

Contributor	Fee Type	Comments	Officer Response
Adem Murat	Taxi	<p>To whom it my concern, as I'm sure has been mentioned by other drivers I'd like to know why there is such a large increase (22%) in Vehicle licence fee.it's quite disproportionate to other increases.</p> <p>Is it because some taxi drivers left through the lockdown period so you're making the ones that managed to stay in business pay for the shortfall?</p> <p>You want to put the fees up but you don't do anything to promote the taxi trade with the local community, even something simple like mentioning on the Brentwood Council Facebook page to use local licensed taxis rather than the other lot (Uber) that you let run riot in Brentwood and other app based minicabs as well. Seems like you're quite happy for them to be here now.</p> <p>The increase for the Hackney Carriage Vehicle License is vastly more than any other increase (in percentage terms) and disproportionate to any other sector listed in the schedule on the website.</p> <p>The increase from £243 to £296 equals a 22% raise in rates</p> <p>Market Operator weekly Fee raises from £350 to £425. A 10% increase</p> <p>Scrap Metal Site Application Fee raises from £495 to £510. A 3% increase</p> <p>Animal Boarding Application Fee raises from £300 to £330. A 10% increase</p> <p>Pavement Permit - New Application Tables and Chairs over 6 tables Fee raises from £675 to £742. A 10% increase</p> <p>Road Closure - Application to close road with 500 - 1999 people attending Fee - raises from £360 to £396. A 10% increase</p> <p>Why is this increase so disproportionate? What work, over and above the work for the increases noted above, does a council worker to have to complete in order to warrant a 22% increase for taxi's and a general 10% increase in other sectors?</p>	<p>The fees charges are based on a cost recovery for each licence type and there has been no increase since 2018.</p>
Dave Hall	Taxi	<p>Taxi license I would like Object to the increase. Do you really think this is the right time to put the prices up it's very tough out there at the moment if you could do something about Ubers parking at the station and at the taxi ranks these are really challenging times I'm sure there is why is anoth...With the cost to live in ulez charges that are taking place in August and fewer people coming off the trains engineering works at the weekends rail strikes An...</p>	<p>The fees charges are based on a cost recovery for each licence type and there has been no increase since 2018.</p> <p>The issues with Uber operating in this area have been subject to consideration previously by this Committee and it was concluded that the model in which they operate is within the parameters of current legislation.</p> <p>Joint enforcement operations with TFL have been undertaken and will continue to be scheduled.</p>
David Felon	Taxi	<p>Having looked at the Council's proposed fee increases I would like to voice my concern regarding the increase of +20% for the vehicle license which I find rather spiteful considering the current economic climate.</p> <p>I would appreciate an explanation on how this figure was reached and I am fairly confident that many fellow license holders will be asking the same question.</p> <p>I totally understand that prices go up and that with the various increases we have all faced fees have to be looked at but I think that the Council should reconsider the proposed increase to make it more palatable for all affected.</p>	<p>The fees charges are based on a cost recovery for each licence type and there has been no increase since 2018.</p>
Eddie Collins	Taxi	<p>Can the following notes please be put forward to the Consultation on Licensing Fee's as listed on the Brentwood Council Website.</p> <p>The increase for the Hackney Carriage Vehicle License is vastly more than any other increase (in percentage terms) and disproportionate to any other sector listed in the schedule on the website.</p> <p>The increase from £243 to £296 equals a 22% raise in rates</p> <p>Market Operator weekly Fee raises from £350 to £425. A 10% increase</p> <p>Scrap Metal Site Application Fee raises from £495 to £510. A 3% increase</p> <p>Animal Boarding Application Fee raises from £300 to £330. A 10% increase</p> <p>Pavement Permit - New Application Tables and Chairs over 6 tables Fee raises from £675 to £742. A 10% increase</p> <p>Road Closure - Application to close road with 500 - 1999 people attending Fee - raises from £360 to £396. A 10% increase</p> <p>Why is this increase so disproportionate? What work, over and above the work for the increases noted above, does a council worker to have to complete in order to warrant a 22% increase for taxi's and a general 10% increase in other sectors?</p> <p>Why are Taxi Drivers seen as an easy target all of the time ?</p> <p>Is it because we have little or no option but to pay the increase in order that we may continue to work legally,lease explain what licensing does for us Taxi drivers. Apart from send Renewal reminders and Council test reminders and the occasional spot check to ensure we are showing our CLD badges.</p> <p>What about the cars parked illegally on the taxi ranks in daytimes and especially evenings along the High St.</p>	<p>The fees charges are based on a cost recovery for each licence type and there has been no increase since 2018.</p> <p>The issues of public parking on ranks has been referred and will continue to be referred to Parking Enforcement, where tickets have been issued to those contravening the regulations.</p>
