TITLE: THE SUSPENSION AND SETTING UP OF A TEMPORARY TAXI RANK ON MARKET STREET ELY.

Committee: Licensing Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To inform Members of the suspension and setting up of a temporary taxi rank on Market Street Ely.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

2.1 Members to note this report.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

- 3.1 In October 2014 Mr Andy Moss, Site Agent for Claret Civil Engineering Ltd, contacted the Council's Licensing Department to advise that pre-planned essential repair works to the main sewerage system on Market Street, Ely, opposite the taxi rank would need to be carried out early in 2015. Claret's would be undertaking the work on behalf of Anglian Water and the current taxi rank would need to be closed for the duration of the work.
- 3.2 On 27th November 2014, a site meeting took place on Market Street, to discuss and outline the works and the relocation of the taxi rank. During the meeting, Andy Moss explained that a 5 metre deep excavation was required to facilitate essential repairs to the sewer pipe and the excavation would extend from the pavement to the side of number 28 Market Street (Ely Tandoori) into Market Street opposite the current taxi rank. The taxi rank would need to be closed in order to accommodate the diverted traffic around the excavation. The works could take between 6 to 8 weeks and a number of disabled and parking bays would also need be closed for the period of the works.
- 3.3 The location of a temporary taxi rank was agreed by all parties, which will extend from number 68 to 70 Market Street (Ely Museum to the China Inn restaurant) highlighted on the site plan in green (Appendix 1). This temporary taxi rank will consist of 6 parking spaces for Hackney Carriages to use.
- 3.4 On 23rd December 2014, a further meeting took place at the Council's Offices with Andy Moss, Site Agent for Clarets Civil Engineering Ltd. The Council was advised that an Opening Notice and a Temporary Traffic Order made under a Traffic Management Order had been submitted to County Highways on 19th

December 2014, indicating that works will commence on Market Street on 23rd March until 01st May 2015 and if work is not completed within this time frame, an application for an extension can be made. The pavement, parking and disabled bays adjacent to the excavation will be closed for the duration of the works, therefore the current taxi rank will need to be suspended and a temporary taxi rank established whilst the work is being undertaken.

- 3.5 Cambridgeshire County Highways will place newspaper adverts to alert members of the public and local businesses in advance of the planned Market Street, works. County Highways will also notify Street Works and local Police. Anglian Water may also advertise the proposed works
- 3.6 Clarets Civil Engineering Ltd will erect signs informing members of the public of the works to take place on Market Street. The signs will be placed on Newnham Street and Market Street 11 days prior to the works commencing. Clarets Civil Engineering Ltd and Anglia Water will send letters to the local businesses affected by the works 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the works. Clarets Civil Engineering Ltd will provide signage for the temporary closure of the current taxi rank and the temporary taxi rank.
- 3.7 Letters were sent out to the taxi trade on 7th January 2015 informing them of the proposed work to take place on Market Street, Ely and the suspension of the current taxi rank and the installation and position of the temporary taxi rank on Market Street, Ely. The letter also extends an invitation to attend the Licensing Committee meeting to be held on 21st January 2015 (Appendix 2).
- 3.8 Andy Moss from Clarets Civil Engineering will be available at the meeting to answer questions from both Members and the taxi trade. Representatives from Cambridge County Council Highways and Street Works, Anglian Water, Ely Police have also been invited to attend the Licensing Sub-Committee meeting on 21st January 2015.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 Anglian Water and their contractors have engaged early with the Council to enable information to be disseminated to those who will be affected by the essential repair to the sewer that needs to be undertaken.
- 4.2 It is the responsibility of Anglian Water and their contractors to obtain the required Temporary Traffic Order, post the advert in a local paper, provide the appropriate signage in relation to the above works.

