

IN THE COMMITTEE CHAMBERS
BEFORE THE LICENSING APPLICATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE
FOR READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

BETWEEN:

(1) IMRAN ALI
(2) OTHER HACKNEY CARRIAGE TAXI DRIVERS

Appellant

-AND-

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

Respondent

WRITTEN REPRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF MR IMRAN ALI

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Re: Reading Borough Council's Licensing Applications Sub-Committee:

INTRODUCTION

1. Imran Ali and other Hackney Carriage drivers (namely those who have signed a recent petition) collectively raise objections pursuant to section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 ("**1976 Act**") contrary to the recent decision by Reading Borough Council's Licensing Applications Sub-Committee ("**Committee**") to vary the table of fares implemented on 12th July 2022.

(Please note: the identity of those who have signed the said petition must remain confidential and anonymous this precludes Imran Ali).

BACKGROUND

2. Hackney carriage fares were last reviewed by the Licensing Applications Sub-Committee 3 in February 2020. As a result, the Committee granted a reduction in the yardage for all day-time fares to 133 yards. There was no increase to fares for the night-time tariff and no other changes were made.
3. On 12th July 2022 the Licensing Applications Sub-Committee implemented a fare increase as recommended by The Reading Taxi Association's ("**RTA**") who proposed a fare increase on the flag drop rather than a decrease to yardage and time in the usual manner.
4. The consequences of this would increase the current flag drop by £1.00 on both day and night tariffs. The day tariff currently set at £2.60, would therefore increase to £3.60, and the night tariff which is currently set at £3.60 would therefore have increased to £4.60.
5. Objections were raised by the parties named above within the time limits conferred by the statutory framework of section 65 of the 1976 Act. The said objections opposed an increase of £1.00 to the day and night flag drop on the grounds that this could be unreasonable and unfair as well as being a disproportionate increase between taxi users based on the distance they travel.

RELEVANT LAW

6. Reading Borough Council has power to fix or vary Hackney Carriage fares by virtue of section 65 of the 1976 Act.

This section provides inter alia that: ‘

- (1) A district council may fix the rates or fares within the district as well for time as distance, and all other charges in connection with the hire of a vehicle or with the arrangements for the hire of a vehicle, to be paid in respect of the hire of hackney carriages by means of a table (hereafter in this section referred to as a “table of fares”) made or varied in accordance with the provisions of this section.
- (2)
 - (a) When a district council make or vary a table of fares they shall publish in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district a notice setting out the table of fares or the variation thereof and specifying the period, which shall not be less than fourteen days from the date of the first publication of the notice, within which and the manner in which objections to the table of fares or variation can be made.
 - (b) A copy of the notice referred to in paragraph (a) of this subsection shall for the period of fourteen days from the date of the first publication thereof be deposited at the offices of the council which published the notice, and shall at all reasonable hours be open to public inspection without payment.
- (3) If no objection to a table of fares or variation is duly made within the period specified in the notice referred to in subsection (2) of this section, or if all objections so made are withdrawn, the table of fares or variation shall come into operation on the date of the expiration of the period specified in the notice or the date of withdrawal of the objection or, if more than one, of the last objection, whichever date is the later.
- (4) If objection is duly made as aforesaid and is not withdrawn, the district council shall set a further date, not later than two months after the first specified date, on which the table of fares, shall come into force with or without modifications as decided by them after consideration of the objections.
- (5) A table of fares made or varied under this section shall have effect for the purposes of the Act of 1847 as if it were included in the hackney carriage bylaws made thereunder.’

ISSUES

7. The matter of setting fares for hackney carriage drivers is an important one primarily for two reasons. Firstly, any fares set by a local authority fundamentally determines the ability of drivers to earn a reasonable living, but also importantly to ensure that taxi users receive a fair deal when taking a journey in a licensed hackney carriage. Therefore, it is of crucial importance that a balance is struck between these two reasons.
8. It is disputed that the increase to the flag drop by £1.00 on both day and night tariffs implemented by the Committee strikes this appropriate balance in its entirety and therefore must be disregarded.
9. It is suggested that the current £1.00 increase to the flag drop with no increase to yardage or time, would be unfair and unreasonable in ensuring that Hackney Carriage drivers are able to recover the expected costs of running a taxi, with a reasonable return on profit in line with increasing inflation and the current cost of living crisis.
10. Paragraph 4.1.4 of the Committee report dated 12th July 2022 suggests that the only taxi running cost component that was taken into consideration by the Committee was fuel costs and evidence based on RAC data. No other cost components or additional factors were considered by the Committee.
11. Therefore, to fulfil its objectives in striking the appropriate balance whilst exercising powers conferred under section 65 of the 1976 Act when considering any increase in fares, this Committee needs to resolve the above issues by reviewing the cost components and additional factors which were not taken into consideration initially during the meeting on 12th July 2022. The said cost components and additional factors are of high importance as they collectively contribute towards the cost of running a hackney vehicle and therefore must be considered.
12. In addition, the current £1.00 flag drop increase could be seen as unfair, disproportionate, and discriminatory in nature between users, based on the distance travelled. The current implementation means a journey where users previously paid up to £5.00 for a typical metered fare would under the current increase pay an extra 20% for such a metered journey. Compare this to a typical user who previously paid up to £20.00 for a metered fare would now only be paying an increase of 5% and so on.
13. Please note that the Soiling charges as implemented in accordance with the report to the Committee dated 12th July 2022: at paragraph 4.2.3, raising soiling charges to £70 for inside the taxi and £25 for the outside of the taxi are not in issue.

