

**REPORT TO THE PERSONNEL, LICENSING
AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

Report No. 10

Date of Meeting	2 ND July 2007
Title of Report	Proposal for an Extension to the Existing Taxi Feeder Rank on New Road, Chippenham
Link to Corporate Priorities	To safeguard and enhance the assets and resources of North Wiltshire and the wider community.
Public Report	YES

Summary of Report

To advise the Committee of a proposal for an extension to the Hackney Carriage Feeder Rank on New Road in Chippenham.

Officer Recommendations

That:

- Approval be given to the proposal for the extension of the Feeder Rank on New Road in Chippenham from the current three vehicle provision to five vehicles.
- The amendment to the Feeder rank be advertised as required.
- Provided no objections are received, the Legal Services Team Leader be authorised to amend or replace the current Order to implement the proposal.
- There be liaison with Wiltshire County Council for the remarking of the Feeder Rank.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee is asked to consider the proposal for the extension of the Hackney Carriage Feeder Rank on New Road in Chippenham.
- 1.2 The Committee are asked to agree the advertisement of the amendment as part of a consultation process with the public of North Wiltshire.

2. Options and Options Appraisal

- 2.1 In considering the proposal the Committee has a number of options:
 - 2.1.1 Agree to the proposal being taken forward.
 - 2.1.2 Not agree to the proposal.
 - 2.1.3 Consider a variation to the proposal.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 Since September 2006, discussions have been carried out with Wiltshire County Council with regard to the lack of rank space in Chippenham for Hackney Carriages and the possibility of moving the Feeder Rank or extending the existing Feeder Rank on New Road.
- 3.2 On the 3rd October 2006, a site meeting was carried out on Monkton Hill and New Road to consider options for the relocation or the extension of the existing Feeder Rank on New Road.
- 3.3 On the 9th October 2006, a letter was received from Wiltshire County Council detailing the agreement and options for consideration with regard to changes to the Feeder Rank. (See Appendix 1).
- 3.4 Running parallel with these discussions from March 2006, a proposal for a further evening Hackney Carriage Stand opposite the existing 24 hour stand on The Bridge, Chippenham had been going through Committee. However, in January 2007, due to objections received, this previously agreed proposal was rescinded.
- 3.5 Therefore, in April 2007, 300 members of the taxi trade were consulted and asked for their preferred option in relation to the Feeder Rank in Chippenham. Out of those 300 members, 10 replied as follows:

Option 1 – Extension to the existing Feeder Rank to officially accommodate 5 vehicles rather than 3. – **5 responses in favour**

Option 2 – Relocation of the Feeder Rank to Monkton Hill. However, this would only accommodate 4 vehicles officially. – **1 response in favour**

Option 3 – Feeder Ranks operational on Monkton Hill and New Road. – **4 responses in favour**

- 3.6 Option 1 is therefore the option being presented for consideration.
- 3.7 This provision will not affect any loading or unloading access on this part of the highway

- 3.8 If this option is agreed by Committee, it will be advertised for public consultation by mid July for a period of 28 days.
- 3.9 Subject to no objections, the Order made under Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 will be amended (Appendix 2) and Wiltshire County Council notified for remarking of the Rank.
- 3.10 Should objections be received, this matter will be brought back to Committee for further consideration.

4 Financial Implication

- 4.1 The cost of advertising and marking out of the Feeder Rank will be approximately £1000 and can be met from this year's budget.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appendix 1 – letter of confirmation of meeting and agreed proposals for consideration form Wiltshire County Council • Appendix 2 – Current legal Order in place for the Feeder Rank, Chippenham
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from Wiltshire County Council • Legal Order

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
None		

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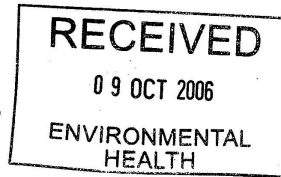
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Please ask for : Mr. P.G. Harris

Our ref : PGH/LMG/T/CHIP

Your ref :

6 October 2006

Dear Jo,

Taxi Feeder Ranks - Chippenham

I refer to our meeting following Mrs. Heal's letter to you of 21st September, 2006.

