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SOUTHEND-ON-SEA BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Licensing Sub-Committee C

Date: Thursday, 4th June, 2020

Time: 2.00 pm

Place: Virtual Meeting via MS Teams

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AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence**
- 2 Declarations of Interest**
- 3 Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 13th February, 2020**
- 4 Revocation and Installation of Taxi Stands in London Road, Southend-on-Sea (Pages 3 - 8)**

TO: The Chairman & Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee C:
Councillor H McDonald (Chair)
Councillors S Habermel (Vice-Chair), M Borton, A Dear, D McGlone, I Shead,
A Thompson and N Ward

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Meeting of Licensing Sub-Committee C

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Place: Committee Room 2 - Civic Suite

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Present: Councillor H McDonald (Chair)
Councillors S Habermel (Vice-Chair), M Borton, A Dear, D McGlone
and A Thompson

In Attendance: A Penn, T Byrne, T Row and J Smith

Start/End Time: 4.30 pm - 5.00 pm

801 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Shead and Ward.

802 Declarations of Interest

The following interests were declared at the meeting:

(a) Councillor Borton – Agenda Item No. 4 (Revocation and Installation of Taxi Stand outside Southend Hospital) – Non-pecuniary interest: Uses bus stop at the hospital; and

(b) Councillor Habermel – Agenda Item No. 4 (Revocation and Installation of Taxi Stand outside Southend Hospital) – Non-pecuniary interest: Family member works at the hospital.

803 Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, 8th November, 2019

Resolved:-

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, 8th November 2019 be received, confirmed as a correct record and signed.

804 Revocation and Installation of Taxi Stand outside Southend Hospital

The Sub Committee considered a report of the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) that sought approval to undertake the statutory consultation on the following:

- the revocation of the taxi stands on the eastbound carriageway of Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff-on-Sea outside Southend Hospital; and
- the appointment of a new taxi stand on the westbound carriageway of Prittlewell Chase, Westcliff-on-Sea at the locations illustrated in the plan attached to the submitted report. The hours of the new stand would be from 8.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. daily.

Plans illustrating the proposals were displayed at the meeting.

The Sub Committee noted that amendments to the existing traffic regulation orders would also be required to enable the taxi rank to be appointed. The statutory consultation for the amendments to these orders would therefore be undertaken at the same time. Any objections received in respect of the traffic regulation order would be included as a representation to the appointment of the taxi stand,

Resolved:-

1. That the taxi stand on the eastbound carriageway of 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 be removed.

2. That a replacement stand be appointed on the westbound carriageway of Prittlewell Chase to be split into 5 sections to allow access to residential properties via drop kerbs as follows:

(i) From a point 6.7 metres west of the common boundary of Nos.184 and 186 Prittlewell Chase to a point 7.8 metres west of the common boundary of Nos.186 and 188 Prittlewell Chase.

(ii) From a point 3.5 metres west of the common boundary of Nos.180 and 182 Prittlewell Chase to a to point 8.6 metres west of the common boundary of Nos.180 and 182 Prittlewell Chase.

(iii) From a point 5.1 metres West of the common boundary of Nos. 176 and 178 Prittlewell Chase to a point 5.7 metres West of the common boundary of Nos. 178 and 180 Prittlewell Chase.

(iv) From a point 4 metres West of the common boundary of Nos. 172 and 174 Prittlewell Chase to a point 4.9 metres West of the common boundary of Nos. 174 and 176 Prittlewell Chase.

(v) From a point 4.9 metres West of the common boundary of Nos. 168 and 170 Prittlewell Chase to a point 5.6 metres West of the common boundary of Nos. 172 and 170 Prittlewell Chase.

All sections of the new stand(s) proposed above to operate between 08.00 and 20.00 daily.

3. That, in the event that no objections are received as a result of the statutory consultation, the Executive Director (Neighbourhoods and Environment) be authorised to confirm the removal and appointment of the stands as set out in above. Any representations received will be reported to the Licensing Sub Committee C for consideration.

Chair: _____

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council
Report of the Executive Director
(Neighbourhoods and the Environment)
To
Licensing Sub Committee C
On
4th June 2020

**Agenda
Item No.**

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Report prepared by: Adam Penn,
Regulatory Services Manager

Revocation and Installation of Taxi Stands in London Road, Southend-on-Sea
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 taxi stand on London Road in Southend-on-Sea, located at the ‘dead end’ where London Road (from College Way) meets the High Street at Victoria Circus.

