

TO: LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
12 JUNE 2014

TAXI RANKS, YORKTOWN ROAD, SANDHURST
Chief Officer: Environment and Public Protection

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report brings to the attention of the Committee the results of a consultation process and seeks the agreement of the Committee for the closure of two taxi ranks on the junction of Yorktown Road and York Way, Sandhurst.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That the Committee agrees to the closure of the taxi ranks located upon the junction of Yorktown Road and York Way.**

3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 There is a growing demand for parking within this area which would be assisted by the conversion of these ranks to additional parking provision. Observations by local business over a long period of time have shown very limited use for their present purpose. No objections have been received following consultation upon a proposal to close the ranks.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 The ranks could remain.

5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 5.1 The Council has received comments from local businesses and residents that the taxi ranks are very rarely used by the taxi trade and that there is insufficient provision for short and long term parking for shoppers and workers. It has been requested that the taxi ranks are removed and converted to additional parking provision. Attached as Annex 1 is a map showing the location of these ranks.
- 5.2 The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, Section 63 requires that before considering the closure of a taxi rank the Council must undertake a process of consultation through an advertisement in a local paper and with the local Chief Inspector of Police. An advertisement appeared in the Bracknell News of the 13 February 2013 and the newspaper website. In addition a letter was sent to Chief Inspector Gilbert on the 30 January 2014. No comments were received through either consultation.
- 5.3 Upon the closure of the ranks consideration will be given to the necessary Traffic Regulation Orders to enable the spaces to be used for parking.

6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS

Borough Solicitor

- 6.1 The legal implications are identified within the report.

Borough Treasurer

- 6.2 There are no significant financial implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Equalities Impact Assessment

- 6.3 There are no implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

Strategic Risk Management Issues

- 6.4 There are no implications arising from the recommendation in this report.

7 CONSULTATION

Principal Groups Consulted

- 7.1 Residents and businesses within the area and the Chief Inspector of Police for Bracknell Forest LPA.

Method of Consultation

- 7.2 The consultations were conducted in accordance with the legislative requirements.

Representations Received

- 7.3 No comments were received.

Background Papers

None

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