I think it is useful to remember the parameters under which the provision of any parking on the highway has to be considered. The highway is for the passage and re-passage of vehicles and pedestrians. Visibility for vehicles emerging from accesses or side roads also needs to be taken into consideration.

Another factor to consider is that many of the taxis are now of the "van" body proportions. These have a greater impact on the obstruction of visibility than saloon cars. It has to be assumed that one of these vehicles could be at the front or rear of the rank.

Having taken the above into consideration, there is, as we agreed on site, scope to increase slightly the feeder rank on New Road. A length of 27m would permit the five vehicles we noted on site.

We also looked at a potential rank on Monkton Hill. Taking into account the pedestrian crossing points, the vehicle access points and the current parking on the opposite side of Monkton Hill, it is considered that a 3 + 1 feeder bay could be permitted.

The position of both of these ranks is shown on the attached plan.

However, I would have concerns over how two feeder ranks could serve the existing rank on The Bridge. This would be a matter for the "trade" and they would have to ensure an "operational agreement" was in place and observed. Any "concurrent dual feeding" that resulted in taxis interfering with the safe operation of the pedestrian crossing would result in one of the feeder ranks having to be removed. It would, therefore, be in the trade's own interest to ensure a safe operation.

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If you wish to take either or both of these forward, then there is the formal legal process to be undertaken.

I hope the above is a summary of our site discussions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P.G. Harris". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

P.G. Harris
Traffic Engineer

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Schedule of Taxi Feeder Ranks
New Road/Monkton Hill, Chippenham

New Road
North east side

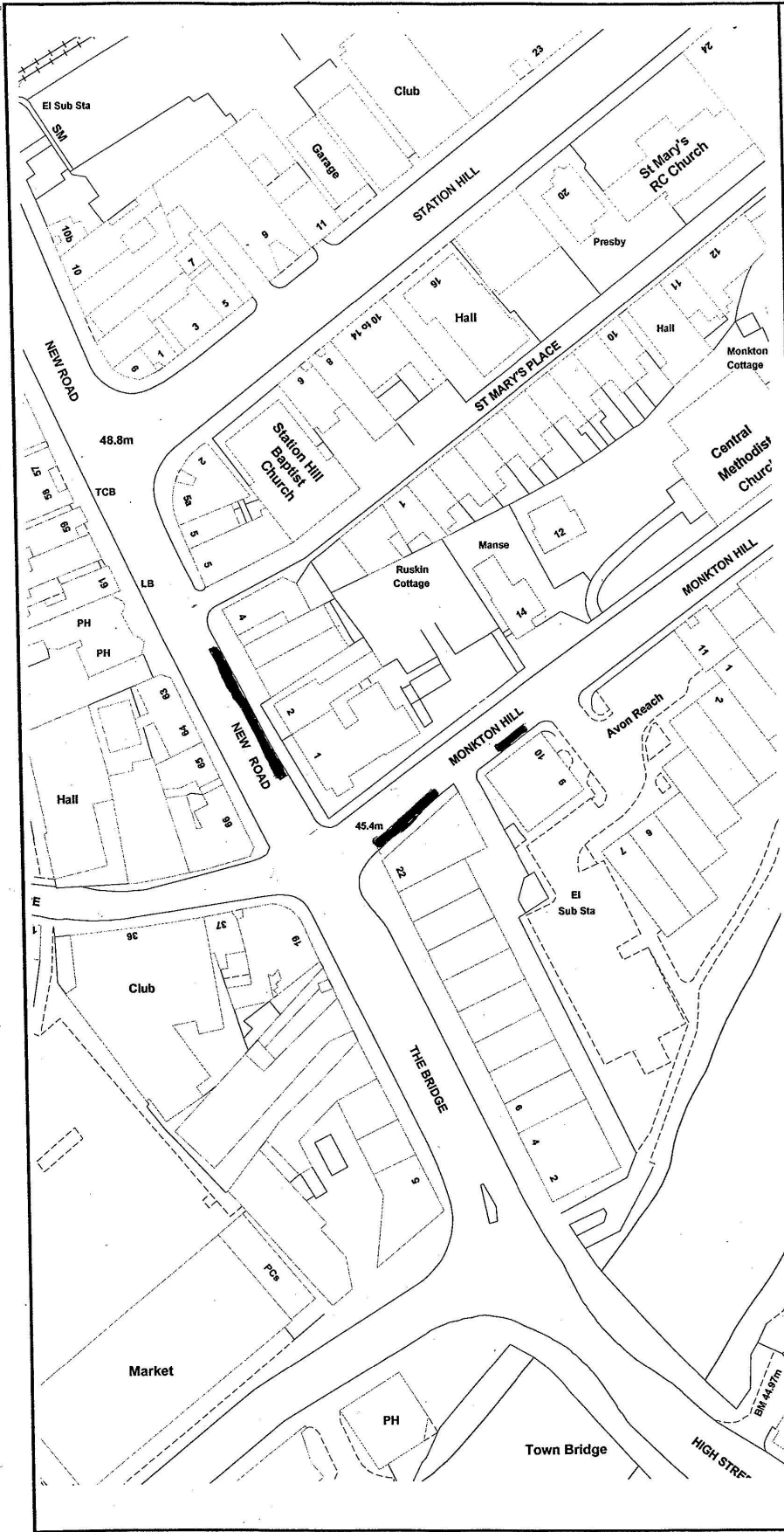
From a point 11 metres north west of the south east boundary wall of the curtilage of No 1 New Road to a point 8 metres south east of the centre line of the junction of St Mary's Place.