REVIEWING TAXI FARES AND TARIFFS

14. As mentioned above, when exercising discretionary powers under section 65 of the 1976 Act, the Committee *may* fix the rates or fares within the Borough of Reading. However, in doing so must try to strike an appropriate balance between taxi drivers being paid fairly and taxi users getting fair, reasonable, and affordable fares.
15. To achieve its aim and objectives, the Committee must take the above-mentioned cost components and additional factors into consideration when exercising its powers.

Factors that should be taken into consideration

16. To assist the Committee in achieving its objectives when considering any increase in fares, it is submitted that the following: Six factors should be taken into consideration:
 - (1) Take into consideration the taxi vehicle and driver's **running costs** when determining any potential changes to taxi fares and tariffs (see subheading below titled taxi running costs for a breakdown);
 - (2) Consider any changes to the costs of being a taxi driver in Reading along with the need for taxi fares to be fair, reasonable, and affordable for users (as mentioned above);
 - (3) Take into account the need to maintain reasonable and justifiable differences in the tariffs for journeys in the:
 - i. Daytime;
 - ii. At night; and
 - iii. On public holidays.
 - (4) Consider the need to maintain reasonable and justifiable differences in fares as the distance and duration of a taxi journey increases; this requires the Committee to review waiting time and time spent in traffic and so on;
 - (5) Recognise specific criteria regarding taxi licensing and services in Reading for example taxi vehicles having to meet the Conditions of Fitness; and
 - (6) Having due regard to the impact of changes to fares and tariffs on those sharing characteristics protected under the Equality Act 2010. This includes the impact on those who may use taxis more frequently or are more reliant on them compared to others because they are in a protected group.

Taxi running costs

17. As mentioned above, when considering any fare or tariff increase, it is fundamental to consider taxi driver vehicle running costs as well as other costs associated with being a taxi driver, as the cost of running a taxi in the current climate is expensive to say the least.
18. A breakdown of the current costs of running a taxi should provide the Committee with a good illustration as to how fares and tariffs should be reviewed as costs relating to being a taxi driver.
19. The cost includes a number of different components covering drivers' operating costs for example:
 - (a) Vehicle costs;
 - (b) Parts;
 - (c) Tyres;
 - (d) Servicing;
 - (e) Depreciation
 - (f) Insurance; and
 - (g) Most importantly under the current climate volatile fuel costs.

(This is a non-exhaustive list)
20. Please also note that drivers who are currently renting from other proprietors do not incur all the above costs directly but contribute towards the running cost components indirectly through rental payments, this of course precludes the cost of fuel which renting drivers incur directly.
21. Therefore, it is absolutely imperative that the figures for these running cost components are reviewed when the Committee considers any taxi fares and tariffs increase.
22. The fact of the matter is when reviewing taxi fares the Committee should not look at a single running cost component such as fuel in isolation but must look at the running cost components as a whole.
23. The whole aim and purpose of a fare increase is to ensure most importantly that taxi drivers are paid fairly so that:
 - (a) Taxi drivers can recover their running or operating costs;
 - (b) Taxi driving remains a viable career and licensed taxi drivers do not cease trading simply because the running costs of a taxi exceed potential income and a decrease in profit as a result.

24. The consequences of any decrease in income for taxi drivers could negatively affect the supply of taxis which would mean taxi users are unable to get a taxi or may wait longer for a taxi.
25. As mentioned previously, the report to the Committee dated 12th July 2022, unfortunately only looked at fuel costs in isolation as a single running cost component. Under the current financial climate all the above running costs must be taken into consideration when reviewing any proposals for a taxi fare increase.

Other additional factors

26. As well as the taxi running cost components mentioned above, it is also important to take other additional contributing factors (listed below) into consideration when reviewing taxi fares and tariffs.
27. The following additional factors must also be taken into consideration:
 - (a) The cost of living, which is skyrocketing, with food, fuel, energy bills, council tax, national insurance, mobile, broadband and water bills all increasing as well as rising inflation;
 - (b) Other additional factors which the Committee should take into consideration when reviewing taxi fares include the impact that the coronavirus pandemic has had on the taxi industry which taxi drivers are still trying to recover from.
 - (c) As the Committee is aware, taxi drivers were hit hard during the pandemic and the near future is still uncertain in this respect.
 - (d) The requirement for taxi drivers to change their vehicles to electric vehicles, as per Reading Borough Council's current emissions policy is also another crucial factor which the Committee should take into consideration,
28. As mentioned above, it is also important that taxi driving remains a viable career the reasoning for which is:
 - (a) Taxis are particularly important for some people who require an accessible vehicle or a door-to-door service;
 - (b) Taxis provide an important service late at night if the supply of taxis become decreased or disrupted as a result of increased costs resulting in lower income or profit margins for taxi drivers. Under the circumstances, taxi users may be more likely to use an unlicensed vehicle or unbooked private hire vehicle or walk at night when this is a less safe option.

