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Stewart Broome

From: Robert Stripe
Sent: 06 March 2017 15:39
To: Stewart Broome
Subject: Re: Consultation - Proposal to extend Market Street Taxi Rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

Dear Stewart,

Thank you.

Yes, please as I think the change might enhance the taxi facility for disabled people and free up other space.

With kind regards;

Robert.

----- Original Message -----

From: Stewart Broome
To: 'Robert Stripe'
Sent: Monday, March 06, 2017 3:03 PM
Subject: RE: Consultation - Proposal to extend Market Street Taxi Rank

Good afternoon Robert

Thank you for your reply.

So I do not misinterpret your email, could you please advise if you would like me to include your response, or not?

Kind regards

Stewart.

Stewart Broome
Senior Licensing Officer

Dear Mr Broome,

Thank you.

Whilst I am on the Access Group Committee for ECDC, I am not resident in that District and felt I should not thus reply, especially as I am more to do with railways than with roads. However, I have no objection to the proposed alterations going ahead.

With all good wishes;

Robert.

Stewart Broome

From: Harvey Bibby [mailto:harvey.bibby@eastcambs.gov.uk]
Sent: 14 March 2017 12:31
To: Licensing
Cc: Stewart Broome
Subject: RE: Consultation - Taxi Rank extension Market Street, Ely

Categories:

Dear Senior Licensing Officer,

Following Stewart Broome's email on the 8th March we write to confirm that Grovemere Property Limited are in support of the proposal to extend the existing taxi rank on Market Street forward to the junction of High Street Back.

If you require any further clarification in relation to this matter please do not hesitate to let us know.

Kind Regards
Harvey Bibby

From: Stewart Broome [mailto:Stewart.Broome@eastcambs.gov.uk]
Sent: 08 March 2017 15:19
To: Stewart Broome
Subject: Consultation - Taxi Rank extension Market Street, Ely

Good afternoon

You are receiving this email as the Council's Licensing Department wishes to notify you that having been approached by the taxi trade, consent has been obtained from Cambridgeshire County Council to consult on extending the existing taxi rank on Market Street forwards to the junction of High Street Back. No other parking bay, loading bay, or disabled bay on Market Street will be affected by this proposal.

This proposal (if granted) will remove the existing free 30 minute parking bay currently situated in this location. The images below show the impact on the street scene should the proposal be granted.



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Stewart Broome

From: Mike Bradley ECDC | [redacted]
Sent: 09 March 2017 22:03
To: Stewart Broome
Subject: RE: Important: Market Street taxi rank consultation

Categories:

Hi Stewart,
I am generally in favour of the change. I know the public sometimes use the taxi rank to get takeaway.
Regards,
mike

Stewart Broome

From: Clerk [mailto:stewart.broome@eastcambs.gov.uk]
Sent: 16 March 2017 17:32
To: Licensing
Subject: RE: Consultation - Proposal to extend Market Street Taxi Rank

Categories:

Dear Stewart

Further to your consultation, below, I can confirm that Cheveley Parish Council has no objections or comments to make on the proposal.

Kind regards

Marilyn

From: Licensing [mailto:Licensing@eastcambs.gov.uk]
Sent: 06 March 2017 13:52
To: Stewart Broome <Stewart.Broome@eastcambs.gov.uk>
Subject: Consultation - Proposal to extend Market Street Taxi Rank

Good afternoon

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Any comments in support of, or opposing this proposal should be sent in writing to the Senior Licensing Officer, East

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Stewart Broome

From: Bridget & James Hickish |
Sent: 24 March 2017 14:17
To: Licensing
Subject: Public Consultation - Market Street Taxi Rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories:

Dear Sir

I would like to make a brief comment on the proposal to extend the taxi rank forward to Chequer Lane. There is currently a significant problem of taxi drivers waiting/parking on the pedestrian area at the beginning of the taxi rank. This is presumably because there isn't enough room to fit in the designated space. We live in Butchers Row and need access to our parking spaces there on a daily basis. It is common to have to ask taxi drivers to move and so I think extra spaces for them further down would be beneficial. I am therefore in favour of the extension.

