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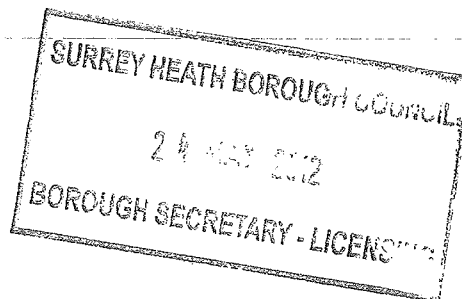
Dear Jessica,

I am in receipt of your letter of 15th May regarding the night time closure of Camberley High Street on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings and feel that the closing time proposed is too early as people are still coming out from the shops at 1800 both those that work in them and those that are shopping at say Sainsburys after work. I would suggest therefore that 1900 would be far more appropriate.

As regards the fare scale while I appreciate that the absurd increase in both fuel prices and insurance costs since the last rise are hitting us hard I do not think that matters have improved in the economy ,in fact they have probably got worse. I feel that with no signs of improvement in the foreseeable future it would be counter productive to increase the fares by very much if at all, even if a raise would be welcome. People are not using taxis like they used to and we do not want to drive any more away.

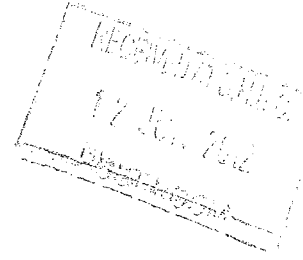
Yours sincerely,

David Basleigh
Proprietor.



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27th May 2012

Dear Miss Harris,

I am responding to your letter of 15th May 2012.

NIGHT TIME CLOSURE OF CAMBERLEY HIGH STREET

I have some questions/comments relating to the above. I have no problem with the idea of closure but I wonder if county have thought this right through. What provisions are being made for delivery Lorries to access the service area off Princess Way? It s not unusual for Wisemans Dairies or Sainsbury's delivery Lorries to require access to the town centre store of an evening ready for the next days trading. Also Costa Coffee also delivers to their store in the evening.

I also note that closure will be in place on bank holidays. This seems to be a complete waste of time. As a driver with some 15 years experience in Camberley I can state that the High Street is usually empty on a bank holiday evening and there is hardly anyone in the area.

I would also like to know who is going to be responsible for enforcement of this closure. The reason that I ask is that during the previous experimental period I saw sever drivers take there cars into the High Street from St Georges Road totally ignoring the no entry signs. I made a point of reporting this to the Police and frankly they did not seem interested. They have shown no interest in enforcement against illegal parking in the High Street such as on double yellow lines, in disabled bays or our rank outside true. Indeed the other week I observed an officer park his car within the confines of the pedestrian crossing and leave it there all night. **THIS IS AN ENDORSEABLE OFFENCE.** If the police can carry on in this fashion what hope is there of making the closure stick and keeping our ranks, which will be at a premium, clear. Maybe something to prevent entry from St Georges Road needs to be put in place like a chain across the road!!

Having said all that and since I started this letter I am wondering if indeed it is worth bring this closure into force. Since the fire at Yates's it has been noticeable the drop in the number of people in Camberley in the evenings, particularly Friday and Saturday nights. Compared with pre Yates's fire the High Street has been like a morgue. The other bars such as Wetherspoons and the Goose although busy have not seen the volumn of clientele that Yates's did. I believe this is because these alternatives are sombre when

compared with Yates's and not what the young people want. It maybe that this situation should be reviewed in light of current circumstances and although County have probably already taken the necessary powers they can always delay implementation. On the basis of this paragraph I would object to any amendment to rank space in the town centre pending a further review of the current situation.

HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE SCALE

It is high time that hackney fares were increased having not done so for the last 4 years. All our neighbouring licensing areas have had annual increases.

Allowing for inflation rising at an average of 3% per annum this gives accumulative rise of 12.55% over the last 4 years. In addition to this our fuel costs have also risen dramatically. I therefore feel that the fare scale should be increased along the following lines:

First Mile £4.00 (currently £3.60), then each mile thereafter £2.40

To accomplish this figure of £2.40 per mile using 20p increments would mean 12 units per mile which is equivalent to 146.67 yards.

Night rate, holiday rate and Christmas/New year Eve rate would increase accordingly because they are expressed as a percentage increase of the day rate. Sunday rate would need to be calculated as I believe that is shown as a separate rate on our fare chart.

I think your comment about maybe the cost of changing meters would outweigh any small increase is a red herring. It costs approximately £25 to change the meter which is about 50% of what most drivers charge to go to LHR from Camberley.

I am concerned that you may not get many replies to your letter relating to fare increase. Please do not let this put you off arranging an increase. I believe that many drivers will not respond because they have taken the position that they quote prices even for journeys within the borough and they are normally way and above what the meter would run. I have had passengers get into my car when second car saying that the car in front wanted £10 to go to Victoria Avenue. Others will charge £15+ to go up the Old Dean after 11pm. Drivers are flouting the law and not turning their meter on because they believe and indeed know that Joe public will pay whatever they are asked for (more fool them). While this continues these drivers not only have no interest in fare scales but they are also hurting the trade in Camberley.

Yours Sincerely

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