

**REPORT FROM: STRATEGIC DIRECTOR**

**TO: NELSON COMMITTEE**

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## **FORMER TAXI RANK, SAGAR STREET, NELSON**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

For Members to determine if the taxi rank can be revoked in view of the objections to the notice.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That Members consider objections to the notice proposing to revoke the Hackney Carriage stand and determine if the taxi rank can be revoked.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

Objections to the notice have been received but an alternative Taxi Rank was provided when the new bus station was built.

### **BACKGROUND**

1. It was resolved at Nelson Committee on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 that the Planning, Licensing and Building Control Manager be authorised to advertise the revocation of the Taxi 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.
2. The revocation was advertised in the Nelson Leader on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016 with representations or objections to be made no later than 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016. A copy of the notice was sent to all the Hackney Carriage owners in the Borough and The Hackney Drivers Association Ltd. The majority of the owners and the Association have objected.
3. The objections are on the grounds that there has been no consultation as to the impact on the trade and that they have not been notified of the reason for the rank being revoked.

### **ISSUE**

1. In accordance with the notice objections to the proposed revocation of the Taxi Rank are to be considered. The Taxi Rank has been unused since the old bus station ceased to operate and a new rank was created next to the new bus station. The revocation of the Taxi Rank would allow an unused area of land to be brought back into use.

## **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