

## Appendix A (Part 1 of 2)

### Document 1

Sent on: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 10:33:06 AM

To: Taxis <Taxis@shropshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Licencing fees

Hi, I object to all increases regarding private hire. Already way too expensive hence why everyone is running off to Wolverhampton council.

Kind Regards

*(Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver/Private Hire Vehicle Proprietor)*

## Document 2

Sent on: Wednesday, January 14, 2026 5:45:24 PM

To: Taxis <Taxis@shropshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: CONSULTATION: Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Fees 2026-2027

My input into this debate is short and it is accurate. Wolverhampton council have a massive amount of revenue through the taxi and private hire industry because of the way they took advantage of the new legislation brought in by the government almost a decade ago. Because of the numbers they handle the cost is massively less expensive than it is elsewhere. A three year badge costs £78. The medical cost is additional as it is with your council. The safeguarding is £50. The DBS is separate but most of us subscribe to the update service so it is the same price, the drivers check cost me nothing with Wolverhampton as far as I can remember.

You've lost so many drivers to them as it all has to be recovered by the driver and the less outlay the bigger the profits.

Their car guidelines are firm but are also fair which means less expense for the drivers.

Your prices along with the Veezu brand taking over the county if not the country are pushing drivers towards them and in my opinion I think that something needs to be addressed.

My remarks probably won't have much influence but I really think you ought to have a proper debate as opposed to you getting together amongst yourselves to decide how much to put the prices up.

*(Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver/Private Hire Vehicle Proprietor)*

### Document 3

**Sent on:** Sunday, January 18, 2026 2:45:05 PM

**To:** Taxis <Taxis@shropshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Re: CONSULTATION: Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Fees 2026-2027

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally lodge an objection to the proposed increases to taxi and private hire licence fees, as set out in Shropshire Council's public notice dated 5 January 2026. I make this objection as a licensed Hackney Carriage/Private Hire driver of 23 years.

I object to the fee increases on the grounds that it is a financial burden on top of the already overwhelming costs. As drivers, our livelihoods are being affected by economic issues beyond our control: the rise in fuel prices and the increase in vehicle insurance premiums as well as the increasing costs of vehicle maintenance. While these costs are out of control, your licensing fees are mandatory and a non-negotiable fixed cost. By adding this significant hike to this fee, such as the £32 for a licence renewal or £25 for a vehicle renewal, it is the financial pressure that disturbs the budget. For many full-time drivers such as myself, the profit from a week's work is already precarious. This mandatory fee increase does not go towards improving our trade or our income; it simply takes money we have earned through long hours and redirects it to the council. These fee increases pose a direct and serious threat to the public transport service and safety standards in Shropshire. If drivers are forced out of business by unaffordable fees, the result will be a severe reduction in taxi availability, particularly in our rural areas. This disproportionately harms the most vulnerable residents such as the elderly, those without cars, and individuals needing transport to medical appointments who rely on us for transport. Furthermore, financial strain compromises safety. Drivers struggling to afford their licence will be forced to delay essential vehicle maintenance or drive older cars for longer to avoid the cost of a newer, safer model. The council's own objective of ensuring a safe, reliable fleet is directly undermined by pricing the professional drivers who maintain that standard out of the market.

Therefore, we strongly urge the Committee not just to modify but to freeze or even

reduce the current fee structure. At a time when essential driver costs are skyrocketing, the Council should act as a partner in sustaining this critical transport sector, not as an additional source of financial stress. We request that you recognise the severe economic headwinds we face and use your authority to provide stability. Keeping fees at their current level would be a crucial act of support, allowing drivers to continue investing in their vehicles, serving their communities reliably, and maintaining the high standards the public expects. We ask for fairness because if our income cannot rise with inflation due to regulated fares and market competition, then the fees you charge us should not rise so aggressively either.

Yours faithfully

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## Document 5

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**To:** Taxis <Taxis@shropshire.gov.uk>

**Subject:** Re: CONSULTATION: Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Fees 2026-2027

Hi thankyou for the email in my opinion the licencing fees should be frozen for at least 1 year if not 2. It is really difficult to make a living even in Ludlow. The cost of repairs to my vehicle are becoming unsustainable due to the deadly road condition. Pot holes on every road bursting tyres smashing suspension. So please give us a break from increasing costs. many thanks.

*(Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Driver)*