

APPENDIX B.



Mr Sarfaz Khan
Chairman – Slough Taxi Federation

Slough

Mr Mick Sims
Licensing Manger
Slough Borough Council

Dear Mr Sims

As our records show, the last time the hackney carriage taxi drivers in Slough had a fare increase was in 2010. For the last two years we did not request a fare rise due to the severe recession. However, at this year's annual general meeting of the taxi federation everyone unanimously agreed to request a very modest fare increase.

The reasons are very obvious and are as follows:

1. Every motorist has been hurt by the steep high petrol and diesel prices, the worst affected people have been taxi drivers.
2. Taxi insurance premiums have gone up tremendously. In some cases time and a half and even double.
3. Car prices have also risen since 2010.
4. The prices of car parts and the cost of repairs have gone up as well.
5. First great western railways have also raised their charges in line with inflation.
6. No doubt the general cost of living has gone up since 2010.

In view of all the above mentioned reasons, we are requesting the licensing committee to grant us this fare rise. This fare increase will make us able to meet some extra costs to our trade and it is in line with the inflation of the last three years.

I hope the licensing committee will consider this request which is very reasonable.

I will be very grateful for your assistance in pursuing this matter.

Many thanks for your assistance in this matter.

Yours sincerely

S. Khan