

Stewart Broome

From: Timothy Conquest [mailto:timothy.conquest@cityofbrampton.ca]
Sent: 23 February 2017 22:21
To: Licensing
Subject: Market Street Taxi Rank - Consultation

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It may be sensible to consider renewing/dropping the kerb along this entire section to improve access for those with mobility impairments into the vehicles.

Secondly; please consider the already narrowed footpath outside some shop fronts in this location, this alteration could impede pedestrian thoroughfare further e.g taxi doors opening into the path and customers potentially awaiting pick up.

Please would council give due consideration to the points raised.

Regards

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Stewart Broome

From: Dave Abraham [mailto:dave.abraham@cambs.gov.uk]
Sent: 18 February 2017 12:13
To: Licensing
Subject: Re: Market Street Taxi Rank variation
Attachments: taxis in general parking market street 2 Feb 2017.JPG; taxis in general parking market street other direction 2 Feb 2017.JPG

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Hi,

We are responding to the consultation regarding the proposed variation of the taxi rank on Market Street, Ely. We respond as both residents of East Cambs, and running a business on Market Street.

In principle, we would like to support the proposed change to extend the taxi rank, because taxis do already try to park on the corner by Costa, so giving them slightly more space in the proposed area seems sensible.

However, there are very regularly several taxis/private hire vehicles parked in some of the other existing 30 minute parking bays on Market Street, as demonstrated in the attached photos looking each way along Market Street which show 4 "public" spaces taken by taxis, with the photos taken at 12:57 on 2nd Feb 2017 (2 taxis by the photographers/butchers, 1 by Fencabs and 1 by Citizens Advice Bureau, in addition to a full taxi rank). A similar photo could be taken at various times of the day, on most days of the week. And taxis often park for more than 30 minutes. Therefore currently "public" parking on market street is negatively affected even by the existing taxis.

Therefore it would seem sensible to us, to combine the proposal of extending the taxi rank, with implementing a ban on taxis from parking in the 30 minute "public" parking bays. To ensure this is complied with, we'd suggest that this be done by ensuring that all licensed taxis/private hire vehicles explicitly have in the license terms that they will lose their license if they park in the "public" 30 minute parking bays on Market Street. Ideally, to be effective, this would be implemented with a "1 strike and you lose your license for a year", based upon a photo from CCTV/a member of the public, since the taxi drivers will always be able to move their car before a traffic warden arrives, as they know which days the wardens are in town, and when they're coming!

If done as a combined change and with a suitable risk to the taxi drivers of losing their license for a year if they do park in the public bays, this would both give the taxis more official parking in the taxi rank, and increase the availability of 30 minute bays to the general public. Since both areas seem to be within the remit of the Licensing department, this should be possible to implement relatively easily?

So as we say, we would like to support the extension of the taxi rank, but our support is conditional upon taxis not being allowed to park in public bays. If banning taxis from parking in public bays is not possible, then we would object to extending the taxi rank, since taxis are already making excessive use of existing public bays on Market Street.

We hope that is a constructive input to the consultation, that may give the taxi drivers what they wish for, and also benefit the public.

Yours faithfully

Dave & Laura Abraham

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Stewart Broome

From: Gary Emms [mailto:gary.emms@...]
Sent: 08 March 2017 15:32
To: Licensing
Subject: FW: Consultation - Taxi Rank extension Market Street, Ely

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Hi

If they extend they taxi rank will there be signs put up on the other parking "No Taxis". As at the moment they park in public spaces too. Market street is getting completely taken over by Fencabs and A10 taxis.

I approve the extended parking only if NO parking signs are put up in the public parking areas otherwise it will destroy business in Market street for the takeaways, restaurant and shops.

Regards

Gary Emms

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Stewart Broome

From: James Salmons []
Sent: 09 March 2017 10:35
To: Licensing
Subject: RE: Consultation - Taxi Rank extension Market Street, Ely

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This really makes no odds as the taxi's park down there anyway and even further on towards the Hereward pub.

My only reservation is the lack of parking and access to the takeaway units along that road.

Friday and Saturday nights you cannot get access to the takeaway units as no parking is available.

