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

31<sup>st</sup> 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