Other matters to consider

29. The Committee is also invited to review current and proposed fare increases by other local authorities in order to make the appropriate comparisons.

Please see the following hyperlinks to fare Charts of local authorities mentioned below (Please note: copies of the fare chart for each local authority are also annexed hereto at Annexure 1 below at page 13):

- (1) [BRACKNELL FOREST COUNCIL HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE CHART – effective from June/ July 2022;](#)
- (2) [Coventry City council Hackney carriage fare chart – effective from August 2022;](#)
- (3) [Slough Hackney Carriage Tariff 2022 – proposed;](#)
- (4) [Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Hackney fares chart;](#)
- (5) [Wokingham Borough Council Hackney carriage fare chart – effective from 4th April 2022;](#)
- (6) [Proposed taxi tariff for Vale of White Horse District –
Jointly with the South Oxfordshire District Council](#)
- (7) [Transport for London Taxi fares and tariffs for Hackney carriage vehicles.](#)
- (8) [Guildford Borough Hackney Carriage Fare Chart effective 13 July 2022](#)

(This is a non-exhaustive list)

30. The Committee is also invited to recommend that:

- (a) The `extra charges` are increased; and
- (b) As a matter of transparency, the fare chart is updated to list the following charges to be borne by passengers:
 - i. Toll charges such as: Ulez, Congestion Charge, and
 - ii. Relevant drop off charges at Heathrow; Gatwick; Luton and Stansted airports.

PROPOSAL

31. The Committee is invited to resolve the above-mentioned issues by applying a taxi fare increase to tariffs in the usual manner which is a combination of the following:

- A. A proportionate increase in the flag drop or flag down rate;
- B. An increase in yardage and time during the day on tariff one (6am to 10pm); and

- C. A further justified increase to the night tariff two (10pm to 6am) given that there has been no increase to night fares for a considerable period of time and therefore a material difference should exist between the day and night tariffs;
 - D. Waiting time/duration must also be reviewed and increased accordingly to a reasonable amount in order to reflect time spent in traffic by drivers;
 - E. An increase in extras is also proposed;
 - F. The waiting time should also be increased per hour.
32. In order to assist this Committee, we have collectively sought the services of a Specialist Fare Chart and Meter Expert, who is an independent taxi meter specialist and authorised Cygnus dealer;

Mr Colins Fennessy of CJ & JT Fennessy, who`s details are as follows:

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33. Mr Fennessy has reviewed the current hackney carriage fare chart set by Reading Borough Council and has concluded in his professional opinion that the current day rate set is calculated to be approximately £2.65 per mile (after the initial distance) or £16.00 per hour waiting time. According to Mr Fennessy the Night rate is currently less than £2.65 a mile, however, waiting time is slightly higher at about £17.14 per hour.
34. Mr Fennessy recommends two options for the Sub-Committee to consider in relation to any further increase to the current Hackney carriage fares within the Borough of Reading (please see the two draft proposed tables of fares 2022- V5 (option 1) and - V6 (option 2) by Author CJ & JT Fennessy, these draft fare charts can be found attached hereto at Annexure 2 at page 14.
35. The recommendations made by Mr Fennessy are in fact based on his current experience proposing and calculating fare increases for other neighbouring licencing authorities.

Option 1

36. Mr Fennessy has calculated that Option 1 would give an increased day rate of approximately £2.91 per mile, this would mean an increase of 10% on the current day rate (after the initial distance) or £20.00 per hour during the day.

The Option 1 night rate distance charged would increase by 12% but would still work out less than day rate until a typical journey goes beyond 4 miles and 1189 yards

when it becomes identical to day rate. The night rate waiting time would remain identical to day rate at £20.00 per hour.

Option 2

37. Mr Fennssey`s proposal for Option 2-day rate, would remain the same as option 1, however, the distinction between the day and night rate distance charged would be increased by 15% as well as the waiting time which would also be increased to about £24.83 per hour.
38. Based on the current climate and financial uncertainty the Committee is invited to consider Option 2, this is justified on the basis that there has been no night rate increase for a considerable period of time.
39. To assist the Committee in making its decision between the two proposed fare chart options, Mr Fennessy has supplied fare chart data from other local authorities, who have set these fare tariffs and are now charging these fares after their recent tariff revisions (please see the table at figure 1 below):

Figure 1:

Rushmoor
Day £3.60 for 1088y, 20p 125y or 30s = £2.82 mile (after initial) or £24.00 hour Night £5.40 for 1088y, 30p 125y or 30s = £4.23 mile (after initial) or £36.00 hour
Basingstoke & Deane
Day £4.00 for 293y, 20p 176y (after 5 miles) or 40s = £3.00 mile or £18.00 hour Night £5.50 for 293y, 30p 176y (after 5 miles) = £3.00 mile or £27.00 hour.
Guildford
Day £3.00 for 99y, 20p 99y or 17s = £3.56 mile (after initial) or £42.35 hour Night £3.50 99y or 17s = £5.33 mile (after initial) or £63.53 hour
Waverley
Day £2.40 for 128y, 20p 128y or 22s = £2.75 mile (after initial) or £32.73 hour Night £3.60 128y or 22s = £4.12 mile (after initial) or £49.09 hour.
Surrey Heath
Day £3.60 for 1210y 20p 110y or 32s = £3.20 mile (after initial) or £22.50 hour Night £3.90 for 660y, 30p 110y or 32s = £4.80 mile (after initial) or £33.75 hour
Hart
Day £3.40 for 704y, 30p 176y or 45s = £3.00 mile (after initial) or £24.00 hour

Night £4.20 for 704y, 45p 176y or 45s = £4.50 mile (after initial) or £36.00 hour
Most of these areas also have a Sunday surcharge, and Banks Hols at night rate all day.

40. According to the data in figure 1, the current fares and tariffs set by Reading Borough Council (particularly the night tariff) are much lower in comparison to the local jurisdictions mentioned in figure 1.
41. Please note, that if the Committee considers Option 2, the night rate will remain less than those night rates for jurisdiction's mentioned in Figure 1.
42. In addition, just to clarify, the day rates would remain the same whether the Committee selects Option 1 or Option 2 (an increase of 10% for day rate).
43. This Committee is also invited to review any increase in fares and tariffs after 12 months of implementation in the best interests of both the users as well as taxi drivers.

CONCLUSION

44. In conclusion, we therefore strongly oppose the current fare increase for the reasons mentioned above, as it is unlikely to cover increasing taxi driver vehicle costs as well as the cost of living.
45. The fare increase should be set in accordance with a combined increase of the flag drop rate, yardage, and time as recommended by Mr Colin Fennessy of CJ & JT Fennessy.
46. The Committee should take into consideration the six factors mentioned above at paragraph 16; as well as taxi driver running costs mentioned at paragraph 17 to 24; and other additional factors mentioned at paragraphs 25 to 27.
47. In addition, we invite the Committee to carefully review the two proposed fare chart Options calculated and drafted by Mr Fennessy and to consider the Tables of fares 2022- V6 (Option 2) as a viable option moving forward.
48. We respectfully submit that the Committee disregard the fare increase currently being implemented based on the above written submissions and representations and invite this Committee to take into consideration those proposals put forward above.

12th September 2022

Imran Ali

(A Taxi Driver)

Annexure 1

BRACKNELL FOREST COUNCIL HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE CHART effective June/ July 2022
FARES FOR DISTANCE AND TIME

All distance and time charges include uncompleted parts thereof

Tariff 1		Tariff 2		Tariff 3		HC:
Rate for the first mile: £5.20		Rate for the first mile: £7.80		Rate for the first mile: £10.40		
Rate for each mile thereafter: £2.60		Rate for each mile thereafter: £3.90		Rate for each mile thereafter: £5.20		Extra Charges
Hiring when journey commences between 07:00 and 23:00 Monday to Sunday		Hiring when journey commences between 23:00 and 07:00 Monday to Sunday and on Bank and Public Holidays and on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from 18:00 until 24:00		Hiring when the journey commences on Christmas Day through to 07:00 on Boxing Day		Fouling of vehicle – interior (£50) Fouling of vehicle – exterior (£10)
£3.20	Maximum Charge up to 415 yards or 122.96 seconds or a combination of time and distance	£4.80	Maximum Charge up to 415 yards or 122.96 seconds or a combination of time and distance	£6.40	Maximum Charge up to 415 yards or 122.96 seconds or a combination of time and distance	
20p	For each subsequent 135 yards or every 40 seconds or part thereof	30p	For each subsequent 135 yards or every 40 seconds or part thereof	40p	For each subsequent 135 yards or every 40 seconds or part thereof	When this vehicle is carrying more than 4 passengers, a surcharge of 50% will be applied to the fare shown on the meter at the end of the journey. This will however not be shown on the taximeter

If the journey takes the taxi outside the Bracknell Forest Council area the driver **MUST** still charge in accordance with the above scales unless they have agreed otherwise with the hirer before the journey has started. **These are the maximum fares chargeable.**

Any complaints about a taxi or a driver should be directed to Licensing@Bracknell-Forest.gov.uk quoting of possible the taxi plate number and or the driver's badge number

1234567

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARES IN COVENTRY

1. For journeys commencing and ending within the City of Coventry

Unless a lower fare is agreed before the journey starts:

	Day-Time (6am to 10pm)	Night-Time (10pm to 6am)	Holidays (See below)
For the first 0.922 Km (Approx. ⁶ / ₁₀ mile) or 4.5 minutes (or part)	£3.80	£4.60	£4.90
Then for every 0.162 Km (Approx. ¹ / ₁₀ mile) or 48 seconds (or part)	30p	30p	35p

When the speed is below approximately 8 miles per hour only the time charge applies.