With this in mind, I would encourage some more signage on the Market street pedestrianised area to discourage parking by taxi drivers and delivery drivers who regularly block the entrance to the top of High Street passage and Butchers Row which is how we gain access to our building.

Many thanks

Bridget Hickish

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Stewart Broome

From: Michael Head [k]
Sent: 09 March 2017 20:54
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi Rank

Categories:

I would have no objection with extending the Taxi Rank proposed for Market street, Ely

Many thanks
Michael Head

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Stewart Broome

From: Geoff L
Sent: 08 March 2017 15:45
To: Licensing
Subject: Market Street Taxi Rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

Hi,

I do not see any problem with this extension of taxi rank.
The taxis have to park somewhere and the existing bay is not big.

However it must be an approval condition that there is no future reduction in the public parking elsewhere on Market Street.

Yours sincerely

Geoff G Sore
Coveney

PS I have no connection or interest in taxi business.

This email has been checked for viruses by AVG.
<http://www.avg.com>

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Stewart Broome

From: Caroline Stanger
Sent: 08 March 2017 15:26
To: Licensing
Subject: Extending taxi rank.

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

Dear sir

Concerning the extension to the taxi rank in Market St. Ely, I have no objection to this extension as taxis already park and trade from the current 30min parking area. However I would wish that, once this was granted, the taxi rank was enforced and taxis parking and trading elsewhere on Market St prosecuted.

Caroline Stanger

Sent from my Windows Phone

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Stewart Broome

From: Robin Dyos ;
Sent: 07 March 2017 09:02
To: Licensing
Subject: Proposal to extend Market Street Taxi Rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

No issue as long as Taxi's don't park with their engines running.

Robin Dyos

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Stewart Broome

From: Lesley Bishop |
Sent: 06 March 2017 16:11
To: Licensing
Subject: extension of taxi rank in Market Street

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Categories: t

I am writing to confirm that I have no objection to this application.
Yours faithfully,
A. Lesley Bishop

Stewart Broome

From: David Fisher [mailto:dfisher@...]
Sent: 01 February 2017 16:16
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi Rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

I have no objection to the Taxi rank being extended if it means that the drop kerbs on the corner of Newnham Street and Market Street will no longer be blocked off by Taxi's parking half on the road and also Parking in the pedestrianised area. It's getting harder and harder for the Public to park any where in Ely for the amount of Taxi's that use as many parking spaces as they can.

D B Fisher

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Stewart Broome

From: Sarah Hammersley]
Sent: 01 February 2017 18:06
To: Licensing
Subject: Re: Extension of the Taxi Rank on Market Street

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories: : []

Hi

I personally see no reason as to why this should not go ahead. As it is the taxis seem to run out of space and end up parking on the pedestrian area and on the bend near Costa coffee. Moving the rank forward and extending it would be a good use of the space.

**Regards,
Sarah Hammersley**

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Stewart Broome

From: Esteves Photography [mailto:esteves@estevestaxi.co.uk]
Sent: 07 February 2017 19:40
To: Licensing
Cc: noble.cars@outlook.com
Subject: Public Consultation - Market Street Taxi Rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

Following the Public Consultation regarding the extension of the taxi rank on Market Street and as a driver of one of the main taxi companies operating daily in Ely, I would like to show my full support on the idea, hoping that this will go further becoming a reality to all taxis using this same (actual very short) rank, making a huge improvement to our work, making it much easier, and of course avoiding less misconducts from some.

However I'm aware that abolishing three normal parking spaces from the public to do it, will probably raise some concern from some, but taking in consideration the number of the existent local car parks on the surrounding area and having in mind it's a more valuable action to the public and for the development of the local commerce, I'm sure this project will go further making everyone happier.

I totally support this consultation and hope that all the arrangements will be made to make this possible. With any other subject at the moment, my thanks in advance.

