

Notice of Proposed Individual Cabinet Member Decision

Decision Date:	9 July 2014
Portfolio Holder:	Social Wellbeing (Councillor Cheryl Little)
Matter under consideration:	Appointment of Hackney Carriage Stands
Responsible Directorate:	Resources Directorate
Reference no:	2014/07
Request from Portfolio Holder(s):	To consider a report of the Director of Resources
DRAFT DECISION:	<p>1. Advertise the following proposals for hackney carriage stands in Lytham in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) a stand on the south side of Henry Street, Lytham for 21m in a westerly direction for 3 vehicles between 1800 and 0300. b) a stand on the west side of Dicconson Terrance, Lytham for 33m in a southerly direction for 6 vehicles between 1800 and 0300. c) the removal of the existing stand located on the north side of Henry Street. d) the removal of the existing stand on Park Street, Lytham. <p>2. Subject to the receipt of no adverse representations, implement the proposals as set out above.</p>

Final approval to be given not earlier than 17 July 2014. The decision will then be implemented six working days after the publication of the decision notice in accordance with recovery and call-in procedures.

Issue Date – 9 July 2014

(N.B. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact the Resources Directorate, Town Hall, Lytham St. Annes - Tel: 01253 658546 or email sharon.wadsworth@fylde.gov.uk)

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The decision(s) will be taken by the Cabinet Member who will receive officer advice in private. A statement of the decision(s) taken, with any appropriate supporting information, will be published in accordance with the timeframes set out in the Council's Constitution.

REPORT



REPORT OF	MEETING	DATE AND REFERENCE NUMBER
RESOURCES DIRECTORATE	PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION	9 JULY 2014 2014/07

APPOINTMENT OF HACKNEY CARRIAGE STANDS

PUBLIC ITEM

This item is for consideration by the portfolio holder for Social Wellbeing.

SUMMARY

The existing night time hackney carriage stand on Henry St, Lytham has, since its introduction, become the busiest stand in the Borough. Due to the number of persons attending licensed premises on Henry Street the stand is no longer suitable as sufficient vehicles cannot be accommodated leading to double parking and obstruction of Dicconson Terrace.

An alternative to the existing stand has been identified and the Portfolio Holder is requested to consider the option.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Advertise the following proposals for hackney carriage stands in Lytham in accordance with the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
 - a) a stand on the south side of Henry Street, Lytham for 21m in a westerly direction for 3 vehicles between 1800 and 0300.
 - b) a stand on the west side of Dicconson Terrance, Lytham for 33m in a southerly direction for 6 vehicles between 1800 and 0300.
 - c) the removal of the existing stand located on the north side of Henry Street.
 - d) the removal of the existing stand on Park Street, Lytham.
2. Subject to the receipt of no adverse representations, implement the proposals as set out above.

CABINET PORTFOLIO

This item falls within the following cabinet portfolio(s):

Social Wellbeing - Councillor Cheryl Little

SUMMARY OF PREVIOUS DECISIONS

The matter has been considered by the Public Protection Committee who have made a recommendation to the Portfolio Holder as detailed in point 10 of the report.

REPORT

1. Section 63 of Part II of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 states that. "a District Council may from time to time appoint stands for Hackney Carriages for the whole or any part of a day in any highway in the District which is maintainable at the public expense..."
2. During 2008 the Public Protection Committee recommended the approval of a Hackney Carriage Stand on the north side of Henry Street, Lytham for 4 vehicles from the junction with Dicconson Terrace for a distance of 23.5m between the hours of 1800 and 0300 hours.
3. Due to the increase in popularity of the licensed premises on Henry Street, the stand has proved to be successful but it is now considered that it cannot cater for sufficient vehicles and it should either be extended or alternative ranking arrangements identified.
4. Consideration was given to extending the rank so that it stretched the length of Henry Street between Dicconson Terrace and Green St but this would only result in an additional 4 vehicle spaces and would not resolve the issue of hackney carriages failing to proceed.
5. As such, the following option has been identified:
 - a) Establishment of a stand on the south side of Henry Street, Lytham for 21m in a westerly direction for 3 vehicles between 1800 and 0300.
 - b) Establishment of a stand on the west side of Dicconson Terrace, Lytham for 33m in a southerly direction for 6 vehicles between 1800 and 0300.
6. The establishment of these spaces would require the removal of the existing stand on the north side of Henry Street.
7. The Highways Department of Lancashire County Council have been consulted and comment, *"Thank you for your letter dated 9 December 2013 regarding the appointment of Hackney carriage stands."*

I refer to an earlier conversation you held with Chandra Dholakia regarding this request and in principle there is no highway objection to the provision of additional taxi ranks as suggested. However, as indicated to you at the time, you will be required to undertake and secure all public approval prior to Lancashire County Council taking forward the legal advertisement for any new Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).

