reasonable access to this service because of the part we play in the local transport provision. Local licensing authorities should recognise that too restrictive approach can work against the public interest.
3. Customers should be confident that when taking a taxi, the driver and vehicle are licenced and all relevant insurance and documents are in place, but on the other hand if the supply of taxis has been unduly constrained by onerous licensing conditions and fees then that customers' safety might be put at risk by having to wait longer or even tempted to enter an unlicensed vehicle illegally plying for hire.
4. The proposed increase to the operator's licence is far too high. Your proposed charges for operators with one vehicle to more than twenty-one ranges from £69 for one year to £4,533 for five years.
Basildon Council charge £500 for one year for an operator's licence of eleven or more vehicles.
Brentwood Council charge £763 for three years for an operator's licence of five or more vehicles.
Thameside Taxis is responsible for their staff, training, vehicles, paper work etc. The office involvement is less direct than a driver (who will be alone with passengers) All our insurances etc. are checked with every vehicle licence renewal and all our drivers' are checked by yourselves. Why such a high price?
5. There should be no discrimination between the price to licence a disabled vehicle which you have proposed to charge £96 a year more for Private Hire than Hackney Carriage? Plus, the operator's licence fee on top of this.

Company Registration No. 6477253

ABWZ CARZ EXPRESS

21st December 2015

Dear Mr Adams,

In response to your scheduled price rises for Taxi & Private Hire licences for Thurrock, there is a clear divide between what you say you are going to charge and what the licensed taxi people in Thurrock can pay.

It's quite obvious that in the last 3 years you have put up the price of driving licence by 300%! No way does this allow for the companies to encourage new drivers into the industry.

Therefore it will leave a vacuum of drivers we will not be able to replace thus not being able to serve the public.

The thinking behind your charges is totally wrong. There are licensing authorities out there which are more reasonably charged. Also the same with vehicle licences. Again you are pricing Thurrock licensing more than other authorities.

If this is implemented we will be taking ABW Z Carz Express out of Thurrock to another licensing authority which under current legislation we are perfectly within our right to do. This is the last thing our company wishes to do but unless there is a reduction in prices we shall be forced to do so.

Below is a list of drivers who agree on the above and shall be leaving if this proposal goes ahead.

Steven Cole, Barry Page, Mark Wellington, Rosemarie Mcerlain, Barry Harley, Roy Lawrence, Paul West, Colin Cubitt, Muhammad Iqbal, David Allery, Aron Scopes, Andrew O'Neil, Javad Afshar, Wayne Allery, Kuuly Singh, Andy Davis, Paul Carter, Billal Amiri, Keith Scopes, Phil Stead, James Sinclair, Alisha Tomkins, alan Hale, Don French, Glenn Stanley, Gagi Umroyan, Steve Cole Snr, Steven Scopes, Steve Cornwell, Paul Wellington, Hamid Kalantari, Allan George, Peter Hughes,

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