

General Purposes Licensing Committee

Date: 14th June 2010 Item No:
Report of: Head of Environmental Development
Title of Report: Appointment of New Hackney Carriage Stands at
London Road Headington

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To appoint two new hackney carriage stands on London Road, Headington.

Report Approved by:

Finance: Gillian Chandler
Legal: Daniel Smith

Policy Framework:

The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 give a district council the power to appoint a hackney carriage stand (rank).

Recommendation:

Committee is recommended to:

- (i) approve two new stands for one hackney carriage on each stand on London Road, Headington as shown in the plans attached as appendix 1 to this report, and
- (ii) remove the adoption of the current stand on London Road, Headington.

Background

1. The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows a district council to appoint stands for hackney carriages for the whole or part of the day in any highway in the district.
2. Committee members may be aware that Oxfordshire County Council is redeveloping all of London Road, Headington to try and deal with the increase in traffic in that area. There is currently a rank for 2 hackney

carriages in the lay-by on the south east side of the junction of London Road and Windmill Road (outside the 7 - 11 shop).

3. The County Council has requested that the current rank be moved to the end of the lay-by, nearer to Kennett Road. This lay-by is being altered to make it easier for busses to drive into and the new position would only be suitable for 1 hackney carriage. Therefore, County has also proposed that another rank for 1 hackney carriage be located on the northwest side of the Windmill Road junction, where they are extending the current lay-by.
4. Both new ranks will be close to the bus stops of the London busses to help any passengers that may use them. Plans for both new locations are at Appendix One.

Consultation

5. Before a rank can become effective an authority must give notice to the Chief Officer of Police, seek consent from the highway authority and give public notice of the proposal by advertisement in at least one local newspaper circulating in the district and shall take consideration any objections or representations in respect of such proposal.
6. Oxfordshire County Council as the highway authority clearly has no objections as the moving of the rank was at their request. A letter (Appendix 2) from the Traffic Manager for Thames Valley Police has been received, he had no objections. The City of Oxford Licensed Taxi Association (COLTA) had no objections and therefore the Head of Environmental Development agreed to the request from the County Council, subject to the approval of this Committee.
7. An advertisement was placed in the Oxford Times 6th May 2010. On writing this report the Head of Environmental Development has not received any comments or representations from either the trade or the public.
8. The committee is asked to approve the new locations for the two hackney carriage ranks on the London Road, Headington and remove the original one.

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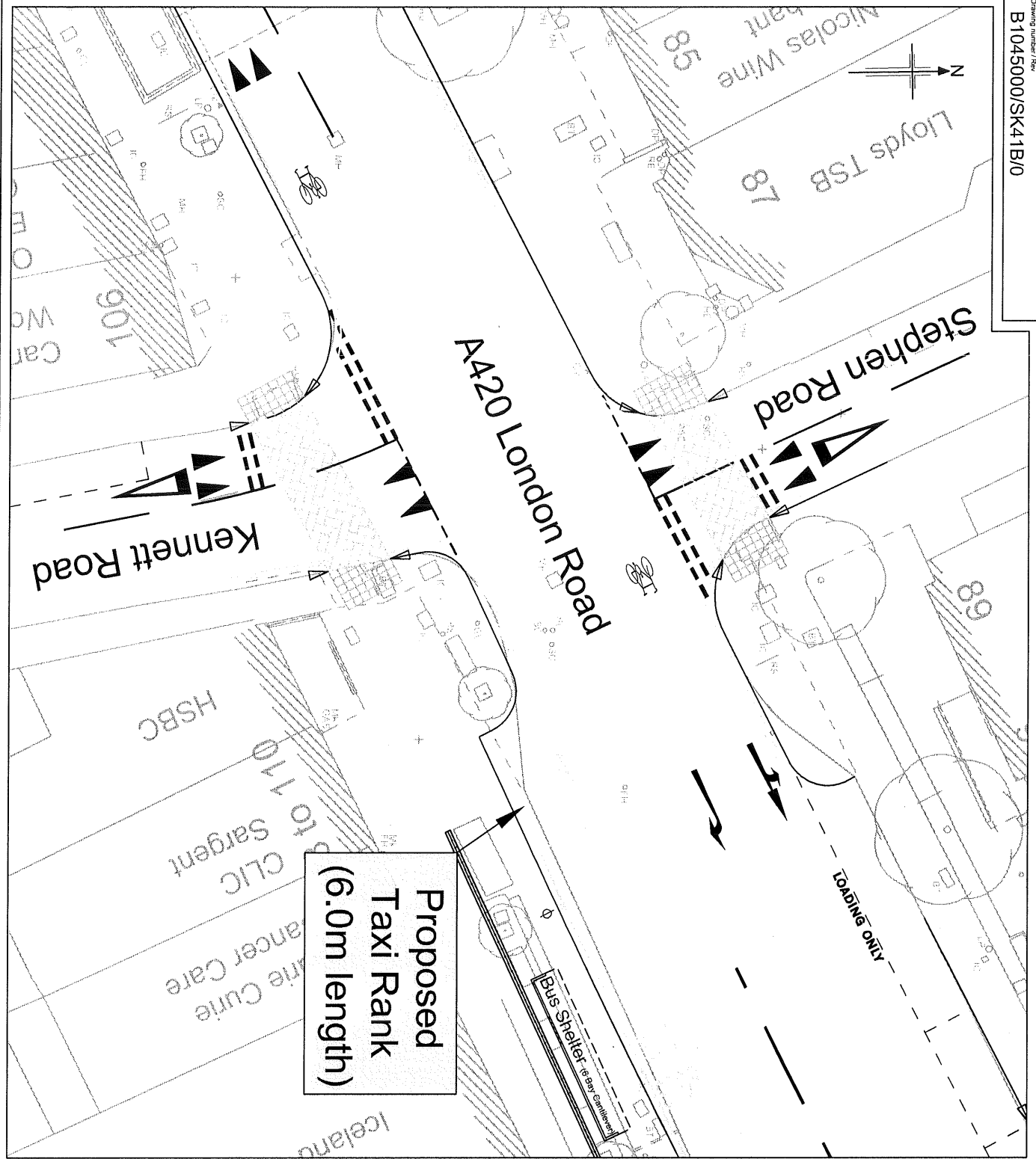
Background papers:

Appendix One Plan of new ranks

Appendix Two Letter from Thames Valley Police.

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**Proposed
Taxi Rank
(6.0m length)**

Bus Shelter 16'6" x 6'6" Cantilever

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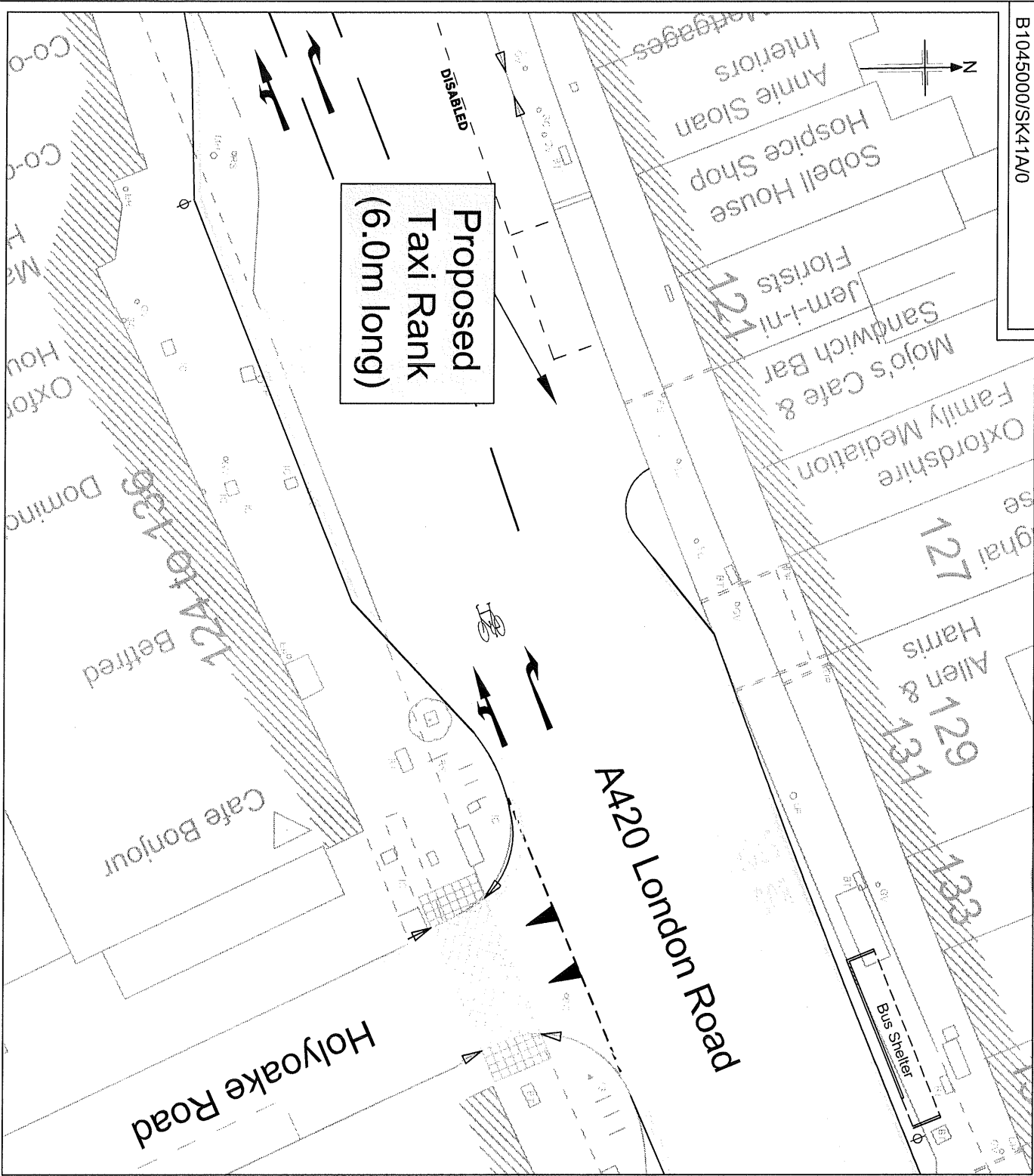
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OSLER ROAD TO WHARTON ROAD

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APPENDIX TWO



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Dear Mr Cramer,

Taxi Ranks in London Road

I refer to your letter dated 23rd April 2010, in which you ask for comments regarding the above proposals.

In my notes for the previous contact with Joy White in July 2009 I note that the length of the bay means that it is likely that there will be encroachment into the bus stop clearway and limited waiting bays adjacent. This would have to be monitored and enforced.

Thames Valley Police has no objections to the proposals.

Please feel free to contact me should you need any clarification of the above or the contents of the report.

Yours sincerely,

Darren Humphries
Traffic Management Officer