To clarify:

- 1. The existing night time taxi rank (4 spaces) on the north side of Henry Street, will be reverting back to unrestricted parking.*
- 2. The length of the existing limited waiting bay on Dicconson Terrace is 33m long and is sufficiently long for only 6 spaces and not the 7 spaces recorded in the letter.*
- 3. The existing limited waiting bay to on the south side of Henry can accommodate 3 spaces.*

As such the above proposals would result in an overall increase of 5 taxi spaces to a total number of 9 spaces from the 4 spaces existing.

In addition, at an earlier meeting with Chandra Dholakia, you mentioned the possibility of losing the taxi rank on Park Street as a trade off to increasing availability on Henry Street. Is this still being considered please? "

8. The Lancashire Constabulary have been consulted. Marc Procter, the Traffic Management Officer, West Road Policing Unit states,
"Thank you for the letter and correspondence regarding the proposed taxi rank changes on Henry Street and Dicconson Terrace, Lytham. I have no observations to make and no objections to your proposals."
9. It should be noted that the County Council refer to the removal of the stand on Park Street, Lytham. Although properly marked and signed, the stand is often obstructed by parked private vehicles and rarely utilised by the trade. In the Officers opinion, the removal of this stand would not impact on the ranking provision in Lytham and as such the Committee are requested to consider the suggestion and make a recommendation.
10. The matter has been discussed by the Public Protection Committee who have recommended to the Portfolio Holder as follows:
 - a) to establish a stand on the south side of Henry Street, Lytham for 21m in a westerly direction for 3 vehicles between 1800 and 0300.
 - b) to establish a stand on the west side of Dicconson Terrance, Lytham for 33m in a southerly direction for 6 vehicles between 1800 and 0300.
 - c) to remove the existing stand located on the north side of Henry Street.
 - d) to remove the existing stand on Park Street, Lytham.
11. Should the Portfolio Holder recommend the appointment of the stands, it is a requirement of S63(2) of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 that the proposals are advertised in a local newspaper and that any representations may be made in writing within 28 days of the publication of the notice.
12. If there are any adverse representations following the proposals being advertised, they will be formally reported to and considered by the portfolio holder before any of the proposals are implemented.

IMPLICATIONS	
Finance	To comply with signage regulations, each individual stand (if approved) will require lining and appropriate signage putting in place. The appointment of a stand must also be advertised in the local press. Any costs arising from this Report will be met from existing budgets.
Legal	None arising directly from the report.
Community Safety	Hackney Carriage stands play a vital role in the removing of persons from Town Centres, particularly late at night and by placing at places of public resort should facilitate a speedier removal of taxi customers.
Human Rights and Equalities	Hackney carriages are a vital form of transport for the disabled who may have difficulties accessing other forms of public transport.
Sustainability and Environmental Impact	None arising directly from the report.
Health & Safety and Risk Management	None arising directly from the report.

