

Agenda Item 8

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Report

Report subject : Public Objection to the proposed adoption of new taxi rank stands in Salisbury Street, Amesbury

Report to : Northern Area Committee

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1. Report Summary:

To consider an objection made by Mr. Michael Bealing, The Red House, Park House Cross, Cholderton to the proposed adoption of the new taxi rank stands in Salisbury Street, Amesbury.

2. Report:

- It was a condition of the planning application (S/2001/2177) for the new COOP store in Amesbury that the existing taxi rank be moved to a location convenient to the new store.
- This work was included in the Wiltshire County Council Salisbury Street, Amesbury enhancement scheme. After extensive consultation it was proposed to introduce a new rank for approximately 6 taxis on the south side of Salisbury Street outside of Logan Homecare and to retain 2 spaces on the existing taxi rank on the north side of Salisbury Street outside the old COOP store.
- As part of Salisbury District Council's legal obligations to adopt new taxi ranks, the proposed new taxi ranks were advertised in the Journal newspaper on Thursday 18th January 2007, giving members of the public 28 days to object to the proposal.
- On the 22nd January 2007, an objection was received from Mr. Bealing. He stated "I object to this proposal on the grounds of the loss of parking spaces for the general public within Salisbury Street, Amesbury. Any new Hackney Carriage stands should be placed in addition to the existing level of parking for the general public and disabled spaces". When contacted Mr. Bealing qualified his objection by indicating that he wants to be able to park right outside the shops and that it's too far to walk from the COOP. He has objected due to the loss of 9 car parking spaces and the number of spaces allocated for taxis.

3. Consultation Undertaken:

Consultation has taken place with Wiltshire County Council, the local police, the taxi trade and a series of local public workshops and consultation exercises have taken place.



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4. Recommendation(s):

For Mr. Bealing's objection to be considered in relation to the adoption of the new taxi rank stands.

5. Background Papers:

- Letters to Wiltshire County Council and local Police.
- Original advertisement.
- E-mail containing details of objection.

6. Implications:

- **Financial:** none
- **Legal:** Section 63 Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 dictates that a District Council wishing to appoint a taxi rank must seek the consent of the Highways Authority and Chief Officer of Police. They must also advertise the proposal in one local newspaper giving 28 days for objection to be made and shall take into consideration any objections or representations received.
- **Human Rights:** The Human Rights implications have been considered and any interference is justified.
- **Personnel:** none
- **Community Safety:** none
- **Environmental:** none
- **Council's Core Values:** Providing a flexible and responsive service by consultation, fairness and equality.
- **Wards Affected:** Amesbury