

Stroud Taxi Association Proposal for Fare Increase – 2017

Schedule of comments from trade and meter fitters following consultation on proposals and recommendations

	Consultee	Comment
1	Taxi Driver	I do not agree with Task and Finish Group recommendation for rate 1 to start at 06.00 (currently 07.00). I do a lot of my work during that early time and feel I should get the higher rate
2	Taxi Driver	If you bring back the start of rate 2 to 17.00 (currently 18.00) more taxis would probably go to the rank and work during rush hour
3	Taxi Driver	I think fares should not be increased as people may find it too expensive and use taxis less
4	Taxi Driver	I prefer no change to fares other than a major increase in the soiling charge. The current extra for soiling does not reflect the true losses that can be caused
5	Taxi Driver	Cannot charge surcharge on credit/debit cards from January 2018
6	Meter Fitter	<p>Stroud fares are already higher than the rest of the county.</p> <p>Also surprised about the request to change Rate 3 times. For other areas Rate 3 is for Christmas and Bank Holidays only.</p> <p>Odd starting rate of £3.25 as it means drivers have to find 5ps for change.</p>
7	Meter Fitter	<p>I think its strange trade have asked for starting rate of £3.25 as generally drivers like to keep rounded up to 10p or 20p for ease of giving change</p> <p>There are new laws coming in banning credit card surcharges</p>

NB – A Newsletter, showing the Stroud Taxi Association Proposal and the Task and Finish Group recommendations and asking for comment, has been sent to 205 Stroud district licensed drivers and 6 meter fitters.