

**BMSDC Licensing Team**

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**To:** BMSDC Licensing Team  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mid Suffolk, Fare increase

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**From:** darran mayhew [REDACTED]  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Fare increase

To the licensing department.

Thank you for issuing me with the proposed fare increase. I can see that you have increased the starting price on the meter by 60p.. That's great on very short runs. But what also needs to happen is an increase on the mileage rate as at the moment it is £1.60 per mile.. West Suffolk have a mileage rate of £1.85 per mile and Babergh have a mileage rate of £1.60 per mile but that rate was set 3 years ago so that is also out of date.. Therefore as this is the first increase in 9 years it would be unfair to set the rate at less than £1 .80 per mile.. I feel that this would be a fair rate and would bring us in line with West Suffolk.. I also feel that the mileage rate needs to go up because everything else has gone up for example petrol insurance council fees that you charge us and these go up every year not every 9 years.. But we have been on the same mileage rate for 9 years..

You have also proposed a 60p increase on the starting rate after 11pm and this is an insult to all drivers who work nights. Everyone including the police say there are not enough taxis at night and the reason is as above.. West Suffolk and Babergh have a 50% increase so it would be unfair for Mid Suffolk to be anything less than 50% increase after 11 p.m... The 50% increase should also include bank holidays and Christmas day should be a 100% increase..

Waiting time should to be increased to £15 per hour to bring us up into line with Babergh.

The five-pound call-out charge needs to be completely scrapped as neither West Suffolk or Babergh have this charge..Its an unfair charge for the driver as not always enough. please call me if you feel you need more information on that..

20p third or fourth passengers to be scraped..

Additional passengers in excess of four should be charged at plus 50% because they require a specialist vehicle.

When considering this ask yourself would you work bank holidays for less than time and a half and Christmas for less than double..

Yours sincerely Mr Darran Mayhew

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