

Appendix 1 Responses to the Consultation

Note: Names have been redacted for confidentiality.

Response	From	Leeds City Council response
I object to the price rise as the black and white cabs are already much more expensive than private hire.	A member of the public	Thank you for your reply [Name Redacted]. Taxis, unlike private hire, cannot vary their fares – they have to charge the Leeds City Council as a maximum fare. In recent years, many private hire operators in Leeds have increased their fares to their passengers, to reflect the increased cost of living. While it may have been the case before Covid that taxi journeys were almost always more expensive than private hire, that is no longer the case.
I wish to support the fare increase however it will not affect me because I live in Wetherby and don't have any taxis or ranks the council must address this fact in an unmet demand survey thank you	A member of the public	Thank you for your reply [Name Redacted]. Taxis service the whole of Leeds including Wetherby. The council will be initiating a vehicle conditions review later in 2022, the hackney carriage aspect of which will include numbers of hackney carriages and provision of ranks. We will re-use your response for that part of the vehicle conditions review.
Hi I am a driver in the trade and can't get my head around how a 50p per fare will do anything to make a difference. At the moment we are paying nearly £2 per liter in diesel. Which is adding up to £50 per week to the cost of filling up I think you need to help with a proper pay rise or more drivers will leave the trade as it not profitable enough to make a living. As you know now the private hire cars are more expensive then the black and white taxi in some cases	Hackney Carriage Driver	Good morning [Name Redacted], Thanks for your email which we will add to others we receive. I understand that the 50p per fare was asked for by your trade representatives. The councillors are obliged to consult with the public before agreeing any fare increase. As the price of fuel keeps increasing and probably has done since the proposal was first made, we shall have to see what finally decided on. Hopefully the price of fuel will soon come down.
Hya the taxi trade is really struggling with the lower fare and fuel prices r really highest should be increase of £1 (£4 first mile).if u look at the amber cars they charging first mile £6.90.just a suggestion from me, bsc we r all struggling with the fuel cost.	Hackney Carriage Driver	Thank you for your reply [Name Redacted] The 50p request was made to the council from the taxi associations, and the council is responding to that request. The council is looking at a longer term vehicle conditions review starting this autumn, and the

	hackney carriage part of that review will include a longer term approach to fares.
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