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Dear sir.

Currently, as you are aware, massive changes are happening in the taxi industry, you have the growing popularity of Uber and similar companies, these companies can operate cars in the Newcastle borough that are licensed by other councils and you have no licensing powers over, Also there is the issue of Wolverhampton licensed cars, local companies have an Operators license for this council and therefore employ cars and drivers that again work the Newcastle borough and again you have no control over, by increasing your fees during these changing times I think you will force loyal private hire drivers to look at this alternative council, as the cost difference is substantial and becomes very appealing especially during these difficult times when drivers earnings have been dramatically reduced. Yourselves at the Newcastle borough licensing run a thorough vetting and training procedure including safeguarding to ensure public safety however if more drivers transfer to Wolverhampton or other councils then all this hard work will have been wasted. Therefore I strongly oppose a price increase.

Kind regards

Top Marks Airport Services

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