Regards,

Luis Esteves da Silva

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Stewart Broome

From: Leigh Hornby [mailto:leigh.hornby@cambridgeshire.gov.uk]
Sent: 09 February 2017 17:41
To: Licensing
Subject: Extension of Market Street Taxi Rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories:

I think you should extend the Taxi Rank on Market Street, as there isn't enough spaces for the number of Hackney Carriages based in the East Cambridgeshire Fistrict

Sent from Samsung Mobile on O2

Stewart Broome

From: andrewspudlee [mailto:andrewspudlee@...]
Sent: 10 February 2017 16:34
To: Licensing
Subject: Extended taxi rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories: [unclear] [unclear]

To whom it may concern I fully support the proposal to increase the size of the rank, a lot of taxis already park in the bays outside of thing me bobs and if it was exclusive to taxis and made an official part of the rank I think it would help the ever increasing amount of taxis that continually drive round in circles trying to get a space on the rank while causing needless air pollution in the process.

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Stewart Broome

From: Lizzie Challis
Sent: 10 February 2017 16:35
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi rank extension

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

To whom it concerns,

I agree that market Street taxi rank should be extended due to the amount of taxis that are now in Ely. The public have spaces in car parks and down market Street and high street. Taxis are becoming very popular and making a living out of it.

Yours sincerely
Lizzie Challis

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Stewart Broome

From: roxy lupson]
Sent: 10 February 2017 16:50
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi rank extension

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

To whom it may concern

I agree with the proposed taxi rank extension on ely market street. This will help all taxi drivers, and stop the commotion on the corner of costa coffee.

Kind regards
Roxy Lupson

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Stewart Broome

From: NIGEL DALTON]
Sent: 09 February 2017 20:20 --
To: Licensing
Subject: taxi rank

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Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

Nigel Dalton jnt 371

I would like to add my support for the extension to the taxi rank on Market Street. My favoured plan would be for taxis, buses and deliveries only but this would be a good start

Regards N Dalton

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Stewart Broome

From: Simon Sharpe
Sent: 09 February 2017 17:21
To: Licensing
Subject: Extending taxi rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

Just an email to express my support for more space on the taxi rank on Market Street. It's such a struggle to find a space on market street, as this is where customers tend to go when they want a taxi. It is very rare for them to go to the rank near cheffins, so a lot of time is wasted and fares lost because we can't park on Market Street.
Many Thanks.

Sent from my iPhone

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Stewart Broome

From: Message Center |
Sent: 09 February 2017 15:20
To: Licensing

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

Hi Alan

To whom it may concern

Ref: Proposed Extension of Taxi Rank, Market St

I am replying to offer my Support for the proposed extension of the Current Taxi Rank on Market St in Ely.

I think this would be a good idea, as it will make it fairer, with a few more taxi vehicles able to be stationed on there at any given time.

Yours Faithfully

Duncan J Farley-Smith

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Stewart Broome

From: Joyce Scott []
Sent: 09 February 2017 14:28
To: Licensing
Subject: New taxi rank spaces

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories:

To whom it may concern

I as a taxi driver in Ely feel we desperately need more spaces to ply for business. At present there is a lot of conflict between taxi drivers trying to get on the rank. There are a lot more taxis than rank space for us drivers trying to earn a living. So I am in favour of the extension of the taxi rank.

Kind Regards

Joyce Scott

Sent from my iPhone

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Stewart Broome

From: Bridget Farley-smith
Sent: 09 February 2017 13:29
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

To whom it may concern

Ref: taxi rank

I think it will be a good idea to extend the taxi rank 2/3 more spaces, as we will all have a better chance at getting more work and it will make more sense where the taxi rank finishes and starts.

Your faithfully
Bridget Farley-smith
Sent from my iPhone

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Stewart Broome

From: glynn gibbs [mailto:]
Sent: 09 March 2017 14:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi rank upgrade

Importance: High

Categories: []

I can confirm I fully support the application to extend the existing taxi rank.
It is desperately needed.
Glynn gibbs

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy Note 4 - powered by Three

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Stewart Broome

From: Tom Lawrence
Sent: 16 February 2017 18:30
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi Ranks in Ely Town Center. Consultation

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories:

Taxi Ranks in Ely Town Center. Consultation

Dear Sirs,

Taxis, along with buses and trains, form an essential part of the public transport network. They are unique in that they offer a point-to-point, on-demand service with personal assistance at each end of the journey. As such, they are the only transport available to some people. If the center of Ely is to be accessible to all, it is essential to have an effective taxi service.

