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Dear Councillor

LICENSING SUB-COMMITTEE C - WEDNESDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2019

Please find enclosed, for consideration at the next meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee C taking place on Wednesday, 26th June, 2019, the following report(s) that were unavailable when the agenda was printed.

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Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Report of Deputy Chief Executive for Place
To
Licensing Committee C
On
26th June 2019

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Revocation and Installation of Taxi Stand outside Southend Hospital

Chair Licensing Committee C: Councillor Helen McDonald

“A Part 1 Public Agenda item.”

1. Purpose of Report

To initiate the statutory consultation on the revocation of the two taxi stands outside Southend Hospital on Prittlewell Chase and install a single taxi stand on Prittlewell Chase. The new taxi stand will be of equal capacity as the two stands proposed for revocation. The purpose of the revocation and re-installation of a new rank is to enable the bus stops outside the Hospital to be moved to the most western Hospital entrance on Prittlewell Chase, allowing users of the Hospital to mount and dismount from the buses safely at busy times.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Licensing Committee enables the statutory consultation process to commence on the revocation of the two existing taxi stands on Prittlewell Chase and the installation of one taxi stand on Prittlewell Chase which extends from the end of the zebra crossing zig zags opposite numbers 218 – 220 Prittlewell Chase heading eastwards for a distance of 78m.

3. Background

Due to current building work a total of 60 public spaces in the Hospital car park have been occupied by work compounds. All spaces will gradually be returned to the public by first October 2019.

The hospital are currently developing a business case for capital funding to complete a ring road within hospital grounds, reducing the volume of traffic queuing for a space on the highway. If successful, it is anticipated that this will be completed early in 2020.

There two busiest times for car park queuing are on Monday to Fridays from around 08.30 – 11.00 and from 13.00 – 15.00. The queues are from cars trying to enter entrance 4 (eastern entrance).

There are currently three separate bus stops outside Southend Hospital which are based on direction of travel and frequency of use. During the busy times the buses are unable to stop at the designated stops and passengers have to mount and dismount the buses in the outside lane into the traffic because of cars queuing on the bus stops when waiting to enter the hospital grounds.

In between the bus stops there is one taxi stand on Prittlewell Chase this rank is both a feeder rank to the private taxi stand, which is situated inside the Southend Hospital grounds, and a public stand.

To alleviate the congestion, and to reduce the risk to passengers, it is proposed to relocate the bus stops further west on Prittlewell Chase. It is also proposed that the two existing taxi stands are revoked and that they be replaced by one taxi rank, of equal length to the current provision, and moved closer to the hospital entrance.

This arrangement will be implemented through a temporary traffic order which will be in place for a period of 18 months. The temporary traffic order will be reviewed after that time and either revert back to the original layout or become a permanent arrangement.

Appendix 1 shows the current location of the bus stops and the taxi stands on Prittlewell Chase.

Appendix 2 shows the proposed location of the bus stops and the taxi stand on Prittlewell Chase.

4. Other Options

Do nothing.

Other options reviewed included the installation of a bus lane along Prittlewell Chase, cutting into the grass verge, creating new bus stops and signalised traffic management.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

To improve the safety of passengers using buses to access the services at the hospital and to reduce the risk to public safety.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map

The Council's outcome delivery plan is to be connected and smart and intends to establish joined up transport across the town. Consultation following requests made by the bus companies has identified the new location for the bus stops.

The re-siting of the taxi stand will enable all drivers to sit on one stand, so that those that are permitted, to can filter vehicles onto the private stand within the hospital grounds. The accessibility of taxis forms part of the strategy for supporting access for residents to hospital services.

6.2 Financial Implications

The cost of the installation of the taxi stand at the Hospital will be met by revenue accounts.

6.3 Legal Implications

The provisions for revoking and installing taxi stands for hackney carriage vehicles are contained in the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 63.

6.4 People Implications

None

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

There is a statutory consultation process required by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

To be completed as part of the formal consultation process.

6.8 Risk Assessment

Failure to implement the changes to the location of the bus stops and taxi stands will result in continued difficulties with congestion from buses unloading in the outside lane at this site. It may also increase the likelihood of a passenger accident when boarding or dismounting the buses inside the current traffic queues.

