

Dear HCO

In regards to the consultation for credit card machines I would like to make it known that I agree with this proposal for the following reasons:-

- I now on regular occasions find customers ask me if I take card after they have asked some 5 or 6 cabs in front of me, once on board they then disclose that drivers have asked their destination before answering if they take card.

This is cherry picking first and foremost and so creating an unfair playing field where honest drivers do all the short jobs.

- I feel that the trade cannot be left to slowly move into credit card payments as per

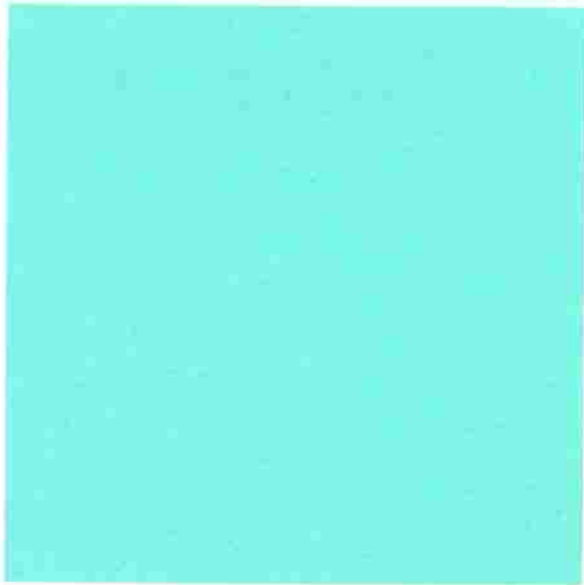
above, this will only force the more trade conscious drivers to leave as they will be unable to survive, and so the race to the bottom will continue.

- I understand that other licensed businesses do not have this regulation forced upon them but not like other competitive businesses where you need every angle to make money, cab drivers can cherry pick work using the lack of card machine to their advantage.
- with the increase of cash machines closing down drivers will be taking passengers in much more elongated routes to seek cash payment, this will add greater expense to the customer.

Please take these points on board during your consultation.

Yours faithfully

Name



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