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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing to object to the proposed increases to Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Fees, as advertised in The Brecon & Radnor Express dated 20th December 2018.

In 2017 Hackney Carriage fees were £129, in 2018 this went up to £133, a 3% increase. Now you are proposing an increase to £138, a 4% increase.

Since May 2011 there has been a 20 pence increase for a 4 seater taxi that operates during normal hours, which equates to 6% rise in 7 years for local runs. On a 5 mile journey this decreases to a 2% increase and with a 10 mile journey there is less than a 1% increase. There has been no increase for larger taxis, in fact after midnight there is only a 10 pence running mile difference between a 4 seater taxi and an 8 seater.

In today's climate of ever increasing running costs it would be wrong for the Licensing Authority to put up fees without increasing the fares correspondingly.

Before there are any further increases to fees I believe the Council should provide a full breakdown of how the fees are calculated and show that the fees are reasonable and ringfenced under the Local Government Act of 1976 , section 70.

I hope you will consider the above before any increases are implemented.

Thanking you

Graham Davies