To initiate the statutory consultation on the adoption of a new taxi stand further back on the same side of London Road on the other side of the Private Road. This stand will measure 43.5m again in 2 lanes (25.5m+18m) and extend around the end point of London Road, split into 5 marked areas (3.2m+5m+1.7m+5.5m+14m). In addition on the opposite side of London Road a ‘Taxi pick up only - For disabled users’ area will be designated (22.5m). This proposal includes a ‘KEEP CLEAR’ section as it is required to be kept clear for emergency access at all times. The entire new layout totals 95.4m and is shown in purple on the plan in **Appendix 1**. To operate as a taxi stand 24 hours a day

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Licensing Committee enables the statutory consultation process to commence on the revocation of the existing taxi stand on London Road, located at the ‘dead end’ where London Road (from College Way) meets the High Street at Victoria Circus.

2.2 That the Licensing Committee enables the statutory consultation process to commence on the adoption of a taxi stand located on London Road, further back on the same side of London Road on the other side of the Private Road. This stand will measure 43.5m again in 2 lanes (25.5m+18m) and extend around the end point of London Road, split into 5 marked areas (3.2m+5m+1.7m+5.5m+14m). In addition on the opposite side of London Road a ‘Taxi pick up only - for disabled users’ area will be designated (22.5m). This proposal includes a ‘KEEP CLEAR’ section as it is required to be kept clear for emergency access at all times. The entire new layout totals 95.4m and will operate as a taxi stand 24 hours a day

- 2.3 **That in the event that there are no objections received as a result of the consultation, the stand is relocated in accordance with the specifications laid out in 2.1 and 2.2 above without the need to revert back to the Licensing Committee.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Sunrise Project is part of the larger Southend Central Area Transport Scheme (S-CATS), a Local Growth Fund Scheme and was approved by Cabinet on Tuesday, 25th February, 2020, Minute No: 858. The purpose of the scheme is to take forward aspects of transport and public realm infrastructure that are seen as necessary to support both housing and employment growth in the Town Centre. The Sunrise aspect of S-CATS is focussed on the area where London Road (from College Way) meets the High Street and into Victoria Circus. The intention to pedestrianise this area necessitates the relocation of the taxi stand
- 3.2 The current and proposed locations of the taxi stands are detailed in Appendix 1.

4. Other Options

Leave the taxi stand in the current location or investigate an alternative area to locate it.

5. Reasons for Recommendation

The relocation of the taxi stand is part of the intended outcome of the Sunrise project and the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 requires a consultation takes place before any works are undertaken.

6. Corporate Implications

6.1 Contribution to the Southend 2050 Road Map

The vibrancy and evolution of Southend town centre is a 2050 outcome under the Opportunity and Prosperity theme.

The relocation of the taxi stand in this area supports the commercial operation of the High Street and a thriving night time economy. The schemes support the connected and smart 2050 outcome of making it easier for people to get around the Borough using sustainable transport.

Safer transport from night time activities may contribute to the feeling of safety for individuals in the town, and underpins the Safe and Well 2050 objective.

6.2 Financial Implications

The revocation and installation of the taxi stand in London Road will be met within the Sunrise project funding.

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. There is a requirement for a statutory consultation to be undertaken.

6.4 People Implications

None

6.5 Property Implications

None

6.6 Consultation

There is a statutory 28 day consultation process required by the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. In addition to this statutory consultation 'Sunrise' has consulted different stakeholder groups, including the taxi trade groups, at a multitude of events since 2017.

6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications

An assessment will be undertaken at the conclusion of the statutory consultation.

6.8 Risk Assessment

The relocation of this taxi stand is a small part of the transportation strategy and objectives. It specifically supports the connected and smart objective by connecting the stations to the High Street with sustainable transport.

6.9 Value for Money

The use of the relocated taxi stand connecting people from other areas to the High Street supports the intended outcome of the Sunrise project to increase footfall into the town centre thereby supporting the local economy.

6.10 Community Safety Implications

There are no specific changes to community safety as the location of the proposed new stand is so close to the existing one.