If this taxi rank is approved I highly suggest the proposed rank is used only and not the remainder of the road, or you'll have people having to park in the bus bays to utilise the eateries.

It's going to be hard enough for them to trade once the new restaurants open up at the cinema without having no parking available to customers.

Kind regards

James Salmons

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Stewart Broome

From: Nigel []
Sent: 09 March 2017 11:02
To: Licensing
Cc: Stewart Broome; George
Subject: Consultation - Taxi Rank extension Market Street, Ely

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Hi Licensing,

I am unsure there is enough trade to warrant the extension.
Any additional provision/conditions should ensure that the other parking spaces are not occupied by taxi's when not actively working as more often than not parking spaces are being used by taxis which severely restricts parking for the public.

Regards

Nigel Poulter

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Stewart Broome

From: Lorna Dupré []
Sent: 01 February 2017 17:32
To: Licensing
Cc: Sue Austen Cllr
Subject: RE: Consultation - Proposal to extend Market Street Taxi Rank

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Good evening, team. In principle I have no objection to an extension of the rank for taxis in Market Street.

If this is to proceed, firstly I would want a commitment from the council to ensure that taxi drivers use only the spaces allocated and do not fill the remaining 30 minute public parking spaces further down Market Street, or even worse the disabled parking bays. How effectively is parking on Market Street policed?

Secondly I would want an assurance that the extension of the taxi rank to occupy the length of the frontage of Thing-Me-Bobs will not cause an obstruction of the pavement outside Thing-Me-Bobs, given the goods for sale placed on the pavement and the increased usage of the remainder of the pavement by taxi drivers and passengers that will result from the extension of the rank.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Lorna Dupré

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Stewart Broome

From: Julie Elsey
Sent: 19 February 2017 10:22
To: Licensing
Subject: Proposed Taxi rank changes

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Dear Sir/ Madam

With regard to the proposed changes to the taxi rank whilst I can see the benefit I can also see that it will also cause added problems with the reduction of parking spaces in the centre of town albeit that they are only half hour slots.

There is also a concern that the passageway for people walking through will be more cluttered than it is already, particularly outside shops from the Heritage Insurance Brokers to the end of Thing me Bobs (inclusive) on a Market day with people unloading and loading the taxi's.

That part of the pavement already has numerous A Boards and goods outside so with Taxi's picking and dropping off it will make it hard to pass with people let alone buggy's etc.

That said it may make it safer on the bit of pavement and road, from Costa's across the road at Grapetree, where taxi's often and frequently park and sit in a queue. Providing, when the extra space is given, they don't block that up it, it should make it safer? That said some taxi drivers seem think that they have right to do what they like anyway so it may make no difference as they ignore the rules.

Whatever the decision is living in Ely, with the increased growth, lack of facilities and infrastructure is becoming increasingly a nightmare and whatever is agreed someone will be disappointed.

Yours sincerely

Julie Elsey (Miss)

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Stewart Broome

From: Mark Franklin [mailto:mark.franklin@...]
Sent: 08 March 2017 16:12
To: Licensing
Subject: RE: Consultation - Taxi Rank extension Market Street, Ely

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Dear Sirs,

I would support the extension of the taxi rank if taxis are restricted from parking in the other short term parking bays.

As a business owner I frequently come into Ely with the sole purpose of paying cheques in to NatWest Bank.

On the last three occasions, I have been unable to park in Market Street, many of the parking bays being occupied by taxis.

Regards
Mark Franklin

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Stewart Broome

From: Tim Mead | .1
Sent: 09 March 2017 09:15
To: Licensing
Subject: Market Street taxi rank extension

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Whilst I appreciate the requirement for taxis, I could only support this extension if taxis were banned from parking in other short stay spaces on Market street. On a normal weekday, it is common to find several taxis parked in other short stay spaces along the length of the road. It would be inappropriate to add to the taxi rank without also balancing the requirement for short stay spaces for the public. The intent is that the short stay spaces allow people to make a delivery/drop off or a quick trip to the shops/post office. This convenience is an important aspect of drawing people into the town centre and supports the many small businesses around the market street and high street areas.

Regards,

Tim Mead