Soiling/Cleaning Charge: £40

Holidays

Christmas
(6pm 24 Dec to 6am 27 Dec)

New Year
(6pm 31 Dec to 6am 2 Jan)

Easter Sunday & Monday

May Day Bank Holiday

Spring Bank Holiday

Summer Bank Holiday

(For 24 hours starting at 00.00am on the day)

2. For journeys ending outside the City of Coventry

The law does not permit a taxi driver to charge more than the price shown on the meter (which will be calculated at the rates shown above) unless the journey ends outside the City boundary and you and the driver have agreed a different fare BEFORE the journey commences.

IN CASE OF COMPLAINT - Note the driver's badge number & taxi number and Telephone 024 7683 2183 or write to the Taxi Licensing Office,

Whitley Depot, 259 London Road, Coventry CV3 4AR or email: taxi.licensing@coventry.gov.uk

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Slough Hackney Carriage Tariff 2022 – proposed CJ & JT Fennessy v6

Period Application	Daily 05:00 - 24:00	Daily 00:00 - 05:00	Christmas Day 00:00 - 24:00 Boxing Day 00:00 - 05:00 New Year's Day 00:00 – 24:00
Tariff Rate	1	2	3
Each adult passenger in excess of 3	£0.40	£0.40	£0.60
Initial distance 250 yards or initial time of 99 seconds or a combination of both	£3.40	£5.40	£5.40
Each additional 151 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both.	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30
Until the fare reaches	£5.60	£7.60	£8.40
Each additional 251 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.20	£0.30
Until the fare reaches	£11.20	£13.20	£16.80
Each additional 135 yards or each additional 60 seconds or a combination of both	£0.20	£0.20	£0.40
Soiling the vehicle making it unfit for immediate rehiring	£50	£50	£75
<p>The driver of this vehicle must discuss the following with passengers BEFORE moving off:</p> <p>In addition to the metered or pre-agreed fare</p> <p>Single vehicles that are hired by 5 or more passengers will be charged time and a half of the metered fare. No extra passenger charge will apply.</p> <p>EXTRA ROAD USAGE CHARGES MAY BE PAYABLE BY THE PASSENGER(S) DEPENDING ON THE JOURNEY PICK-UP AND/OR DROP-OFF POINTS.</p> <p>Extra charge examples: airport charges, congestion charges, toll road fees.</p>			
All items of luggage	free	free	free
Support and Assistance or caged animals	free	free	free
Card payment no minimum spend & driver must accept	free	free	free

All charges shown are inclusive of VAT where applicable.

Maximum Table of Fares

Distance	Tariff 1 Daily 0600h-2300h	Tariff 2 Daily 2300h-0600 & all bank/public holidays not covered under tariff 3.	Tariff 3 Between 2000h on Christmas Eve to 0600h on 27 December & New Year's Eve from 1900h – 0600h on 2 January.
Flag fare	£4.00	£5.50	£7.00
Mile 1	£6.00	£8.50	£11.00
Mile 2	£7.60	£10.90	£14.20
Mile 3	£9.20	£13.30	£17.40
Mile 4	£10.70	£15.50	£20.40
Mile 5	£12.20	£17.80	£23.40
Mile 6	£14.20	£20.80	£27.40
Mile 7	£16.20	£23.80	£31.40
Mile 8	£18.20	£26.80	£35.40
Mile 9	£20.20	£29.80	£39.40
Mile 10	£22.20	£32.80	£43.40
Each mile thereafter	£2 per mile	£3 per mile	£4 per mile

Fares are indicative only and calculated over distance and time. If waiting time(s) occurs within your journey, these may be exceeded.

Waiting Time – For each period of 40 seconds or uncompleted part thereof (Tariff 1/Tariff 2/Tariff 3)	20p / 30p / 40p
Fouling inside or outside of vehicle (Tariff1/Tariff 2/Tariff 3)	£50 / £75 / £100

Comments concerning the driver or vehicle must be made in writing to the Licensing Team, Civic Offices, London Road, Basingstoke, RG21 4AH or by email to licensing@basingstoke.gov.uk quoting the taxi licence plate number.

The driver is not permitted to charge a booking or unoccupied running fee. The meter is activated at the start of your journey.

Thank you for using hackney carriage services in Basingstoke and Deane.

ALL PASSENGERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE LAW REQUIRES THEM TO USE THE SEAT BELTS PROVIDED.

<https://www.basingstoke.gov.uk/hackney-carriage-taxi> (01256) 844844



Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council Hackney Carriage Fare Calculations:

Day rate.