Laura and Stuart Armstrong	Taxi	<p>Thank you for the email sent in regards to increasing the licensing fee and charges.</p> <p>I would like to understand why Brentwood licensing feel that it is necessary to increase the vehicle licence fee by almost 22%.</p> <p>The number of drivers in the area has reduced since covid and the existing drivers are struggling to make a living due to the increase of uber and other app based companies operating in the area.</p> <p>The majority of the drivers feel that Brentwood licensing are doing absolutely nothing to protect our livelihoods and are certainly doing nothing about regulating these drivers that we believe are still operating illegally in our area.</p> <p>Also feel that at this time of financial living crisis it's in very poor taste to do this at the moment and for such an extortionate increase.</p> <p>This is no reflection on the staff in the licensing department they do a great job and have always helped us when necessary and I'm sure they are overstretched and very busy.</p>	<p>The fees charges are based on a cost recovery for each licence type and there has been no increase since 2018.</p>
Mark Millership	Taxi	<p>I don't agree with an increase at this moment in time. What with the cost of living going though the roof fuel and all associated costs with running a Taxi. I have had to replace my car due to the ulez moving to all outer London areas. There are only do many increases that any one person can cover.</p>	<p>The fees charges are based on a cost recovery for each licence type and there has been no increase since 2018.</p>
Mark Roberts	Taxi	<p>Can the following notes please be put forward to the Consultation on Licensing Fee's as listed on the Brentwood Council Website.</p> <p>The increase for the Hackney Carriage Vehicle License is vastly more than any other increase (in percentage terms) and disproportionate to any other sector listed in the schedule on the website.</p> <p>The increase from £243 to £296 equals a 22% raise in rates</p> <p>Market Operator weekly Fee raises from £350 to £425. A 10% increase</p> <p>Scrap Metal Site Application Fee raises from £495 to £510. A 3% increase</p> <p>Animal Boarding Application Fee raises from £300 to £330. A 10% increase</p> <p>Pavement Permit - New Application Tables and Chairs over 6 tables Fee raises from £675 to £742. A 10% increase</p> <p>Road Closure - Application to close road with 500 - 1999 people attending Fee - raises from £360 to £396. A 10% increase</p> <p>Why is this increase so disproportionate? What work, over and above the work for the increases noted above, does a council worker to have to complete in order to warrant a 22% increase for taxi's and a general 10% increase in other sectors?</p>	<p>The fees charges are based on a cost recovery for each licence type and there has been no increase since 2018.</p>

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Peter Jeffrey	Taxi	<p>from Licensing so they can offer a service that is fit fir the modern day taxi service in Brentwood to improve the quality of the service and a service that is measurable. I am no having a pick on the Licencing officers I think the department is too big to cope with all the different types of Licencing.</p> <p>I am a driver its not my job and I haven't got the time to report and monitor all that's wrong out on the streets.</p> <p>It should be in the departments operational policy how this is achieved and through my experience this is best done through performance management.</p> <p>I don't mind paying more but I want to see overdue changes take place so we get more for what we pay.</p>	The fees charges are based on a cost recovery for each licence type and there has been no increase since 2018.
Richard Searle	Taxi	<p>I have issues with your proposed license fee increases..</p> <p>Over the past few years the standard of help we have received from the licensing team has been below satisfactory..</p> <p>I have complaints several times on the lack of support we actually get ..</p> <p>The Taxi Ranks are now non existent the one in Brentwood high street is never available for taxis due to people constantly parking in the bay , the taxi rank signage is useless one sing approximately 12 inches by 12 inches and has been pulled half way down the post so is not clearly visible ..</p> <p>Also the bay should have clear road markings showing it is a taxi rank and not for public use ..</p> <p>We also have a severe problem with Uber cars now using the rank who refuse to move and start getting abusive and aggressive if asked to move ..</p> <p>The standard of authority by Brentwood licensing is below what is expected..</p> <p>I've seen them out on less than a dozen times in over 10 years ...</p> <p>To be able to speak to a member of licensing on the telephone is nearly as hard as winning the lottery never anyone available or on site the same as if you go to the depot in Warley never any one there , the testing centre has now been out sourced which is also annoying as now we have to try to get a test between public sector mols ...</p> <p>If there is an increase in cost will there actually be an increase in help and support for the taxi trade ? The biggest issue is the taxi ranks they need to be accessible for taxis seeing as this is the only place legally we can ply for trade ! How can we work if we have no rank to work from ? This is an issue that needs to be addressed by Brentwood council and the police it is an offence to park on a taxi rank but who actually police's the law ? This is something the council needs to take up with the police ..</p> <p>We are paying for a service but actually getting nothing in return except the privilege to go to work !!</p> <p>Before increased fees I would like to see increased help for the people paying these fees !!</p>	<p>The fees charges are based on a cost recovery for each licence type and there has been no increase since 2018.</p> <p>The issues with Uber operating in this area have been subject to consideration previously by this Committee and it was concluded that the model in which they operate is within the parameters of current legislation.</p> <p>The issues of public parking on ranks has been referred and will continue to be referred to Parking Enforcement, where tickets have been issued to those contravening the regulations.</p> <p>Joint enforcement operations with TFL have been undertaken and will continue to be scheduled.</p>