

(High-speed rail and M2 motorway bridges over the River Medway at Borstal)

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Medway Council
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Dear Alison,

The M.L.T.D.A. wish to register an objection to the proposed increase in License Fees, regarding Hackney Carriage and Private Hire vehicles and drivers.

We represent a membership that is greater than non-members within the licensed fraternity in Medway. We feel that as the <u>real</u> cost of living has risen to more than 9.5% in the past year, a further unsubstantiated increase in license fees would be an unacceptable burden on the licensed Hackney and Private Hire trade, bearing in mind, the unprecedented economic and financial situation the country currently finds itself in.

In essence, this is the main reason the M.L.T.D.A. has refused an increase in Tariff since July 2008, a very recent survey revealed the same opinion. Any increase in costs of any sort would be a painful burden to bear by our members and the travelling public.

Therefore, we ask that the license fees remain at the status quo, for at least a further twelve months.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Smith Chairman