Monkton Hill
South east side

From a point 0.5 metres north east of the frontage of No 22 The Bridge to a point 15.5 metres north east of that frontage.

From a point 29 metres north east of the frontage of No 22 The Bridge to a point 35 metres north east of that frontage.

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NOTES:
 Possible Location For Feeder Ranks

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PROJECT:
Taxi Feeder Ranks

DRAWING TITLE:
Suggestion for New Road And Monkton Hill

SCALE:	1:1000
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NORTH WILTSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

**North Wiltshire District Council Hackney Stand
(New Road, Chippenham) Order 2006**

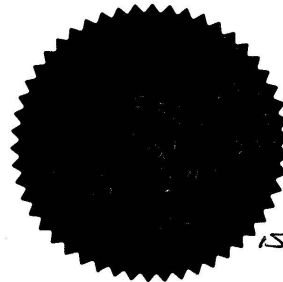
This Order is made pursuant to Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 ("The Act") to appoint a Hackney Carriage Stand at the location shown on the attached plan.

The Chief Constable of Police and the Highways Authority have been consulted pursuant to Section 63(2) and 63(3) of the Act.

In accordance with the powers conferred under Section 63 of the Act, the North Wiltshire District Council makes the following Order:

1. The section of the highway at New Road, Chippenham, Wiltshire shown shaded blue on the plan attached to this Order shall be designated as a Hackney Carriage Stand at all times.
2. Use of the section of Highway referred to in paragraph 1 above by any other vehicle other than a licensed hackney carriage shall be an offence pursuant to section 64 of the Act.
3. The Hackney Carriage Stand detailed in this Order shall come into effect on the date of this Order.

