
HACKNEY CARRIAGE RANK – GOLDEN CROSS PARADE, ROCHFORD

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 Recent alterations to the carriageway at Golden Cross Parade, Rochford have reduced the existing Hackney Carriage Rank in size and made effective operation difficult.
- 1.2 This report seeks to relocate the existing Rank to allow two vehicles to be accommodated with adequate room for egress in the direction of Rectory Road.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Following consultation with Essex County Council it has been established that sufficient space is available to extend the present Rank westward to compensate for the area now covered by the footway.
- 2.2 The Rank faces eastward towards the new one way system but the direction of flow does not permit vehicles to exit towards Mansted Gardens.
- 2.3 In order to allow vehicles to lawfully depart from the Rank, the front of the Rank must allow for sufficient room in advance of the “No Entry” signs to permit the lead vehicle to turn towards the access into Rectory Road.

3 REVISED RANK PROPOSALS (See Appendix 1)

- 3.1 In order to return the Golden Cross Rank to two vehicle capacity and allow sufficient space for exiting to Rectory Road, the overall length calculated from the pavement outset by the “No Entry” signs will be 15 metres.
- 3.2 The initial 3.5 metres from the pavement outset would allow for vehicles exiting and the remaining 11.5 metres of Rank space for two standing vehicles.
- 3.3 Head of the Rank would commence 3.5 metres from the pavement outset with that distance hatched to indicate it as being unavailable for parking.
- 3.4 The existing road sign denoting “No Stopping Except Taxis” can be relocated adjacent to the revised Rank.

4 CONSULTATION

- 4.1 The proposals for the revised Rank have been prepared in consultation with Essex County Council and agree with the layout shown in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 Essex Police and Hawkwell Parish Council have been consulted. Hawkwell Parish Council has approved the revised proposals. It has drawn attention to delivery lorries backing-up onto the footway at the eastern end of the proposed Rank and asks that the signage be positioned to discourage this activity. It is not anticipated this would be an effective solution and the attention of the Highway Authority has been drawn to problem with a view to determining a long-term solution.

The views of Essex Police will be reported to the Meeting.

- 4.3 Legislation requires the proposal for the Rank to be published in a newspaper circulating in the District. This will occur after Members have approved the proposal. If any objection is received within the objection period Members are required to consider the matter at a subsequent meeting. If the initial proposal is modified it must be re-advertised and further objections invited.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The existing signage can be relocated onto an existing post minimising cost.
- 5.2 An additional sign will be required to show "Stand for 2 Taxis".
- 5.3 The surface of the highway will require marking as appropriate.
- 5.4 The costs of a Public Notice advertising the proposal will have to be met.
- 5.5 The revision of this Rank has not been specifically scheduled in the budget but can be met from current provisions.

6 RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RECOMMENDS**
- (1) To adopt the proposal for the revised Hackney Carriage Rank at Golden Cross Parade set out in Section 3.
 - (2) To advertise the proposals in a newspaper circulating in the District and invite objections.
 - (3) Subject to no objections being lodged, implement the proposal at the earliest practical opportunity.

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Background Papers:

- (1) Town Police Clauses Act 1847
- (2) Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976
- (3) Correspondence with the Highway Authority, Parish Council and Essex Police

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