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Subject: Objection to starting rate of £6.00 on race days (with suggested alternative)

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Sent from my iPhone I would like to object to the starting rate on race days of £6

This is a very high starting rate which quite often starts a journey off with conflict . Many passengers local and from other cities cannot believe such a high starting rate. These conflicts can be even worse coming from the racecourse when passengers are quite often fuelled with alcohol. I must admit as I'm sure you would if You or I got in a taxi in a different town and the meter started on £6 .We would be questioning it!

Even though the proposed increase is only 20p on the starting rate , (£5.99 looks a lot less than £6.00). Or as we have it now £5.80 as we can't do pennies.

Why do we have a race day tariff ? I have looked at other cities fare charts that have much larger venues i.e. Manchester, Leeds which have huge stadiums and they don't have a stadium rate on a match day.

To appease all parties customers and drivers. I would make a suggestion that the council abolishes race day tariff as it is and replace it with Tariff 2 all day to any destination.(on a Race-Day.) Tariff 2 starts at a lower rate but starts to click over earlier so the end result is pretty much the same the lower starting rate would definitely take away the conflict.

Also if we had tariff 2 on all day it would stop the exodus of taxis,racing up to the racecourse early afternoon in the hope of making a quick buck, leaving the city centre ranks undermanned and frustrated loyal regular customers often waiting ages for a cab.

I hope you take these thoughts into consideration when making your decision

PS. I forward this objection very much as a driver of a Hackney carriage and not as a customer,but I do feel my thoughts Of moving to Tariff 2 all day benefits both!!

Yours sincerely

Hackney Driver