

Response Received	Comment
<p>Hi</p> <p>In response to the new proposed fee's due to commence in January 2021 i am disappointed with this in especially to the Private Hire Driver fee's which is a significant increase in fee's in short notice.</p> <p>Given the current climate when the economy is struggling & the trade has seen a massive decrease in trade now was not the right time to increase fee's when drivers & operators are struggling financially as Travel has been extensively impacted by the virus as a whole.</p> <p>This news will come at a time when drivers are already looking to leave the industry!</p> <p>Very disappointed & saddened that the local authority has not yet again understood the current economical situation</p>	<p>Change in driver's fees is a necessity due to case law. The enforcement fees which were included in vehicle licence fees on an annual basis now need to be accounted for against the driver's fees. The vehicle fees have decreased as a result and the driver's fees have increased.</p>
<p>I am writing in effect about the unfairness shown to a certain class of private hire driver. ie: those that do not have the finances to obtain their own private hire vehicles and therefore work for companies that supply the cars they use. These drivers, of whom I am one, and am currently employed by Bloor's Private hire. Though I have been on furlough since March this year, And due to the fact that I have a 19 yr old son at Confetti college in Nottingham and have to take him several times a week, I can only work parttime,16hrs per week. As such I receive only £95 per week in furlough pay. I still have a house to keep and bills to pay including council rates which pay council employees THEIR FULL RENUMERATION despite people like me who earn a pittance in comparison.</p> <p>Now Fees are to be reduced for the benefit of those Owners who can afford vehicles used by non owner drivers from which they derive a good income at the expense of those less fortunate. I would humbly suggest that the court officials whose incomes far exceed mine should try paying their council tax on £95 per week.</p> <p>I have already lost the use of my licence to earn a wage since March and we do not know how long it will be before I can again start work. And now I will be faced with more than double to renew it.</p> <p>How fair is that.</p>	<p>Change in driver's fees is a necessity due to case law. The enforcement fees which were included in vehicle licence fees on an annual basis now need to be accounted for against the driver's fees. The vehicle fees have decreased as a result and the driver's fees have increased.</p>
<p>In relation to you email in reference to the revised Licensing Fees South Derbyshire District Council. The main concern is the dramatic raise in the Drivers License. In the Current pandemic we are reduced to less then 50% of the work. With</p>	<p>Change in driver's fees is a necessity due to case law. The enforcement fees which were included in vehicle licence fees on</p>

a large amount of uncertainty in the near future the licensee at South Derbyshire District Council feel that true increase is not justly as the trade does not have much financial support. We feel by doing such actions that we are not being supported by the council in such uncertainty and crisis timeline. We make a humble request for you to reconsider your current proposed actions.

The other point we have concerns is the privacy glass policy. We are finding it difficult to source vehicles under the current policy. We feel that if a vehicle comes with factory fitted privacy glass it should be allowed as 90% vehicles that are MPV are factory fitted with privacy glass. The government has no set guidelines regarding the privacy glass in requirement to licensed vehicles. We can understand that are done aftermarket and don't meet Vosa guide lines. It also makes it disadvantage to do executive work and a part a requirement will be privacy glass. We cannot at this point in time rely on just one type of work. We ask you to reconsider the consider the tinted window policy as it is causing distress in the industry. Surrounding have no tinted window policy and gives them an advantage in a very competitive market.

I am also attaching signed petition in regards to the above from a drivers that are licensed by SDDC.

an annual basis now need to be accounted for against the driver's fees. The vehicle fees have decreased as a result and the driver's fees have increased. The enforcement fee was included in the vehicle licence which was payable annually. It now appears in the drivers fee which is for a 3 year licence.

The privacy glass issue is not part of this consultation but is noted for any future reviews of policy.

Attached as appendix 3