

To: General Purposes Sub Committee
Date: 12th October 2009 **Item No:**
Report of: Head of Environmental Development
Title of Report: Appointment of New Hackney Carriage Stand

Summary and Recommendations

Purpose of report: To appoint a new hackney carriage stand in High Street, Oxford

Report Approved by:

Finance: Anna Hedges
Legal: Jeremy Franklin

Policy Framework: The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 allows a district council to appoint a hackney carriage stand (rank)

Recommendation(s): Approve the stand for two hackney carriages on High Street, Oxford west of Turl Street.

There are no financial implications to this report

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. As part of Oxfordshire County Council's Transform Oxford a request was received that the 24 hour hackney carriage stand (rank) for 2 'taxis' on the High Street be moved from the east side of Turl Street to the west side of Turl Street. This would allow the County Council to relocate some bus stops to the east of Turl Street. A plan of the new location is **Appendix One**

Consultation

3. After consultation with the City of Oxford Licensed Taxi Association (COLTA) the Head of Environmental Development agreed to the request from the County Council, subject to the approval of this Committee.
4. Before a rank can become effective the Council 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.
5. The Licensing Officer wrote to Thames Valley Police on the 23rd March 2009 informing them of the relocation of the rank and asking for any comments the police may have. No reply was received and a further letter was sent on the 17th September 2009.
6. Oxfordshire County Council as the highway authority has no objections.

7. An advertisement was placed in the Oxford Times 26th March 2009. 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 stand for two hackney carriages on the High Street just west of Turl Street.

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Appendix One Plan of new High Street rank

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<p>Proposed yellow lining</p> <p>Proposed white lining</p> <p>Existing lining</p> <p>Lining to be removed</p> <p>Post with plate to sign Diag. No. 650.1</p> <p>"No stopping except taxis"</p>			
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> <p>No stopping except taxis</p> </div>			
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