6.9 Value for Money

The option selected was a solution which could be undertaken relatively quickly with low impact to pedestrians and motorists. All other options considered would cost a significant amount of money with little or no budget to cover it.

6.10 Community Safety Implications

The proposed arrangement reduces the risk to public safety.

6.11 Environmental Impact

None

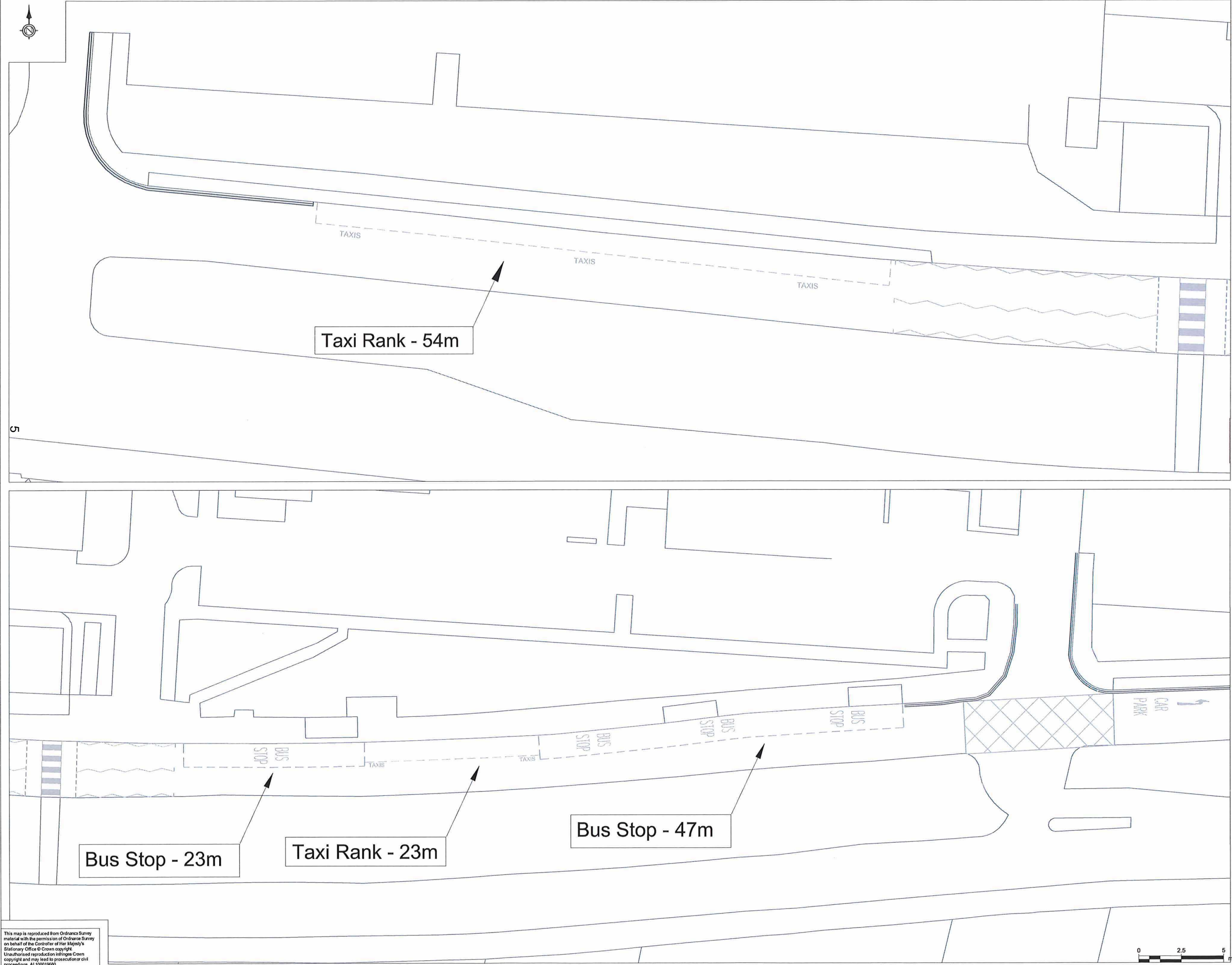
6. Background Papers

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8. Appendices

Appendix 1: Existing bus stop and taxi stand locations

Appendix 2: Proposed bus stop and taxi stand locations.