It is also essential that taxi operators and drivers can make a living. All additional costs, including wasting time and fuel driving round the center of town looking for a legitimate place to stop and ply for trade, reduce the standard of living of those providing the service and so will reduce the standard of service provided.

To ensure a good quality service, it is necessary to provide adequate taxi ranks in the center of Ely and so I support the proposal to provide additional taxi rank space.

There is the additional benefit of reducing unnecessary pollution in the town center.

Yours sincerely,
Thomas Lawrence (Licence number JNT380)

Stewart Broome

From: Veronika Bubenickova
Sent: 14 February 2017 17:27
To: Licensing
Subject: Extension of the taxi rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

Dear Stewart,

I am writing regarding the extension of the Market street taxi rank because this has become a crucial issue. The taxi rank should be extended at least from Chequer Lane and I suggest to create more 1 or 2 "waiting" spaces before the Costa Coffee corner from where is possible to see whether the space on the taxi rank is available or not.

Firstly, if you take into account the number of licensed taxis in East Cambridgeshire, the main taxi rank in the center of Ely (and compare to the station taxi rank) provide insufficient space just for four cars (or five small cars).

Secondly, the most of the taxi drivers rely on how many jobs they pick up. A taxi available for hire needs to be parked on the place determined to picking up. Parking in a different place than on the taxi rank is wasting of time. Taxi rank should provide enough space for drivers to allow them to do their job and make enough money for living. The extension of the taxi rank will support more equal opportunities to get a job.

Thirdly, driving around in circles Market Street – Lynn road – Nutholt Lane – Newnham Street in order to get a space on the taxi rank causes increasing of petrol/diesel expenditures and decreasing of income. In addition, it increases a probability of being involved in an accident.

Fourthly, insufficient space on the taxi rank support rivalness, unfair and mean manner among drivers and companies and the relationships among companies and drivers are getting worst. This can lead to a high amount of unnecessary, silly, or unreasonable complaints that the license office will have to deal with. For example, today as I was coming up to the taxi rank I noticed through another driver's window that he got a job on PDA and I decided to pull in the taxi rank when he pull off the rank. Unfortunately, he did not want to proceed the space to me as another car of the same company was waiting on double yellow line before the Costa coffee corner. I had to wait couple minutes until he proceeded the space. And this is not correct.

Fifthly, I disagree with those who argue that the taxi rank extension will take public spaces. Reasonable space on the taxi rank will stop taxis to park elsewhere on public spaces on Market street when they cannot get in the taxi rank.

In conclusion, in respect of license fee we pay, the license office should extend the taxi rank to support more equal opportunities, safety, business growth and good relationships among the companies and drivers.

I believe that this will help to improve our working environment significantly.

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Stewart Broome

From: Joao Pedro Rodrigues | 1]
Sent: 14 February 2017 11:32
To: Licensing
Subject: Ranking extension

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Categories:

Hello i writting to you to recomend the ahead of taxi rank extension! It will be a very good improvement for every taxi driver and company's to get more chances to get in to it and less fuel expend trying and also for customers will have more options and less hassle to get a taxi or a specific taxi company.

Kind Regards

João Pedro Rodrigues (JNT/376)

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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Stewart Broome

From: steph cole
Sent: 11 February 2017 16:59
To: Licencing
Subject: FW: Taxi rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Message Received: Feb 11 2017, 04:51 PM
From: "steph cole"
To: Licencing@eastcambs.gov.uk
Cc:
Subject: Taxi rank

To whom it may concern, i support the extension of the taxi rank in market street ely adding another 2/3 spaces for me to be more able to have a chance to get on the rank and earn myself a bit more of a living and making it easier for the public or visitors to ely to see the taxi rank and help it run smoother as a working rank.
Stephanie cole

Stewart Broome

From: Shaun Lee [.i]
Sent: 10 February 2017 16:41
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

To whomever it may concern,

I fully support the extension of the taxi rank as the excess of vehicles licensed I assume is around the 180 mark and I believe that 7 spaces is not viable. hopefully in years to come market street will only be accessible by taxis, buses, deliveries and disabled drivers.