£4.00 for 2/12th mile (293.3y) or 75 secs,
Then by 20p for 1/12th mile (146.7y) or 40 secs up to 1 mile (£6.00 for mile 1)
Then 20p for 1/8th mile (220.0y) or 40 secs up to 3 miles (£1.60 for miles 2 & 3)
Then 20p for 2/15th mile (234.7y) or 40 secs up to 5 miles (£1.50 for miles 4&5).
Then 20p for 1/10th mile (176.0y) or 40 secs thereafter (£2.00 mile thereafter).

Night rate etc.

£5.50 for 2/12th mile (293.3y) or 75 secs,
Then by 30p for 1/12th mile (146.7y) or 40 secs up to 1 mile (£8.50 for mile 1)
Then 30p for 1/8th mile (220.0y) or 40 secs up to 3 miles (£2.40 for miles 2&3)
Then 30p for 2/15th mile (234.7y) or 40 secs up to 5 miles (£2.25 for miles 4&5).
Then 30p for 1/10th mile (176.0y) or 40 secs thereafter (£3.00 mile thereafter).

Christmas rate etc.

£7.00 for 2/12th mile (293.3y) or 75 secs,
followed by 40p for 1/12th mile (146.7y) or 40 secs up to 1 mile (£11 for mile 1)
Then 40p for 1/8th mile (220.0y) or 40 secs up to 3 miles (£3.20 for mile 2&3)
Then 40p for 2/15th mile (234.7y) or 40 secs up to 5 miles (£3.00 for miles 4&5).
Then 40p for 1/10th mile (176.0y) or 40 secs thereafter (£4.00 mile thereafter).

GUILDFORD BOROUGH HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE CHART effective 13 July 2022

FARES FOR DISTANCE & TIME

All distance and time charges include uncompleted parts thereof.

Tariff 1: DAYTIME RATES: (except where rates 2 or 3 apply)	Tariff 2: NIGHT AND HOLIDAY RATE:	Tariff 3: DOUBLE DAYTIME RATE:	4. EXTRA CHARGES:	
Rate for the first mile: £6.36 Mon - Sat and £7.36 Sun	Rate for the first mile: £8.54	Rate for the first mile: £12.72		
Rate for each mile thereafter: £3.56	Rate for each mile thereafter: £5.34	Rate for each mile thereafter: £7.12		
HIRINGS BETWEEN 7am and 11pm	HIRINGS BETWEEN 11PM AND 7AM AND NATIONAL PUBLIC HOLIDAYS (except where Double Day Rate applies)	HIRINGS BETWEEN:		

£3.00 (Mon – Sat)	Maximum charge up to 99 yards or 17 seconds	£3.50 (Mon-Sun)	Maximum charge up to 99 yards or 17 seconds	1) 11pm on Christmas Eve and 5am on 27 December; and 2) 11pm on 31 December and 7am on 1 January	For each passenger in excess of One:	50p
£4.00 (Sun)						
20p	For each additional 99 yards or 17 seconds.	30p	For each additional 99 yards or 17 seconds.		Soiling the carriage leaving it unfit for immediate sub hiring:	£100

ALL LUGGAGE CARRIED INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE PASSENGER COMPARTMENT IS FREE OF CHARGE. ANY ASSISTANCE DOG IS CARRIED FREE OF CHARGE.

PAYMENT BY CREDIT/DEBIT CARD IS FREE OF CHARGE.

IMPORTANT

If the journey takes the taxi outside the Guildford Borough area, the driver MUST still charge in accordance with the above scale unless he/she has agreed otherwise with the hirer before the journey has started. **These are the maximum fares chargeable.**

COMPLAINTS

Any complaints about a taxi or driver should be directed to: Licensing Team, Guildford Borough Council, Millmead House, Millmead, Guildford, Surrey, GU2 4BB or (01483) 505050, regulatoryservices@guildford.gov.uk; quoting, if possible, the taxi plate number and/or the driver's badge number.

Environment and Regulatory Services Manager, Guildford Borough Council



WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE CHART EFFECTIVE 04 APRIL 2022 FARES FOR DISTANCE AND TIME

All distance and time charges include uncompleted parts thereof

Tariff 1		Tariff 2		Tariff 3		Extra Charges
For hiring between 06:00 and 22:30 Monday to Sunday.		For hiring between 22:30 and 06:00 Monday to Sunday. For hiring on Bank and Public Holidays. For hiring on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve from 18:00 until 22:30.		For hiring after 22:30 on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. For hiring all day on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. For hiring all day on the 26 December until 06:00 on the 27 December.		Fouling of vehicle – interior (£75). Fouling of vehicle – exterior (£15).
£3.00	For the first 440 yards or 110 seconds.	£4.50	For the first 440 yards or 110 seconds.	£6.00	For the first 440 yards or 110 seconds.	
20p	For each subsequent 120 yards or 30 seconds or part thereof.	30p	For each subsequent 120 yards or 30 seconds or part thereof.	40p	For each subsequent 120 yards or 30 seconds or part thereof.	When this vehicle is carrying more than 4 passengers, a surcharge of £2.00 for each additional passenger (5+). This will not be shown on the meter.

If the journey takes the taxi outside the Wokingham Borough Council area the driver MUST still charge in accordance with the above scales unless they have agreed otherwise with the hirer before the journey has started.

