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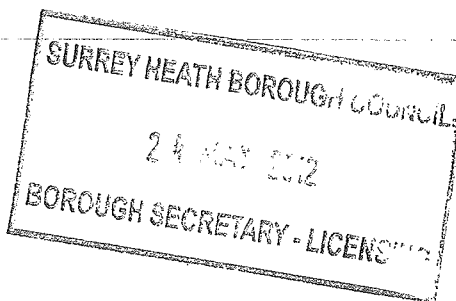
Dear Jessica,

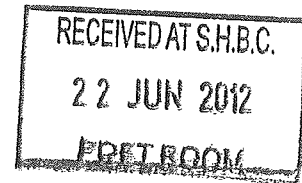
I am in receipt of your letter of 15th May regarding the night time closure of Camberley High Street on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings and feel that the closing time proposed is too early as people are still coming out from the shops at 1800 both those that work in them and those that are shopping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





# Euro Taxis

## Part of Watson Executive Travel Ltd.

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16/3/2012

Dear Jessica Harris

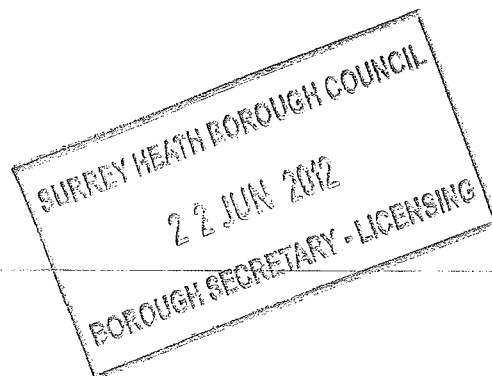
Please can you please arrange for the meter rates to be increased as soon as possible. The last meter rise was in 2008 this being over 4 years now I think that it is priority to increase the rate to avoid drivers from economical oblivion.

Since 2008 the fuel prices have increased drastically , Vat increased, Council tax has risen, All running cost have increased.

Also the surrounding area have increased drastically

We currently are running 2 miles at £5.60 and ranked at 142 in private hire monthly The ranking of competing surrounding areas with cost of living costs such as council tax and housing cost less are.

Rushmoor ranked 138 @£5.60 raised in 2010  
Guildford ranked 129 @5.60 raised in 2010  
Waverley ranked 107 @ 5.80 raised in 2008  
Wokingham ranked 72 @6.00 raised in 2010  
Bracknell ranked 53 @6.00 raised in 2011  
Elmbridge ranked 45 @6.10 raised in 2011  
Runnymede ranked 36 @ 6.20 Raised in 2011  
Basingstoke ranked 23 @6.20 Raised in 2012  
Woking ranked 21 @ 6.30 Raised in 2012  
Reading ranked 8 @ 6.60 Raised in 2011



€ IN comparison to London ranked 7 @ 6.60 and at top is Luton Airport £7.30

As I said that the cost of living in most of these are are less than living in Surrey Heath Borough council.

### Idea 1

A couple of ideas are to help drivers on the rank we could put the initial flag down to £3 pull off then bring down the initial click could be at half mile then decrease the turn of the meter yardage. To bring the mile cost up to £2.20 a mile This would bring the 2 mile to the same as Woking of £6.30 this would increase the initial mile to £4.10.

### Idea 2

The second would be to leave initial pull off at £3.60 then decrease the yardage making the same £4.10 mile then £2.20 a mile.

The first would be easier as then the customer will see a benefit of use taxi of rank for short trips under half a mile saving £0.60p

I am writing on behalf of my company and if you wish them to sign a copy this can be done.

I think I should be brought to the council at the next council meeting and a letter sent to drivers and to be brought in sooner in the year rather than waiting months.

The following drivers have agreed with a fare increase. They have put their names and address and badge number

Many Thanks

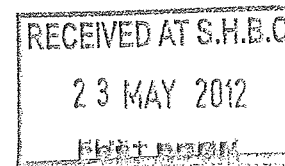
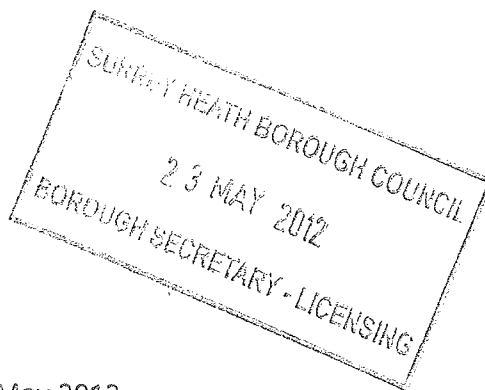
Gavin Watson  
Director