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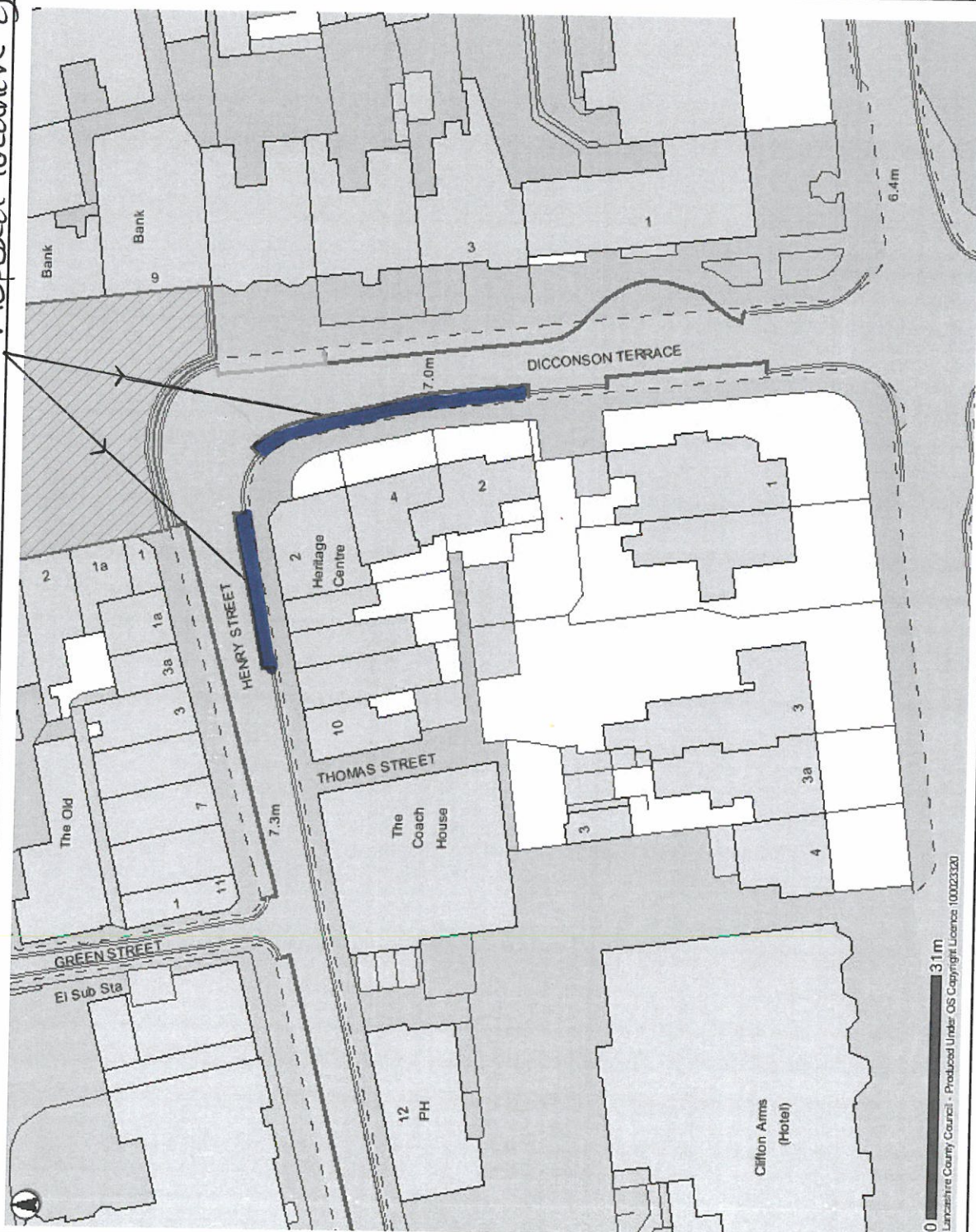
LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS		
Name of document	Date	Where available for inspection
Public Protection Committee Minutes	19 March 2014	http://www.fylde.gov.uk/meetings/details/1154

Attached documents

1. Area Plan

Proposed location of stands

- TRO Lines
- 20 MPH Speed Restriction
- 30 MPH Speed Restriction
- 40 MPH Speed Restriction
- 50 MPH Speed Restriction
- Bus Lane
- Bus Stop Clearway
- Disabled Parking
- Left Turn Only
- Limited Waiting
- Loading Bay
- Mandatory Cycle Lane
- Maximum Width
- No Left Turn
- No Loading
- No Loading At Any Time
- No Right Turn
- No U-Turn
- No Waiting
- No Waiting At Any Time
- One Way
- Other Parking Bays
- Pay and Display Parking
- Prohibited Access
- Public Service Vehicle Stand
- Residents Permit Holder Parking
- School Entrance Marking
- Tail Stand
- TRO Areas
- 20 MPH Zone
- 30 MPH
- 40 MPH
- 50 MPH
- 60 MPH
- Box Junction
- Bus Lane
- Clearway
- Length Restriction
- No Waiting At Any Time Zone
- No Waiting Zone
- Prohibition of Access
- Prohibition of Driveway
- Weight Restriction
- Width Restriction
- Districts
- Other District/Unitary Authority
- Lancashire Districts



Henry St/Dicconson Terrace

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