Many thanks

Shaun lee

Sent from my iPhone

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Stewart Broome

From: Rubel Ahamed
Sent: 09 February 2017 15:11
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi rank extension

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories:

To licensing,

I agree that the taxi rank extension on market street in Ely should go ahead.
The ranks we have in Ely are too small for the amount of taxis/drivers.

Rubel Ahamed (JNT337)

Sent from my iPhone

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Stewart Broome

From: d3lboy00 _
Sent: 09 February 2017 14:46
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi extension

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

To whom it may concern

I acknowledge that there is a shortage of space on the taxi rank on market street and would agree to a taxi rank extension.

James Statham JNT/397

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

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Stewart Broome

From: Richard Addison
Sent: 09 February 2017 14:18
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi rank extension

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

To whom it may concern.

I as a taxi driver in Ely would appreciate you going forward with extending the market Street taxi rank. Due to the growth of Ely and the amount of taxis in said area. Look forward to the outcome.
Yours sincerely
Richard groves (JNT382)

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Stewart Broome

From: Alan Cole
Sent: 09 February 2017 13:18
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi Rank

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Categories: t

To whom it may concern

I fully support the taxi rank extension of 2/3 spaces outside Thing me bobs in market street, it will better define where the taxi rank starts and ends and hopefully it will get driver and passengers using it properly after all we are all here trying to assist the general public in every day life and not using it for a general chit chat and making a nuisance of ourselves as some of the general public seem to think is happening.

After all we are trying to earn a living and not sitting at home claiming benefits.

Yours

Faithfully
J Cole

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Stewart Broome

From: Alan Cole]
Sent: 09 February 2017 12:24
To: Licensing
Subject: Taxi Rank Extension

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories:

Dear Stewart

I fully support the proposed extension of the taxi rank in Market Street in Ely it would allow more of the 158 taxis in the district to ply for hire on one of the only two free taxi ranks in the area and there for provide a better service to the public some of whom seem to think that the rank is a place for us to park not think it is actuality a place of work to pickup jobs from

A L Cole
(Alan's Taxis)

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Stewart Broome

From: Noble Cars
Sent: 07 February 2017 07:05
To: Licensing
Subject: Public Consultation - Market Street Taxi Rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories:

With regards to the above, I write to confirm that I fully support the consultation for the spaces at the front of the current taxi rank on Market Street to be made into extending the 30 minute parking bays into the taxi rank.

As a Director of Noble Cars Ely, I think this would greatly benefit all taxi drivers in Ely and try to diminish some of the issues that have arisen over the last few weeks.

Kind regards
Samantha Clifton-Noble

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Stewart Broome

From: carl.reeve1 []
Sent: 06 February 2017 21:22
To: Licensing
Subject: Extending taxi rank in Market Street, Ely

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories:

Dear Sir / Madam,

I'm writing to offer my support to extending the taxi rank in Market Street, Ely and agree with the points made by Will Noble, whom I understand has already contacted you regarding this.

Yours sincerely

Carl Reeve

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Stewart Broome

From: Noble Cars
Sent: 06 February 2017 17:01
To: Licensing
Subject: Public Consultation - Market Street Taxi Rank

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

I write with regards to the above Public Consultation.

As owner of one of Ely's leading taxi companies, but also one of Ely's smallest taxi companies, I would like to point out something that I addressed to Stewart Broome in a Licensing Meeting in December 2016. I can fill every taxi space with a Noble Cars vehicle on both the Market Place and Market Street taxi ranks with my taxis alone. Therefore, for example, if we are dominating the spaces, that leaves Alan's, A10 Taxis, Fencabs and other owner drivers, with no where to park. These extra spaces will definitely be an improvement, but will still provide some issues with the amount of taxis operating in Ely. However, Ely is an growing place and I feel that another rank in another area of town would greatly help.

I totally support this Consultation and would like to hope that this consultation and the new parking arrangements are agreed, which would make our work a lot easier in the future.