6.11 Environmental Impact

None

7. Background Papers

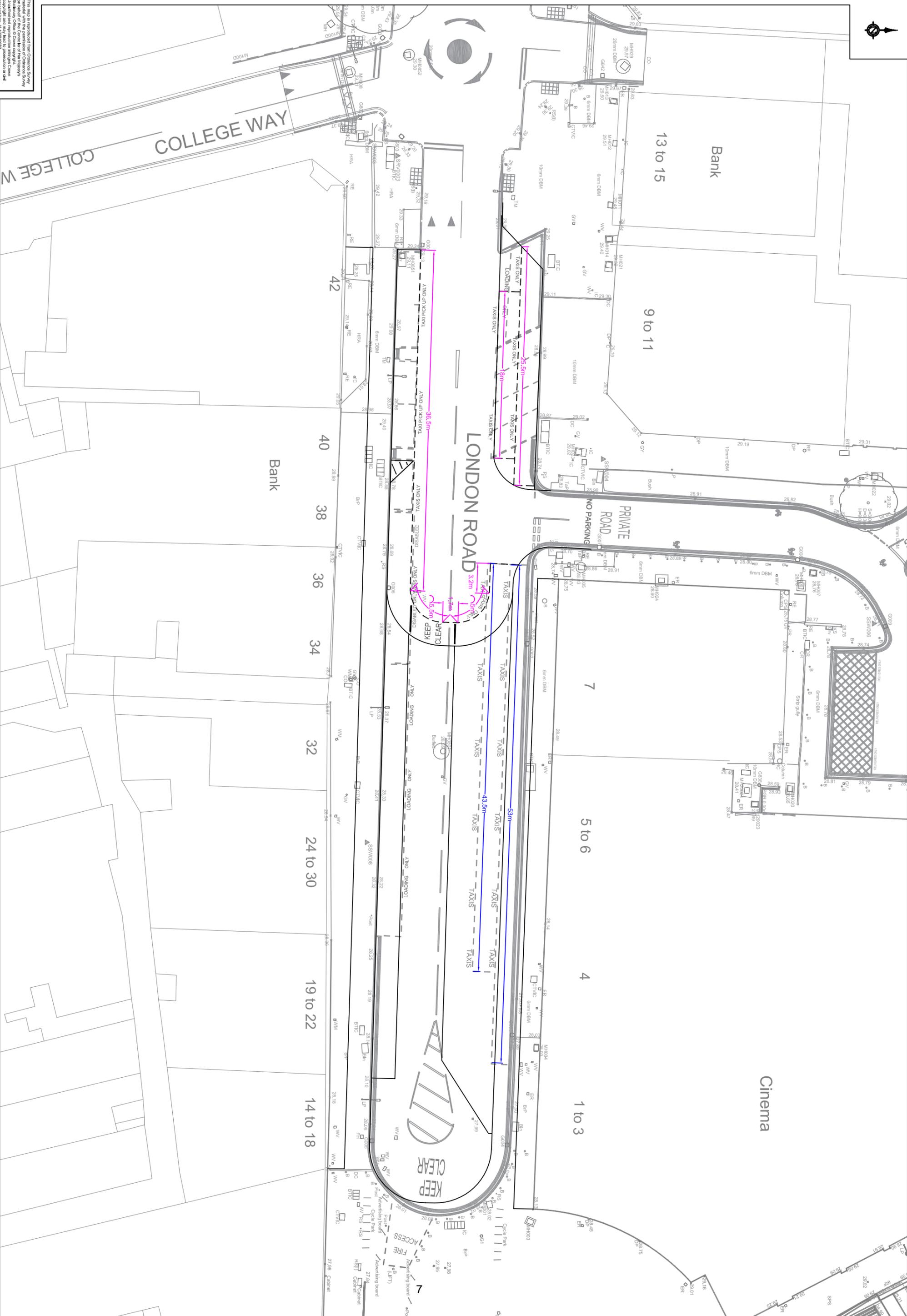
Cabinet Report - Southend Central Area Transport Scheme, 25th February 2020.
Minute No: 858

8. Appendices

Appendix 1: Plan showing the current and proposed locations of the taxi stands.



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COLLEGE WAY

Bank

9 to 11

LONDON ROAD

Bank

PRIVATE ROAD
NO PARKING

Cinema

KEEP CLEAR

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