

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

LICENSING & APPEALS COMMITTEE

3 April 2006

Report of the Chief Solicitor

Part 1- Public

Delegated

2 DESIGNATION OF NEW TAXI RANK IN BARDEN ROAD, TONBRIDGE

Executive summary

To report the creation of an additional taxi rank in Barden Road, Tonbridge, and to seek authorisation for it to be included within the Council's ranks regulations.

2.1 Additional taxi rank

2.1.1 As part of the Tonbridge Local Parking Plan, launched in 2004, an extensive series of surveys were carried out. When the results were analysed there was support for a suggestion that a new taxi at the back of the station in Barden Road would be welcomed, as this was a regular pick up point and would help to relieve pressure on the Waterloo Road rank. There followed a public consultation exercise in February 2005, which demonstrated public support for the proposal. As a result, the provision of the additional taxi rank was included in the approved Tonbridge Local Parking Plan

2.2 Process

2.2.1 Taxi ranks in the Borough are designated by regulations made by the Council under section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. The proposal to make the regulations has to be advertised for public consultation. If there were to be objections the matter would have to be determined by the committee. The current regulations were made in August 2004 and cover all of the present ranks in the Borough, as follows:

Tonbridge:	Waterloo Road	At all times
	Station Forecourt	At all times (permits required)
	Angel Lane	At all times
	High Street (Bus Stop)	1930 to 0200 any day
West Malling:	Station Approach	At all times (permits required)
	High Street	At all times
Borough Green:	Railway Station	At all times (permits required)

2.2.2 These regulations would need to be amended to add the new rank, if approved.

2.3 Legal Implications

2.3.1 None

2.4 Financial and Value for Money Considerations

2.4.1 Not applicable

2.5 Risk Assessment

2.5.1 Not applicable

2.6 Recommendations

2.6.1 It is **recommended** that:

- 1) The proposal to create an additional taxi rank in Barden Road, Tonbridge, be supported;
- 2) The Chief Solicitor be authorised to conduct the public consultation process and, if there are no objections, to make the necessary regulations.

Background papers:

The Borough of Tonbridge and Malling (Taxi Ranks)
Regulations 2004

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