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North Wiltshire District Council
Was hereunto affixed in the presence of

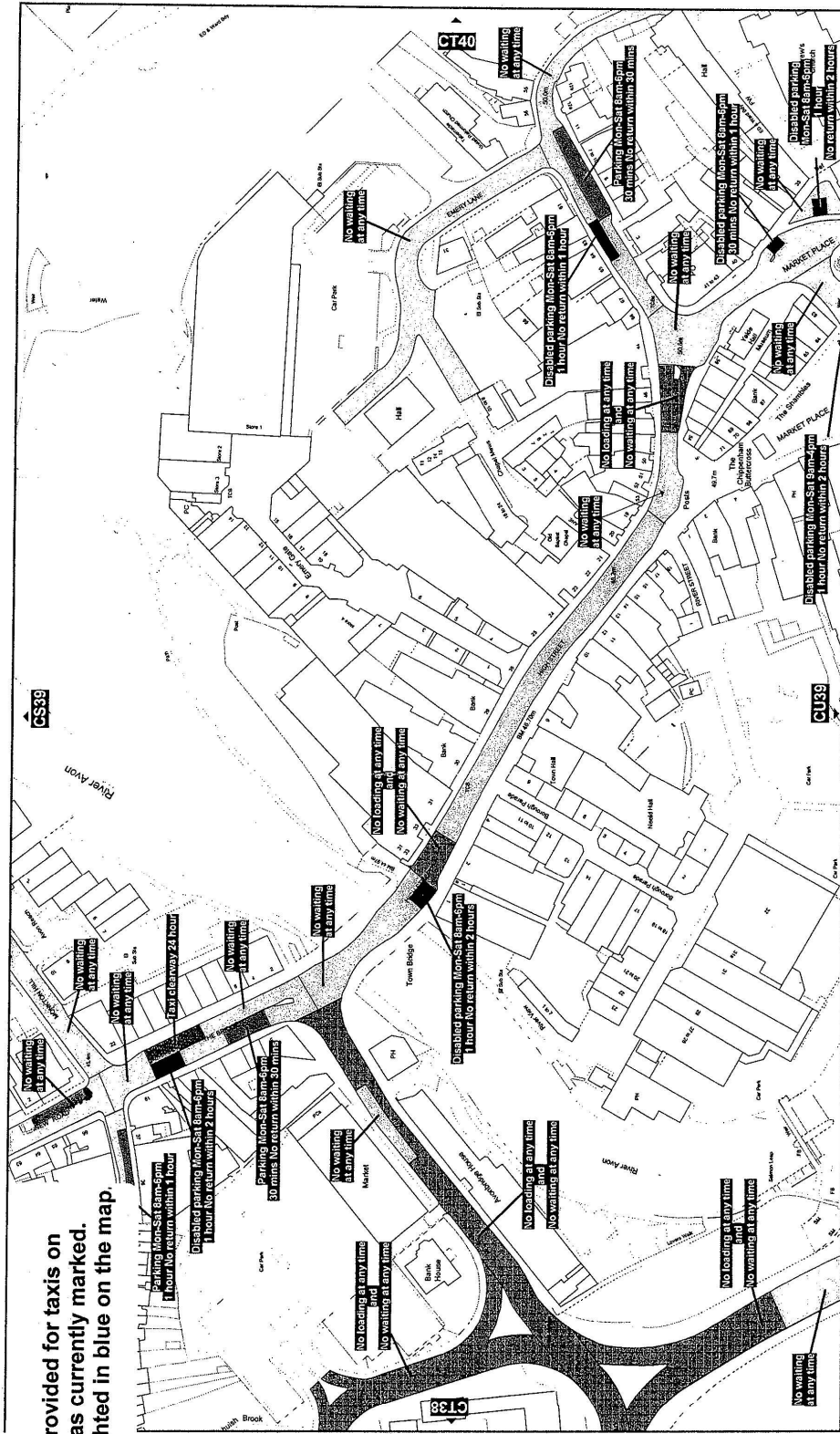


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P Jeremiah Solicitor to the Council

Dated: 1st September 2006

3 spaces provided for taxis on New Road as currently marked. Area highlighted in blue on the map.



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<p>The County of Wiltshire (Chippenham and Chippenham Without in the District of North Wilts) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2006</p>		<p>Key to Restriction Types Displayed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No loading at any time No waiting at any time Disabled parking Parking Taxi clearway
<p>Wiltshire COUNTY COUNCIL Director of Environmental Services Chippenham Trowbridge Wiltshire BA14 8JD</p>		