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Our Ref GB
Your Ref
Date 08 March 2007

Dear Mr Fieldman

**HACKNEY CARRIAGE LICENCES
REVIEW OF FARES 2007/08
LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1976, SECTION 65**

I write further to your representation dated 16th February 2007 on behalf of Ripon City Taxi Proprietors Association formally objecting to the proposed increase in Hackney Carriage fares for 2007/08. I can confirm that the Cabinet Member for Public Protection and Rural Affairs has given your objection his consideration at his decision meeting of 8th March 2008.

It was felt that decreasing the yardage for the initial drop as you proposed would increase fares to an unacceptable level. It was noted that no complaints had been received from the trade last year in relation to the initial drop distance.

The Cabinet Member has also considered representations from two other associations, one of which was proposing that the initial drop and price remain the same as last year due to concerns of their members about the high cost of short journeys.

The final decision naturally has to be a balance between the representations received and the interests of the travelling public.

The decision of the Cabinet Member was to adopt the fare structure as advertised with an implementation date of Monday 2nd April 2007.

If you have any questions relating to this matter, do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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