

Appendix D

Name of Consultee respondent	Consultation Respondent's Comments	Officers Comments to the Consultation Response
Darran Mayhew	<p>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of £1.85 per mile and Babergh have a mileage rate of £1.60 per mile but that rate was set 3 years ago so that is also out of date.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</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>£1.80 or over is possible. This is reflected in the alternative proposed tariff (attached to the report as appendix E)</p> <p>The alternative proposed tariff shows an increase in the running mile + waiting time on tariffs 1, 2 and 3, this reflects a further increase to the original proposed tariff, with the proposed increase for the flag fare remaining the same at £3.40 (tariff 1), £4.00 (tariff 2) and £5.00 (tariff 3).</p> <p>West Suffolk has moved away from percentages in a tariff and Babergh is trying to move away in the current consultation exercise, this will leave only East Suffolk as the only Council with percentages in their tariffs. Percentages in tariffs cause confusion to the public, drivers and meter manufacturers who will need to convert the table of fares into a programme for the meter as to what the Council is trying to achieve. An example of this is 50% of tariff 1, could mean 50% of the initial fare, subsequent fare, waiting time, yardage or a combination of, meaning that different companies could be running different rates. A clear and concise table of fares will leave the general public in no doubt as to what they are paying and the licensed trade in what they are receiving.</p>

	Waiting time should be increased to £15 per hour to bring us up into line with Babergh	The alternative proposed tariff has increased the waiting time on all 3 tariffs - £12.00, £15.00 and £20.00
	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	This will be a Councillors decision to remove the call out charge. Please note Mid Suffolk is the only Council to have this in Suffolk in its table of fares.
	20p third or fourth passengers to be scrapped	This will be a Councillors decision to remove the 20 pence extra charge
	Additional passengers in excess of four should be charged at plus 50% because they require a specialist vehicle.	Please see comments above for percentages in tariffs. What would be classed as a specialist vehicle? This would require a long list which would be too time consuming.