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**Councillor B Parnell
Chair Licensing Committee
Southampton City Council**

31st March 2010

Dear Cllr. Parnell,

Reference: Fare Variation Proposed by the Southampton Hackney Association (SHA)

The Southampton Trade Association (STA) wishes to object to the fare variation proposed by the Southampton Hackney Association (SHA).

The STA's objection to a fare variation is based on the results of a recent survey of its members. The majority of those surveyed were against a fare variation (increase) at the present time.

Re: Recommended increases in Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Fees

The STA wishes to object to the recommended increases in Hackney Carriage and Private Hire licence fees.

The STA's objection to the increase in fees: If the STA considers that fares should not be increased at the present time neither should fees. Especially, when such a large reduction in fees has been recommended in other areas of licensing.

The STA want you to take these objections into consideration when you revisit these issues.

I wish to make representation on behalf of the STA membership when the Licensing Committee reconsiders these matters.

Yours sincerely,

Clive Johnson

STA Chairman