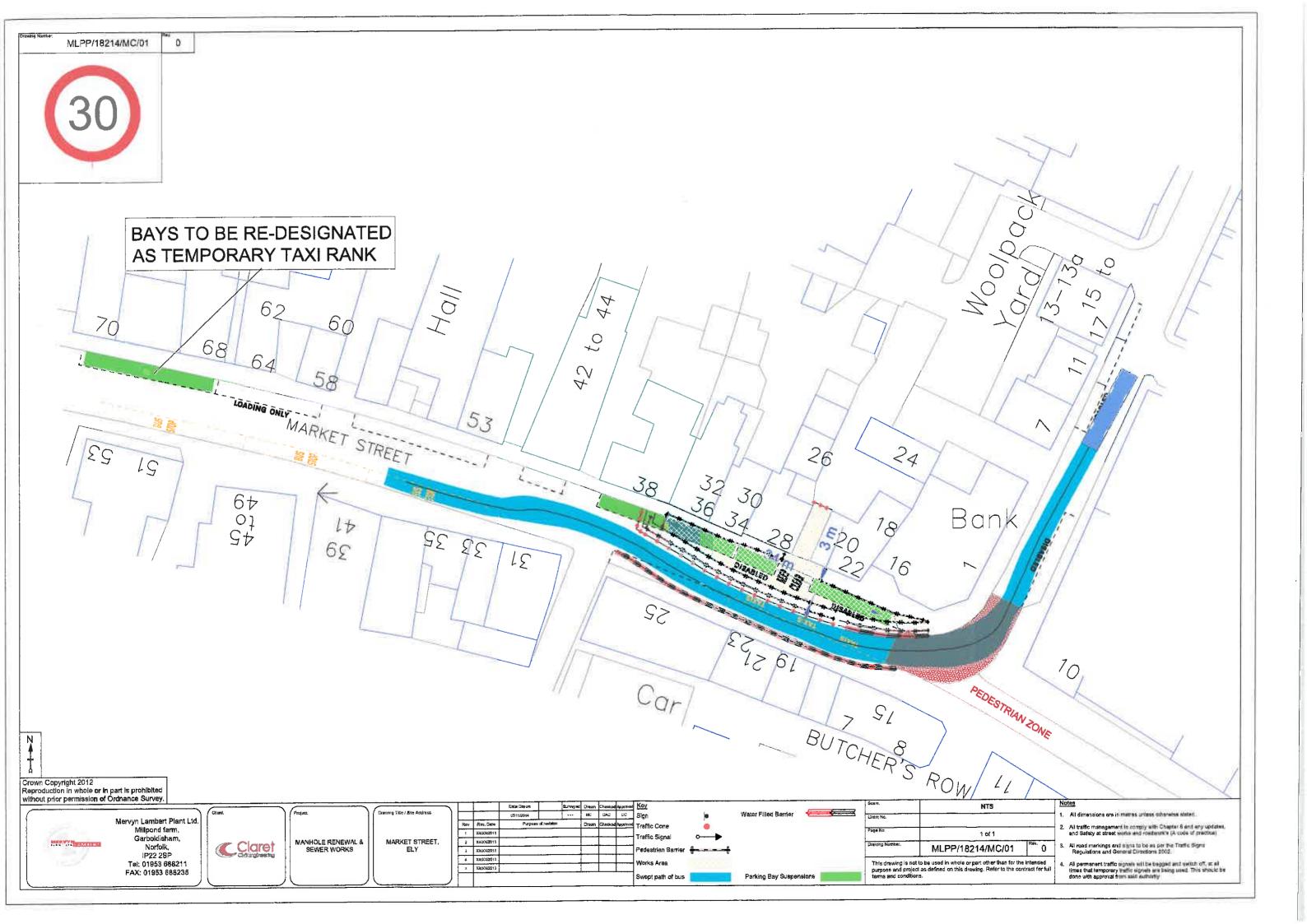
5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 There is no financial impact on East Cambridgeshire District Council as all costs for the Temporary Traffic Order, works, advertising and signage will be met in full by Anglia Water.
- 5.2 Equality Impact Assessment (INRA) not required

6.0 <u>APPENDICES</u>

- 6.1 Appendix 1 Site Plan
- 6.2 Appendix 2 Letter to taxi trade.

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7th December 2014

Dear Sir/Madam

The Suspension of and Setting up a Temporary Taxi Rank on Market Street, Ely.

In October 2014 Mr Andy Moss Site Agent for Claret Civil Engineering Ltd contacted the Council's Licensing Department to advise that pre-planned essential repair works to the main sewerage system on Market Street, Ely. Claret's would be undertaking the work on behalf of Anglia Water and the current taxi rank would need to be closed for the duration of the work.

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The works will commence on Market Street on 23rd March until 01st May 2015 if work is not completed within this time frame an application for an extension can be made.

The location of a temporary taxi rank will extend from number 68 to 70 Market Street (Ely Museum to the China Inn restaurant). This temporary taxi rank will consist of 6 parking spaces for Hackney Carriages to use.

Andy Moss from Clarets Civil Engineering will be attending the Licensing Committee meeting on 21st January to answer questions from both Members and the taxi trade. Representatives from Cambridge County Council Highways, Street Works, Anglia Water and Ely Police have also been invited to attend the meeting.

We would urge you to attend the Licensing committee meeting on Wednesday 21st January 2015 at 10.00 am it will be held in the Council Chamber at the Council offices on Nutholt Lane. This will provide you with an opportunity to put forward any questions you may have regarding the temporary works. If you wish to attend the meeting, please contact the Licensing Department on 01353 616343 to reserve your place to ensure the meeting can start on time please report to reception before 10.00am



Please note that parking is limited to 30 minutes in the Council visitors' car park and there are no on-site parking facilities available. Adequate time should be allowed to find parking prior to arriving at the Council reception.

Yours Sincerely

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