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Taxi Stand at Lucy Road

Chair Licensing Committee C: Councillor Helen McDonald

A Part 1 Public Agenda item.

1. Purpose of Report

To initiate the statutory consultation on the introduction of a taxi stand at Lucy Road, the hours of operation being restricted to the time of greatest use between 10pm and 9am daily. The taxi stand shall operate as a shared space with pay and display parking bays between 9am and 6pm.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Licensing Committee endorse the decision of the Cabinet Committee meetings of 9 March 2017 and 2nd November 2017 enabling the statutory consultation process to commence for the introduction of a taxi stand in Lucy Road. The taxi stand in Lucy Road to be on the northern kerbline from a point 19 metres east of its junction with Herbert Grove to a point 38 metres west of its junction with Seaway (southern section), the hours of operation of which to be 10.00 p.m. until 9.00 a.m.

3. Background

A request was received from the seafront traders to increase parking provision in the seafront area. The area that was considered was Lucy Road.

Cabinet Committee (Minutes 844 of its meeting held on 9th March 2017) proposed that the taxi stand in Lucy be amended to be a shared space to enable the introduction of pay and display parking from 9.00am to 6.00pm daily and a hackney carriage stand at all other times. This decision was subject to a statutory consultation.

The taxi stand marked in Lucy Road had been removed in 2006 (Minute 1121 of the meeting of the Licensing Sub-Committee C held on 13 February 2006 refers) but was still being used as a pick up point for taxis, and there are still markings to that effect.

The Traffic and Parking Working Party considered the representations received and the Cabinet Committee, having considered the working parties views made the following decision (Minute 433 of its meeting held on 2nd November 2017)

- Expedite the commencement of the statutory consultation process and necessary arrangements for the introduction of a taxi stand in Lucy Road.
- The hours of operation of the taxi stand be between 10.00pm to 9.00am.

The location of the proposed taxi stand is detailed in Appendix 1.

4. Other Options

None, this is an instruction from Cabinet.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

To maximise the use of this area through sharing the taxi stand space between 'pay and display' parking bays between 9.00am and 6.00pm and to patrons of the clubs in Lucy Road to be able to disperse safely and in an organised way through the availability of taxis between 10pm and 9am.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map

The adoption of better managed vehicle parking forms part of the Council's Transport Strategy. The Southend Area Action Plan's objectives includes improving the provision for taxis to support that access, especially at night.

The installation of a taxi stand in an area where there is a thriving night time economy supports the connected and smart outcome of making it easier for people to get around the Borough.

Safe transport from night time activities may contribute to the feeling of safety for individuals in the town.

6.2 Financial Implications

The installation of the taxi stand at Lucy Road will be met by revenue account.

6.3 Legal Implications

Cabinet Committee (Minute 844 of its meeting held on 9 March 2017) resolved that subject to approval by the Council's Licensing Committee that the shared space be adopted for 'pay and display' and a taxi stand.

Cabinet Committee (Minute 433 of its meeting held on 2nd November 2017) resolved that, in consultation with the Chairman of the Licensing Committee, the statutory consultation process commence for the introduction of a taxi stand in Lucy Road, the hours of operation of which to be 10.00pm and 9.00am.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 63 allows the authority to appoint a stand for hackney carriages.

6.4 People Implications

None

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

There is a statutory consultation process required by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This process will be followed.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

To be completed as part of the formal consultation process.

6.8 Risk Assessment

The implementation of this taxi stand is a small part of the transportation strategy and objectives and poses a low risk to the achievement of the smart and connected agenda. However, the provision of additional areas where patrons can obtain taxis at night may increase their feeling of safety.

6.9 Value for Money

The use of the taxi stand as shared space maximises the revenue from 'pay and display' during the day time operation of the parking bays.

6.10 Community Safety Implications

The provision of taxis in this area during the night supports the safe egress for patrons of the clubs in this area.