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Vat Number :807 5871 08 Company Reg :04152051

Name of Driver	Badge number	Address	signature
SPRIN WAJID	188		
JGUELNE WATSON	102 PH		
THOMAS WATSON	46 PH		
GRIM WATSON			
QUNAT ULLAH	368 H		
PAUL EASTWOOD	271		
Muhammad Islam	207		
Khusn Susheri	128		
MASOOD KHAN	380		
A. L. BEADLE	181		
A-LADYAI	272		
F. AHMED	114		
N. Kambur	3143		
N. Paudel	255		
OMPASAP GURUNG	178		
H. A. ISRAEL	49		
ZAHID AHMED	375		
CHEN SENG	45		
MOONS SENG	240		
A TARIQ	202		
FAZAL HUSSAIN	297		
AJMAL DORNAN	224		
D. OUZOUNGOU	349		
KAMRAN HUSSAIN	278		
IMRAN HUSSAIN	398		
IMTIAZ MALIK	344		
S. CATER	361		
Z. KAMALI	382		
IKRAN HUSSAIN	165		
MR R. GURUNG	792		

	Name Of Driver	Badge number	Address	Signature
1	Kemal Kiccek	266	51	
2	Dir Bing Ram	779		
3	THEER KANICHA	103		
4	R. C. EAG	45		
5	K.A. KUDLU	332		
6	SIKANDER MOENAL	270		
7	HAICAN YANJUI	359		
8	SHABIB ALMAM	391		
9	KAMIL UDDIN	354		
10	ABBAS Ghani	218		
11	MOHD DASHIM	355		
12	DUNGR SIANI	275		
13	SURASH M. LITAN	262		
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23 May 2012

Dear Miss Harris,

Having received your letter dated 15 May these are my views on the points raised.

1. I am in full agreement with the closure of the High St
2. this is very helpful to us.
3. I would propose a 10% increase of fares bearing in mind that all our costs particularly fuel, insurance and servicing costs have increased greatly over the last 4 years. Fuel by approx 30p a litre (20%) insurance last year alone my insurance increased from £850 to £1300 (with max no claims and a clean licence aged 64) around a 40% in 1 year. Tyres parts and labour also steadily increase plus the general cost of living food etc. I think very few professions will have held their prices steady over the last 4 years

Here are details of what I would propose

Day Rate That the pull off charge remains @£3.60 but the yardage is reduced to 1584 yds and then 20 p per 160 yds giving £2.20 per mile

Night Rate That the pull off remains @£3.60 but the yardage is reduced to 792 yds and then 30p per 160 yds giving £3.30 per mile.

Sunday Rate That the pull off remains @£3.60 but yardage is reduced to 1188 yds and 20p per 125.7 yds giving £2.80 per mile. This is just above 10% (£2.75 per mile) but is much easier to implement both with the meter and change not requiring 5p etc.

Waiting Time should be 40 seconds 20 p day and 30p night.

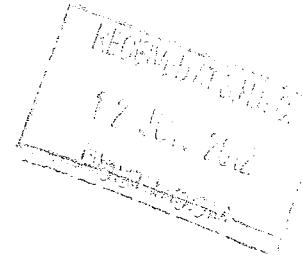
Bags should stay at 20p per item.

Yours faithfully

Ian Churchill Badge no 56 plate no 224

# VOYAGER CARS

Ian T. Lewis Proprietor



Mob:

Email:

27<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Dear Miss Harris,

I am responding to your letter of 15<sup>th</sup> 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

Ian Lewis  
Hackney Badge 253



**Jessica Harris**

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**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 20 May 2012 08:52  
**To:** licensing  
**Subject:** HACKNEY CARRIAGE FARE SCALE

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Dear Ms Harris,

Thank you for your letter of 15th May 2012.

After over 4 years it is time to increase the Fare scale for Hackney's, and I would suggest £2.40 per mile T1 and £3.20 per mile T2. I do not see the need to charge +50% for night work, its easier to drive at nighttime as there is not so much traffic or schoolchildren etc etc.

A raise of Fares, should be substantial to take into account the impending increase in fuel duty from August 2012. All our costs has increased considerably the past four years.

Thanks and Regards

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