I understand that we will be taking parking spaces away from the public, but I am sure that by making the rank bigger, we will easier congestion in Market Street.

Regards
Will Noble

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Stewart Broome

From: Richard Lee
Sent: 02 February 2017 18:21
To: Licensing
Subject: Proposal to extend Taxi Rank in market street

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Categories:

Dear Sir or Madam

As owner of one of the larger Taxi companies in Ely i fully support the proposal being put forward. I have in previous meetings with senior licensing officers voiced my concerns with the number of hackney carriage vehicles competing with each other over a very small and limited number of Taxi bays.

When we have upwards of 150 + licensed Hackney Carriage vehicles competing for 9 Taxi rank bays in the Town you can understand the amount of traffic congestion

this is causing as the taxis continually circle Market St, Lynn Rd, Nutholt Lane, & Newnham St, to try and access the rank.

I would like to see the Disabled bays on Newnham St, re-positioned outside the post office thus giving closer access for the disabled.

The Disabled bays on Newnham Street turned over as holding bays for taxis waiting to join the main rank this would help to ease congestion and reduce the pollution element.

Overall i think due to the ever increasing volume of traffic in the the Market Street area, It justifies a full review of the situation taking into consideration the above mentioned and also the safety element that occurs on a Friday and Saturday night

when the car club are forced from the Angel Drove car Park up into the Town Centre and speed down Market St at speeds reaching 50mph.

This i witness most weekends and is not rumour how somebody has not been seriously injured or killed to date is more down to luck than well thought planning, I hope we do not have to see a fatality before the situation is addressed.

I fully back the proposal being put forward and sincerely hope it gains approval.

Sincere Regards

Richard Lee (Director & Owner)

Fencabs Ltd

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Stewart Broome

From: A10 Taxis [mailto:info@a10taxi.com]
Sent: 06 March 2017 13:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Market Street Rank A10 Taxis Ely

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
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Categories:

To whom it may concern,

Regarding the proposal for the increase in taxi rank spacing in Market Street Ely. We at A10 Taxis believe that this would have a positive impact on the local community by decreasing the number of Hackney Carriages occupying existing available spaces in the city centre.

This proposal will also remove any ambiguity as to which taxi are available to hire within the aforementioned rank.

With 121 licensed Hackney carriages in the ECDC area, and a limited number of designated taxi rank spaces, any increase would be fully supported by all at A10 Taxis Ely.

Kind Regards

Kevin Henderson
Director
A10 Taxis (Ely) Ltd

Stewart Broome

From: Cliff Smith
Sent: 24 March 2017 08:00
To: Licensing
Subject: Market Street Rank Consultation
Categories: Taxi, Support, Stewart

Further to your Licence Holder News item regarding Market Street Taxi Rank I have the following observations:

- Extending the rank is a good idea
- There are a number of taxi drivers that will use other areas of Market Street in preference to the rank currently, typically ahead of the rank, and presumably that will continue to be the case. In the evening it is not unusual to see the taxi rank empty or with just 1 vehicle and yet there are several taxis in the bus stop area.
- There are a number of non-licenced vehicles that are happy to park on a taxi rank. There are times when both of the County ranks in Ely are fully occupied with non-licenced vehicles.
- In my experience it is rare to pick up from the Market Place rank, especially in the evening. Therefore it is understandable that some taxis would rather wait off rank in Market Street rather than proceed to the Market Place rank.
- In general the public don't understand taxi legislation. They don't particularly pay attention to the roof sign or the location of the vehicle. It is not unknown to see people waiting at a bus stop after hours for a taxi, or for them to walk past all of the taxis on the rank and get into one at the bus stop. Also they will walk along the rank and choose a taxi other than the one at the front.
- I would suggest that perhaps together with the extension to the rank, that changes be made to allow taxis access from High Street through Market Place and onto the Market Street rank. With this facility taxis would be able queue in a formal manner with customers being encouraged to take the front taxi.

Thank you for picking up 'the cause' even though it is not your responsibility, we appreciate the work you do for Taxis in our region.

Kind regards

Cliff Smith
JNT218



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