
Report To:	General Purposes Board	Date:	8 August 2018
Report By:	Head of Legal and Property Services	Report No:	LP/075/18
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Subject:	Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 Appointment and Revocation of Taxi Stance Cathcart Street / Bank Street, Greenock		

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to request the Board to consider relocation of the taxi stance at Bank Street, Greenock to Cathcart Street, Greenock to facilitate an improved traffic management area and workable stance servicing this part of the town centre.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 The Head of Environmental and Public Protection proposes to remove the “no waiting at any time” restrictions at the entrance and exit to the Cathcart Street West Car Park freeing up additional car parking spaces on Cathcart Street itself. The additional space will provide a taxi stance for up to 3 taxis.
- 2.2 Currently, taxis wait outside Lithgows Public House creating an unofficial taxi stance at this site. It is proposed to appoint a 20m stance for 3 taxis at Cathcart Street facing westwards on the south side of Cathcart Street commencing 15m west of the eastern boundary of 96 Cathcart Street.
- 2.3 The existing stance at Bank Street appears not to be active and the proposal is to revoke this stance. The Bank Street stance is a 10m stance for 2 taxis facing northwards on the west side of Bank Street commencing 31m south of the extended south kerblines of Cathcart Street. The removal of this stance will allow additional free parking spaces with no time limit on Bank Street.
- 2.4 Section 19 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 requires the Licensing Authority to consult with the Chief Constable, organisations or persons as representative of taxi operators within their area and to advertise the proposals in a local newspaper. This consultation and advert has been carried out with no adverse comments. One favourable response was received a copy of which forms **Appendix 1** to this report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 The Board are asked to agree the proposals outlined to revoke the Bank Street, Greenock taxi stance for 2 taxis and appoint a new stance for 3 taxis at Cathcart Street, Greenock

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The required legislation procedures have been carried out within the timescales provided prior to consideration by Members.
- 4.2 If the Board agree to the proposals, the changes will not take effect until 2019 following the necessary Orders being implemented by the Head of Environmental and Public Protection.

5.0 IMPLICATIONS

Finance

- 5.1 There are no financial implications.

Legal

- 5.2 There are no legal implications.

Human Resources

- 5.3 There are no Human Resources implications.

Equalities

- 5.4 There are no equalities implications.

Repopulation

- 5.5 There are no repopulation implications.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 Consultations have been undertaken with Police Scotland, taxi operators and companies, the responses of which are included within this report.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None

From: Stephen Mcdade [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 May 2018 14:13
To: Roads
Subject: cathcart street taxi rank

FAO Elaine Provan

in regards to your letter re the taxi rank at Cathcart Street. I would be very much in favour of the proposed revisions to move the official taxi rank to Cathcart Street from Bank St. I would also like to see parking bays at Clyde Square next to the Municipal Buildings.

Kind regards Stephen Mcdade plate no 162

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.