

REPORT FROM: STRATEGIC DIRECTOR

TO: NELSON COMMITTEE

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FORMER TAXI RANK, SAGAR STREET, NELSON

PURPOSE OF REPORT

For Members to consider the removal of the taxi rank use from the land shown edged black on the plan.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning, Building Control and Licensing Service Manager be authorised to advertise the revocation of the rank, and if no representation is made from the Public, Police or Highway Authority that the rank be revoked in order for a lease of the land to be negotiated to an interested party for an alternative use.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To reduce liabilities and to generate an income for the Council.

BACKGROUND

1. The land is a tarmaced car park which was used as a taxi rank when the old bus station was in operation, but has not been used for this purpose since the new bus station was built.
2. The land is still classed as a taxi rank and a request has been received by an individual to enter into a lease of the land for use as a car sales pitch.

ISSUE

3. The taxi rank classification would have to be removed for the land to be used for an alternative use. A lease of the land would be subject to the prospective tenant obtaining planning permission for the car sales pitch use. The Councils' Planning and Building Control Department have confirmed that the proposed use would be acceptable in principle.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: No policy implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

Financial: A letting of the land would result in an income for the Council.

Legal: No legal implications are considered to arise other than as stated in the report

Risk Management: A letting of the land will reduce the risks and liabilities for the Council.

Health and Safety: No implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

Sustainability: No implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

Community Safety: See risk management

Equality and Diversity: No implications are considered to arise directly from this report.

APPENDIX

Location plan

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None