



REPORT FROM ENTERPRISE, TOURISM & THE ENVIRONMENT TRANSPORT POLICY AND PROGRAMMES

2. Recommendation

- The Council agrees to the changes submitted to allow more integration between Bus and Taxi, which will encourage the connectivity between Victoria Station and the Travel centre.
- The extension of taxi ranks to encourage use by revellers from night life and clubs
- Addition of a mid Town centre bus stop
- Additional 3 car Taxi rank to be located in the Bus bay at Queensway (rear of Sainsburys)

2.1 Chichester Road, Southend on Sea

As a result of changes to bus movements and the transfer of bus stop locations to Victoria station it has been requested that a new mid town centre bus stop be positioned at Warrior Square.

After consultation and agreement with the taxi company representative it is recommended that the present taxi rank located on Chichester Road east side north of Warrior Square east should be removed and a bus stop put in its place.

A current agreement of use exists for constructed bus stop bays which allow, the use of taxis between Midnight and 4am bus stop locations stopping points for

2.2 Clifftown Road, Southend on Sea

The current taxi rank is located 20 metres west of Southend High Street and has provision for 2 cars. Recently the bus operators have identified that due to the location of the bus stop in relation to the canopy of Ravens store leaves them open to possible accident damage and a third party claim.

Additionally the Ravens Store manager and owner has expressed his concern of the potential hazard in relation to his store and the inconvenience of passengers waiting in the entrance to the store causing a problem for his customers.

It was therefore requested and agreed with the taxi company representative that the safety to pedestrians and passengers was paramount. The taxi bay should after consideration by members be relocated to the east of the bus stop which would then allow the bus stop to be sited west away from the area outside Ravens store. Additionally that to ensure connectivity to the Travel centre for both the station and high street the area would be encouraged to provide a greater number of cars.

2.3 Tylers Avenue, Southend on Sea (20 metres east of High Street)

The NightLife group have requested assistance to encourage disbursement and by revellers. The taxi companies are happy to assist in this matter but have requested an increase in car provision at town centre sites. It has been suggested that the current site be increased from the present 4-car bay to six.

2.4 Tylers Avenue, Southend on Sea (opposite Dencora House)

Timing changes are requested on this rank to improve co-operation and integration between bus and taxi companies.

2.5 Queensway Bus bay, New taxi Rank (rear of Sainsburys)

In line with the policy shown above it is requested that a new 3-car taxi rank be provided at the above site to encourage integration and availability. This would provide access by the public to out of town services that use the bus bay. As a 24hr rank it would work with the other public transport modes.

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