

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

TO: COLNE AREA COMMITTEE

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**USE OF FIVE PARKING BAYS ON CROSS SKELTON STREET CAR PARK,
COLNE, BY A TAXI COMPANY**

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To advise members of a request by BCN Private Hire to use five parking bays on Cross Skelton Street Car Park for 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That members note the recommendation of the report to this Committee regarding a review of Colne Health Centre parking and its recommendation to remove two disabled parking bays on Cross Skelton Street Car Park.
- (2) That, subject to the above resolution being approved and due to the high volume of vehicles parked on the car park during the working week, members consider authorising **three** spaces to be rented to BCN Private Hire on Cross Skelton Street Car Park.
- (3) That, subject to approval of the above recommendations, members approve an annual rent of £250 plus VAT per annum per bay.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) To provide off-street parking for a local business to provide the opportunity for the expansion of this business whilst taking into account the parking requirements of local residents and businesses.
- (2) To assist with the continued maintenance of a town centre public car park.

ISSUE

1. A request has been made by BCN Private Hire of 11B Skelton Street in Colne to be able to rent up to five parking bays on Cross Skelton Street Car Park in Colne.
2. The parking bays would be required 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

3. There are 40 parking spaces available on Cross Skelton Street Car Park; four of these are for disabled drivers only.
4. The disabled parking bays continue to be underused. I would suggest that this is because there is sufficient parking available for disabled users closer to the town centre.
5. The long-stay bays are popular with staff from Colne Health Centre and other town centre workers, and the car park is well used during the working week.
6. A car park survey was conducted in September 2016, the results of which are shown in the table below.

Cross Skelton Street Car Park

	9am	11am	1pm	3pm	5pm
Mon	45%	80%	75%	53%	55%
Tue	40%	63%	45%	40%	30%
Wed	0%	80%	65%	65%	28%
Thur	58%	70%	75%	68%	70%
Fri	48%	73%	75%	75%	48%
Sat	33%	–	60%	–	58%
Sun	18%	–	28%	–	13%

7. Although there was sufficient space to accommodate five additional vehicles on all visits, it would take the car park up to capacity on some occasions.
8. It is therefore suggested that, subject to the recommendation of the report to this Committee regarding a review of Colne Health Centre parking and its recommendation to remove two disabled parking bays on Cross Skelton Street Car Park, three spaces be rented to BCN Private Hire on Cross Skelton Street Car Park and that these bays be marked as advisory taxi bays only.
9. This request would be subject to the taxi company receiving separate planning approval to increase the number of vehicles which are run from the business.
10. The rateable value of a town centre parking bay is £250 per annum. As these bays would be for 24 hours a day, seven days per week it is recommended that the full charge is made for each of the bays.
11. If approval is given, it is recommended that the taxi bays be marked on the car park together with appropriate signage. The cost of this will be approximately £300 and will be paid for from the Car Park R&M budget. However, it should be noted that unless members request an alteration to the Off-Street Parking Order, these bays will be advisory and no enforcement will take place.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: The Council does not currently have a policy on renting out long-term car parking spaces.

Financial: As detailed within the report.

Legal: The use of these bays would not affect the Council's Off-Street Parking Order, unless members decide to amend it.

Risk Management: The Council does not accept liability for any damage to vehicles whilst parked on any of the public car parks. Drivers park at their own risk.

Health and Safety: None arising directly from this report.

Sustainability: By charging rent to users of specific bays on this car park, the Council can ensure an income which will assist with the continued maintenance of the car park.

Community Safety: Continuous movement of traffic late at night on the car park will deter any potential anti-social behaviour.

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from this report.

APPENDICES

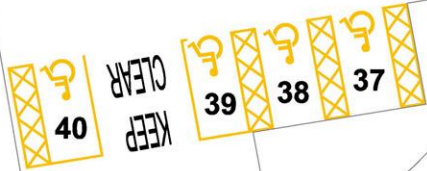
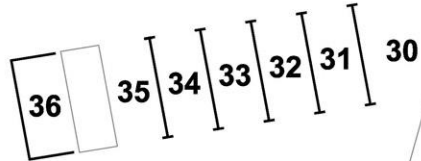
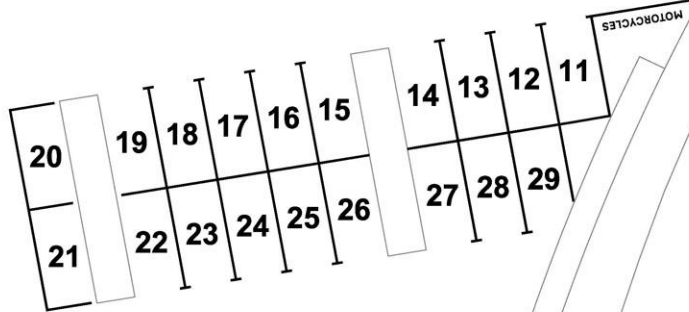
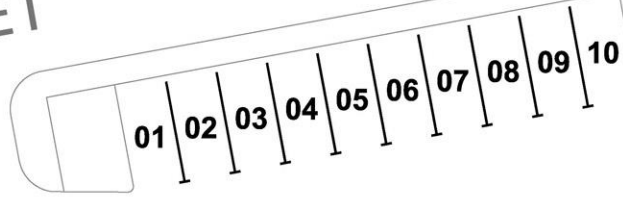
Appendix 1 – Plan of Cross Skelton Street Car Park.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

Colne Health Centre Parking: Update Report.

CROSS SKELTON STREET

SKIPTON ROAD



Union Hotel (PH)

Warehouse

Commercial Hotel (PH)