These are the maximum fares chargeable.

Any complaints about a taxi or a driver should be directed to Licensing@Wokingham.gov.uk quoting, if possible, the taxi plate number and/or the driver's badge number.

These prices do not apply to vehicles booked through a private hire operator.

Proposed taxi tariff for Vale of White Horse District

The CPI increase since 2014 (when the previous tariff was set) is 17.5%. Using this percentage rounded to the nearest 5p produces the figures as below.

There are three proposed tariffs depending on time of day, day of the week and holidays as shown in the below table:

For any journey starting:	The tariff level is:
06:00 - 22:59	Tariff 1
23:00 - 01:59	
All day on Sundays, Bank Holidays, Public Holidays and Easter Sunday	
20:00 - 23:59 Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve	
02:00 - 05:59	Tariff 3
All day Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day	

The below table shows the proposed starting charge and subsequent charges for distance after 1 mile and for any waiting time.

	Tariff 1	Tariff 2	Tariff 3
Flag fall	£5.40	£6.70	£7.25
Inclusive miles	1	1	1
Subsequent 176 yd or 161 m (1/10 mile)	£0.27	£0.35	£0.40
Waiting time per minute or part thereof	£0.27	£0.35	£0.40

Some examples of journey costs are below:

2 miles	£8.10	£10.20	£11.25
3 miles	£10.80	£13.70	£15.25
5 miles	£16.20	£20.70	£23.25
10 miles	£29.70	£38.20	£43.25

Proposed extra charges are shown in the below table

Carrying more than 4 passengers	£1 per extra passenger (regardless of distance)
Soiling charge	£100 maximum

Rail, Tube and bus strikes

Services affected until Sunday 21 August

More

Tariffs

As the regulator, TfL is responsible for reviewing and setting taxi fares and tariffs. This page provides details of the tariff rates, and the times when they apply.

▼ Tariff 1

▼ Tariff 3

▼ Tariff 2

▼ Tariff rate for longer journeys

There are three standard tariff periods, and when a certain tariff applies depends on the day of the week and the time of day you travel.

The tariff rate can change (e.g. from Tariff 1 to 2, 2 to 3 or 3 to 1) if a journey starts when one tariff rate applies but is still going when the next Tariff rate starts.

The meter automatically adds a charge based on time for any part of a taxi journey when the speed drops below 10.4mph. Other extra charges may be included in the final fare.

Tariff 1

For any hiring during Monday to Friday between 05:00 and 20:00, other than on a public holiday:

- For the first 210.8 metres or 45.4 seconds (whichever is reached first) there is a minimum charge of £3.80
- For each additional 105.4 metres or 22.7 seconds (whichever is reached first), or part thereof, if the distance travelled is less than 9,591.4 metres there is a charge of 20p
- Once the distance has reached 9,591.4 metres then there is a charge of 20p for each additional 86.9 metres or 18.7 seconds (whichever is reached first), or part thereof

Tariff 2

For any hiring either during Monday to Friday between 20:00 and 22:00 or during Saturday or Sunday between 05:00 and 22:00, other than on a public holiday:

- For the first 172.2 metres or 37.0 seconds (whichever is reached first) there is a minimum charge of £3.80
- For each additional 86.1 metres or 18.5 seconds (whichever is reached first), or part thereof, the distance travelled is less than 9,643.2 metres there is a charge of 20p
- Once the distance has reached 9,643.2 metres then there is a charge of 20p for each additional 86.9 metres or 18.7 seconds (whichever is reached first), or part thereof

Tariff 3

For any hiring between 22:00 on any day and 05:00 the following day or at any time on a public holiday:

- For the first 162.4 metres or 35 seconds (whichever is reached first) there is a minimum charge of £3.80
- For each additional 81.2 metres or 17.5 seconds (whichever is reached first), or part thereof, the distance travelled is less than 9,581.6 metres there is a charge of 20p
- Once the distance has reached 9,581.6 metres then there is a charge of 20p for each additional 86.9 metres or 18.7 seconds (whichever is reached first)

Tariff rate for longer journeys

When a taxi journey reaches six miles the tariff rates changes. This new rate is sometimes referred to as Tariff 4.

Tariff	Rate	Times when the tariff currently applies
Tariff 1 for journeys up to 6 miles	£3.05 per mile	Monday to Friday, 05:00-20:00
Tariff 2 for journeys up to 6 miles	£3.74 per mile	Monday to Friday, 20:00-22:00 Saturday and Sunday, 05:00-22:00
Tariff 3 for journeys up to 6 miles	£3.96 per mile	Every night, 22:00-05:00 Public holidays
Tariff rate for journeys over 6 miles	£3.70 per mile	At all times for journeys over 6 miles

The information on this page is effective from Saturday 30 April 2022.