6.11 Environmental Impact

None

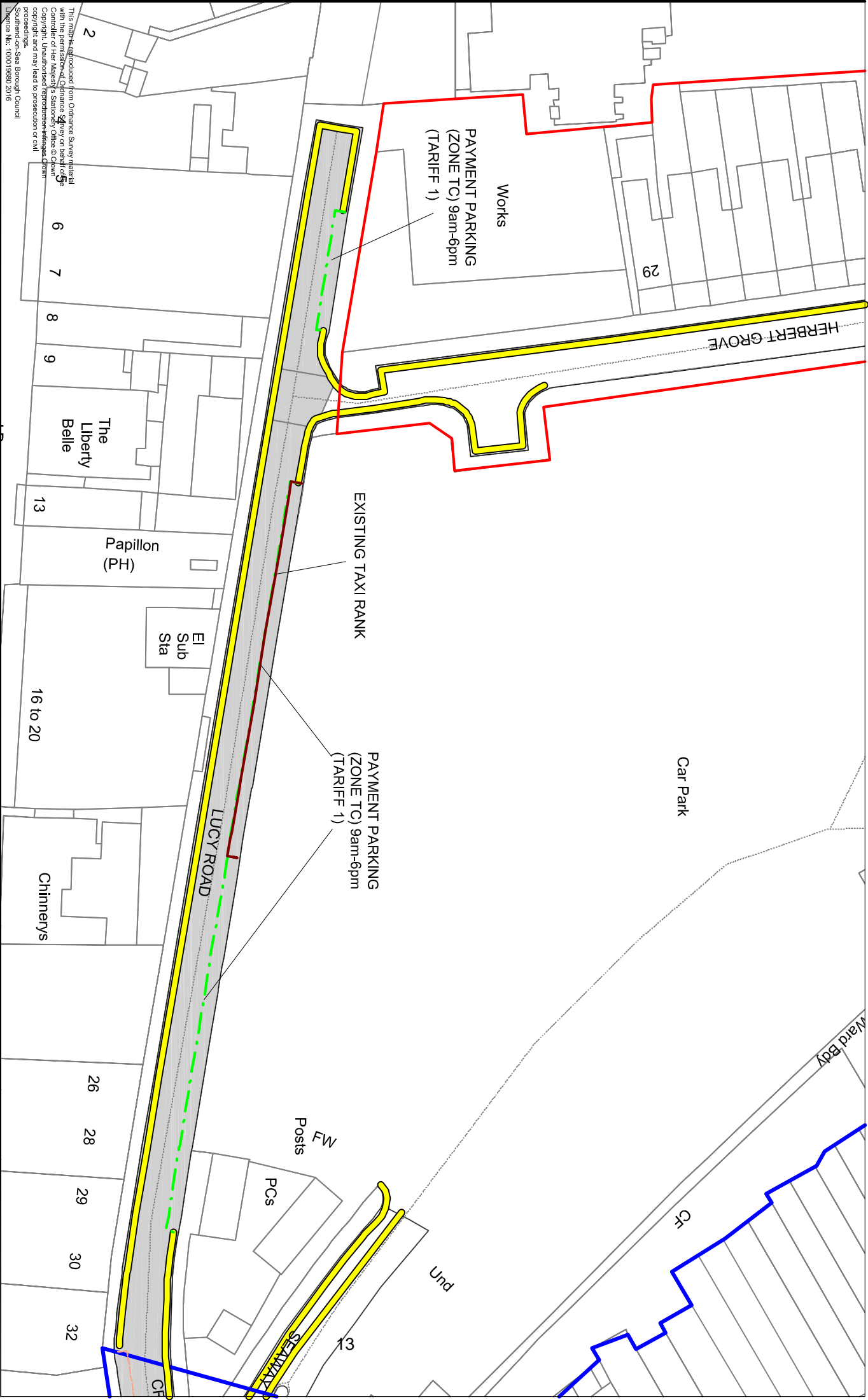
7. Background Papers

1. Traffic and Parking Working Party and Cabinet Committee 9 March 2017
2. Minute 844 of 2nd November 2017
3. Minutes 1121 of the Licensing Sub-Committee C 13th February 2006
4. Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads)(Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Unloading Prohibitions and Restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zones) (Consolidation) Order 2016 (Amendment No. 18) Order 2017

8. Appendices

Appendix 1: Proposed location of taxi stand in Lucy Road

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The Southend-on-Sea Borough Council (Various Roads) (Stopping, Waiting, Loading and Unloading prohibitions and restrictions, Parking Places and Permit Parking Zones) (Consolidation) Order 2016

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