

Subject: Hackney Carriage Rank

Report to: Licensing Committee

Date: 14 October 2019

Report by: Licensing Manager

SUBJECT MATTER AND DECISIONS REQUIRED:

Members are asked to formally appoint the following amendments to an existing first class hackney carriage stand:

| | Existing Location | Proposed location |
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| Temple Road (East side) | From a point 33 metres south of its junction with South Market Road southwards for a distance of 19 metres. | From a point 63 metres south of the centreline of the junction of the U60486 South Market Road southwards for a distance of 46 metres. The stand will be appointed for use at all times by a maximum of 8 first class hackney carriages. |
| | From a point 71 metres south of its junction with South Market Road southwards for a distance of 38 metres. | |

1. Background:

- 1.1 Norfolk County Council proposed some amendments to the existing Hackney Carriage stand at Temple Road. This was suggested to alleviate problems caused by the bus stop being in the middle of the two taxi ranks.
- 1.2 Licensing committee at their meeting of 22 July 2019 discussed the proposals after considering comments received from the informal consultation with all Hackney Carriage plateholders. It was agreed to proceed with the formal notice process outlined in point 1.3 below.
- 1.3 Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 empowers the Council to appoint and remove stands for hackney carriages. However, before doing so, the Council must give notice to the police, and also to the public by way of a newspaper advertisement, allowing 28 days for any representations to be received.
- 1.4 The required notices were given on 2 August 2019, with the public allowed until 5 September 2019 to make representations. One representation was received, which is attached for consideration.
- 1.5 The proposals would allow the highway improvements sought by the County Council to be implemented, whilst at the same time alleviating some of the

congestion issues currently caused at the rank. It is therefore recommended that the Council proceed to make the amendments to the existing stand.

2. Recommendation

It is recommended that members approve the following:

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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

None

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

Dealt with in report

EXECUTIVE BOARD OR DIRECTOR CONSULTATION:

Report seen by Head of Environmental Services

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| Does this report raise any legal, financial, sustainability, equality, crime and disorder or human rights issues and, if so, have they been considered? | Issues | |
| | Legal | √ |
| | Financial | x |
| | Risk | X |
| | Sustainability | X |
| | Equality | X |
| | Crime and Disorder | X |
| | Human Rights | X |
| | Every Child Matters | X |

2/9/19

Taxi driver
Great Yarmouth

Ref: Taxi stand Amendments

I have some objections.

There not enough Space on this Rank any way we did have 6 spaces at front of rank and 3 at back of rank. How ever Seen you put Rails at back of rank you can only get 2 on back if 1 taxi is a bus (7/8 seater) as you can see a taxi hit the rails trying to get on (not me) you used to have to drive on then off Pavement.

A lot of the prombles about getting on the Rank is not to do with taxi on there.

Private holiday Coachs - picking up and dropping off there we (great yarmouth) has a coach park for that which most Coach use I Seen them picking up and dropping off. I have even seen coach come eailer park on rank and go and have a KFC Told him when he returned he Cant park there his reply was I park were I f[redacted] like, as am awer only Coach that can stop there ave National Express

Number 2 Bus - prombles has got worst now the Number 2 does not go to gorleston and goes round yarmouth in a circle both come on rank at same time or with in 2 mins of each other then they both sit there blocking the rank.

This problem used to be worst when someone with not much of a brain gave permission for the anglia bus to use the rank as well.

PS.

I pick up a Solicitor from London going to train station as we left rank and came pass KFC I stopped to allow a car to reverse out of parking bay opposite KFC. The Solicitor point out to me those parking bays were illegal and if I park there and reversed out and hit someone a good Solicitor could get me off. Would not need much of a case Just bring a Highway Code book.

My proposal which most taxi drivers agree with would be to:

Move bus stop & bus stand for number 2 bus to where the parking bays are opposite KFC. Two buses can drive in and out of bay and if first want 2 buses can follow each other.

Stop private Coachs using rank we have a Coach Park use it.

National Express to us middle bus lane they do this any way after 21:00 so taxis have more space.

This would allow rank to use just for taxis and give us room we need and not spend half the time driving round trying to get on rank and painted yellow as it is a taxi rank Some blue badge holders think they can park there as it not painted yellow