

# RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO LICENSING COMMITTEE

INFORMATION

meeting date: TUESDAY, 26 MARCH 2024  
title: HACKNEY CARRIAGE STANDS  
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## 1 PURPOSE

1.1 To inform committee of the progress of enquiries in relation to the establishment of further Hackney Carriage stands in the borough.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Community Objectives }
- Corporate Priorities } Consideration of these issues will promote the Council's aim to be a well-managed authority.
- Other Considerations }

## 2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Committee will recall the report brought to the meeting on 30 January 2024, setting out the current provision of Hackney Carriage stands in Clitheroe, the lack of such stands in Longridge or Whalley, and the consultation then in place with Lancashire County Council (LCC) and Longridge Town Council (LTC).

## 3 ISSUES

3.1 LCC have replied on the possible sites which had been suggested as follows:

- a) Wellgate, Clitheroe in the loading bay – “I would not object to a rank here although I would suggest the timings are matched to the existing restrictions ie Friday – Sunday 7pm to 9am”.
- b) In the vicinity of Holmes Mill – “I think a rank on Whalley Road would be abused by the taxis office as they would see it as direct competition. A part time rank on Greenacre Street would be better, perhaps on the garage (north side) on the bridge over the river.
- C) Whalley Bus Station – “I wouldn't have an objection to a part time bay here subject to confirmation from the bus services team that it would not interfere with existing public transport provision.”
- d) Loading bay outside Alta (formerly Rendezvous/Rios) “I wouldn't have an objection to a part time bay here outside of the loading bay hours of operation.”
- e) Outside 41-43 King Street, Whalley (near The Forum) south of the electric vehicle charging point – “I wouldn't have an objection to a part time bay here. “

3.2 LCC bus services team have responded with regard to Whalley Bus Station:

*“We've never really been in favour of taxis using the bus station formally, even outside core bus times, as it was felt it created an environment where it would be abused during normal operating hours. However,*

*on saying that in truth if this ever became an issue, we may look at more enforcement, therefore outside core bus times on the bus station in the area suggested would be acceptable.”*

3.3 There has been no reply from LTC at the time of preparation of this report. Reminders have been sent but LTC may need time to consider whether there is a need for one or more ranks, and if so, in what location(s).

3.4 Officers will now progress this matter with regard to the stands for which there has been a positive response. This will consist of notification to the police, and preparation of a public notice for publication in a newspaper circulating in the district. Consideration would then need to be given to any objection or representation received within 28 days of publication of the notice.

#### 4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications:

- Resources – There will be expense in advertising, marking out and providing signs for any additional ranks.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – N/A
- Political – N/A
- Reputation – N/A
- Equality & Diversity – N/A

#### 5 **RECOMMENDED THAT COMMITTEE**

5.1 Recommend that committee note the content of this report.

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#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

(If any)

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