

APPENDIX B

Dear Sirs

Re: Increase in test fees for vehicles over 8 years old

I understand that it is the Councils proposal to increase the annual licence fee for the above category cars by the sum of £40

I am writing to you to object to this move most strenuously.

As you will be aware, it is NOT a legal requirement to have two tests per year, merely a condition that the Council felt was necessary to ensure the safety of older vehicles. Whilst having no objection to this, it has previously been the case that the council bear the cost of the extra test, as it is at their behest, and I feel that to move this cost back to the licensee is an imposition they can barely cope with. It is hard enough earning a living in this industry, without continuous added costs.

If it is that the council feel that licensees should be encouraged to have newer model cars, there is a range of measures that could be embraced, without the addition of a back-door "tax" on their existing models.

I strongly urge you to reconsider this measure, and maybe have talks with the trade to see if a more enlightened approach could be taken to developing the current taxi fleet

Yours sincerely



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