Annexure 2

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL – WORKING BETTER FOR YOU

LICENCED TAXI CABS – PROPOSED TABLE OF FARES 2022 – v5 - AUTHOR CJ & JT Fennessy 01483 567 567 (option 1)

The driver must, unless they have reasonable excuse, accept any hiring if the destination is inside the Borough of Reading. If the hiring ends outside the Borough, you must be charged a fare based on this table unless a fare or rate is agreed before the start of your journey

TARIFF 1: DAYTIME RATE MONDAY - SUNDAY (except where rates 2 3 or 4 apply)		TARIFF 2: NIGHT RATE MONDAY -SUNDAY (except where rates 3 or 4 apply)		TARIFF 3: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any other public holiday (Daytime Rate +50%)		TARIFF 4: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any other public holiday (Night rate +50%)	
HIRINGS BETWEEN 6am and 10pm		HIRINGS BETWEEN 10pm and 6am		HIRINGS BETWEEN 6pm and 10pm		HIRINGS BETWEEN 10pm and midnight Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, and any other public holiday	
£3.00	Maximum charge up to 300 yards or 1 min 29 secs	£4.00	Maximum charge up to 309 yards or 1 min 20 secs	£4.50	Maximum charge up to 300 yards or 1 min 29 secs	£6.00	Maximum charge up to 309 yards or 1 min 20 secs
20p	For each additional 121 yards or 36 secs	20p	For each additional 139 yards or 36 secs, or part thereof for the next 2 miles	30p	For each additional 121 yards or 36 seconds	30p	For each additional 139 yards or 36 secs, or part thereof for the next 2 miles
		20p	For each additional 127 yards or 36 secs, or part thereof, for the next 2.5 miles			30p	For each additional 127 yards or 36 secs, or part thereof, for the next 2.5 miles
		20p	For each additional 121 yards or 36 secs, or part thereof, for the remaining distance			30p	For each additional 121 yards or 36 secs, or part thereof, for the remaining distance
Each additional passenger in excess of 1 (maximum charge £1.50)		30p	Soiling the carriage leaving it unfit for immediate subsequent hiring (not shown on the meter) payable immediately		external soiling £25.00 internal soiling £70.00		
All major credit and debit cards are acceptable with no service charge		zero	Extra road usage charges may be payable by the passengers(s) depending on the journey:		extra charge examples: pick-up and/or drop off points at airports etc, congestion fees, toll road fees etc.		

COMMENTS OR COMPLAINTS about your driver or cab should be sent to the Licensing Section, Civic Centre, Reading, RG1 2LU with the drivers badge number and licence plate number of the cab, both of which **MUST** be displayed at all times. Alternatively 'phone 0118 937 3762 9:00am to 5:00pm Mon – Fri. For lost property contact Thames Valley Police, Reading Police Station, Castle Street, Reading 08458505505

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL – WORKING BETTER FOR YOU
LICENCED TAXI CABS – PROPOSED TABLE OF FARES 2022 – v6 - AUTHOR CJ & JT Fennessy 01483 567 567 (option 2)

The driver must, unless they have reasonable excuse, accept any hiring if the destination is inside the Borough of Reading. If the hiring ends outside the Borough, you must be charged a fare based on this table unless a fare or rate is agreed before the start of your journey

TARIFF 1: DAYTIME RATE MONDAY - SUNDAY (except where rates 2 3 or 4 apply)		TARIFF 2: NIGHT RATE MONDAY -SUNDAY (except where rates 3 or 4 apply)		TARIFF 3: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any other public holiday (Daytime Rate +50%)		TARIFF 4: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day and any other public holiday (Night rate +50%)	
HIRINGS BETWEEN 6am and 10pm		HIRINGS BETWEEN 10pm and 6am		HIRINGS BETWEEN 6pm and 10pm		HIRINGS BETWEEN 10pm and midnight Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day, New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, and any other public holiday	
£3.00	Maximum charge up to 300 yards or 1 min 29 secs	£4.00	Maximum charge up to 309 yards or 1 min 04 secs	£4.50	Maximum charge up to 300 yards or 1 min 29 secs	£6.00	Maximum charge up to 309 yards or 1 min 04 secs
20p	For each additional 121 yards or 36 secs	20p	For each additional 136 yards or 29 secs, or part thereof for the next 2 miles	30p	For each additional 121 yards or 36 seconds	30p	For each additional 136 yards or 29 secs, or part thereof for the next 2 miles
		20p	For each additional 124 yards or 29 secs, or part thereof, for the next 2.5 miles			30p	For each additional 124 yards or 29 secs, or part thereof, for the next 2.5 miles
		20p	For each additional 117 yards or 29 secs, or part thereof, for the remaining distance			30p	For each additional 117 yards or 29 secs, or part thereof, for the remaining distance
Each additional passenger in excess of 1 (maximum charge £1.50)		30p	Soiling the carriage leaving it unfit for immediate subsequent hiring (not shown on the meter) payable immediately		external soiling £25.00 internal soiling £70.00		
All major credit and debit cards are acceptable with no service charge		zero	Extra road usage charges may be payable by the passengers(s) depending on the journey:		extra charge examples: pick-up and/or drop off points at airports etc, congestion fees, toll road fees etc.		

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