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Dear South Lanarkshire Council Licensing Committee,

I am writing to you today, not only on my own behalf but also in the interest of public plated drivers who operate alongside me at Well-Man Cars, with the request that any decision of a fare increase/decrease for general taxi plate holders be deferred until a later meeting.

Since the last offer of a fare increase for general taxi plate hires in November, there have been many mitigating circumstances that have led myself and many other general taxi plate holders to change our view on the need for an increase to the fare tariff. Including the recent fuel crisis, the rising cost of living and as well as the trade still bouncing back from the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic - all factors that add to the burden on our taxi drivers.

We realise there was no response in November regarding a fare increase by any plate holder in Hamilton, however due to these changes in the last few weeks and months I wish the Licensing Committee take these issues into account before making any decision that could prove costly not only to the drivers as individuals but the industry as whole. I hope that you, the councillors, can open further discussions on this matter through other channels such as focus groups and newsletters, where other drivers affected by this decision can make their voice heard and we as a group can come to a consensus. This can only be achieved if the decision is deferred to a later date.

Sincerely,

Frank Welsh