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**Subject:** FW: Taxi rank consultation

Adam,

Sorry for the delay in replying to this, however Keeley and I have now had a chance to catch up.

I am not sure in what format you need this reply other than an email however I wish the below to be noted:

Having completed a large number of Night Time Economy duties which have included patrols outside the locations mention I feel that making this location a designated Taxi Rank will have the following negative effects:

- Prohibit the movement of vehicles not engaged in licensed Taxi activities (including Emergency Vehicles).
- Restrict the ability of Southend Borough Council CCTV to view/monitor a key location within the Town Centre.
- Frustrate a new process which Moo Moo's/Dick De Vignes night club are undertaking to encourage patrons to move away from the area (creating a line of door supervisors and encouraging people to walk either towards the High Street or Chichester Road to then disperse naturally).
- Encourage vehicular movement in an area where there is limited footpath space and patrons who are likely to be inebriated causing put in a highlighted level of risk.
- Restrict the effectiveness of an evacuation should an incident occur requiring either Dick De Vignes or Moo' Moo's to be emptied.

I am aware that this location has been used by Taxi's to pull up intermittently for many years, however I personally feel agreeing to this to be a permanent site is unwise due to the aforementioned reasons and is not in line with the licensing objectives.

Regards

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