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To  
The Appeal and licensing committee  
Wokingham borough council.

On behalf of Wokingham taxi drivers association, I request the committee to reverse the decisions taken in last couple of meetings regarding the reduction in vehicles age limit to 10 years, the criteria set for vehicle inspection upon the requests of extension in time limit, and most importantly the increase in licensing fees on the following grounds.

1. As drivers have previously complained, taxi departments is, deliberately, not passing on the drivers view point to honourable councillors, which is resulting in the decisions which do not reflect the true requirements and view point of trade and general public as well. Which is completely against the norms of a democratic society.

1. As claimed by the licensing authority, these proposals were advertised, would they, please, mention where it was advertised. Especially in the case of licensing fee rise none of the driver has any knowledge prior to the renewal notices recently given to the drivers. If it was advertised, how come all the trade, regardless private hire or hackney wasn't aware of these changes.

2. Why the council did not consulted the trade and the public on such a drastic increase.

3. The main reason to join PPP( public protection partnership) (Bracknell, Newbury, Wokingham) was to save money. But the outcome is opposite. And council failed to pass on these savings to drivers, which is against the law. And it is proving a double burden on Wokingham drivers. So we strongly demand to revert it to single council operation

4. The similar situation arose in Manchester and drivers asked the city council that they are being overcharged and decided to go to court. But after a out of court agreement the council agreed for an external audit. We demand, on the basis of the current situation, to commence an external audit as Manchester city council has done to find out the actual cost should go up or down.

5. The taxi department can be bothered to seek representations on non issues like recently sent consultation forms for the refresher courses to be regularly taken or not. But deliberately ignores the important issues and get them secretly approved by the councillors. We demand more transparency in the procedures followed by [taxi.in](#) licensing department. And trade should be involved in the decision making process.

Kind regards,  
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And on behalf of  
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