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**FROM:** Lord Anthony Hogg

**Review of Maximum Hackney Carriage Fare Structure**

Good Morning

Thank you for the opportunity for us to make any comments about the fare review.

It is very hard for everyone to keep up with the raising cost of living. Especially the taxi drivers because we don't earn set wages a like other jobs. On a busy day, if we are lucky enough to meet a minimum national living wages otherwise we will earn less than a minimum national living wages. Because of this reason you will see some taxi drivers are had enough and leaving this career.

As you can imagine, a taxi driver is one of a special skills job and the cost to start up this career it is pretty high, its not many people can take up this type of work, considering on some career you can just walk into an interview today and start new job tomorrow.

Other hand, some of us still carry on with this career because we have been doing it for long time and we are pretty old to start others career and we still want to keep this taxi industry moving for generation and support our town and local communities as much as possible.

If you could do anything at all to support the life of taxi drivers to live on and keep up with raising cost of living please, it would be very much appreciated.

The cost of running of the larger vehicle i.e. 7/8 seaters are higher than 4 seaters but the fare structure are the same. If possible, could you considering the fare structure for larger vehicle to cover the running cost of this please?

Kind Regards

Ambassador Taxis