

<b>Report Title</b>	Reverse The Use of 3 Parking Bays on Midgeley St Car Park, Colne By Taxi Company
<b>Meeting</b>	Colne and District Committee
<b>Meeting Date</b>	4 <sup>th</sup> December 2025
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<b>Directorate</b>	Resources
<b>Lead Executive Member(s)</b>	Leader Portfolio
<b>Wards Affected</b>	Vivary Bridge, Waterside & Horsfield, Boulsworth & Foulridge
<b>Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt</b>	Public
<b>Appendices (if any)</b>	None

## 1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 In 2012 it was agreed to rent out 3 parking bays to Crown and Greenline Taxis based on Market Place, Colne. This was at weekends at first but in October 2012 the taxi company requested to rent the 3 spaces for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to meet the requirements of their planning application to increase the number of taxis operating from their business.
- 1.2 Councillors have noticed that the bays are always empty. In addition, nearby Colne Lane car park has recently been changed from long-stay to short-stay. This means that the parking bays on Midgeley St car park are valuable as long-stay parking.
- 1.3 The owner of Crown and Greenline Taxis has confirmed he no longer requires the 3 spaces because business had declined. However, he asked if he could retain one space in case business picked up again.
- 1.4 As mentioned above, the parking bays at Midgeley St car park are valuable as long-stay parking now that Colne Lane is short-stay and so we would advise against retaining 1 parking bay for use by the taxi company.

## 2. Recommendations

**For the reasons set out in this report, Colne Area Committee is recommended to:**

- 2.1 Agree to erase the 3 spaces that were rented by Crown and Greenline Taxis on Midgeley St car park and restore them to long-stay parking bays

### **3. Information: Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations**

- 3.1 On the 9<sup>th</sup> August 2012 Crown Greenline Taxis based at 10 Market Place, Colne made a request to Colne Area Committee to rent 3 parking bays on Midgeley St car park. The bays were required for weekends only at the time.
- 3.2 Following the Area Committee meeting it was agreed to rent 3 car parking spaces to Crown and Greenline Taxis initially from 9am on Saturday to 2am on Monday morning. This was subsequently changed from 6pm on Friday to 2am on Monday.
- 3.3 The taxi company made a further request later the same year following a planning application to increase their number of vehicles by 5.
- 3.4 To meet the requirements of their planning application the taxi company was obliged to provide off street parking for the additional vehicles and requested the use of the 3 parking bays on Midgeley St car park for 24 hours per day, 7 days a week.
- 3.5 There are 35 bays on the car park. Following a survey of the car park occupancy rates at the time, there was always a minimum of 5 parking bays available even at the busiest time of the day.
- 3.6 The planning application to increase the number of vehicles was approved and it was agreed to rent the 3 parking bays on Midgeley St car park to the taxi company for £140 plus VAT per annum for each bay, in line with the business parking permit fee in Nelson town centre, at the time.
- 3.7 We are currently preparing a new Parking Strategy for Pendle and recently completed new car park surveys for all the 45 Pendle Council owned car parks. In addition, we changed Colne Lane car park from long-stay to short-stay. This means that we need more long-stay car parking for people that work in Colne town centre.
- 3.8 Following the car park surveys it was noted that Midgeley St car park is now often full during the day and the parking bays, marked up for use by the taxi company, are never used and are using up valuable long-stay parking space.
- 3.9 Council officers have met with the taxi company owner and discussed the situation with them.
- 3.10 The taxi company confirmed that business had declined since Covid, and they no longer require the parking bays on Midgeley St car park. However, they did ask if they could keep one bay just in case work picked up again.
- 3.11 Due to the reasons mentioned above and the fact that we need more long-stay spaces in Colne town centre we do not recommend that we keep one

space for the taxi firm just in case business picks up because we can reconsider the situation when/if it arises.

- 3.12 If Members agree to remove the parking bays marked up for the taxi firm, Engineers will need to remove the signage and paint over the bay markings to restore the spaces to regular long-stay parking bays.

**4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (Providing High Quality Services and Facilities, Proud and Connected Communities and Places, Good Growth and Housing and Healthy Communities)**

- 4.1 The 3 parking bays on Midgeley St car park, which were rented to the taxi company, will be restored to long-stay parking bays. This will compensate for the loss of long-stay parking at Colne Lane and will free up the short-stay parking bays on Colne Lane car park for visitors and shoppers which will benefit Colne town centre visitor footfall.

**5. Implications**

**5.1 Financial Implications**

Whilst the Council will lose the small amount of income the three parking bays generate it will gain 3 long stay parking bays which will help to improve visitor parking for Colne town centre.

**5.2 Legal and Governance Implications**

None

**5.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications**

None

**5.5 Human Resources Implications**

None

**5.6 Equality and Diversity Implications**

None

**6. Consultation**

- 6.1 We have spoken with the owner of Crown and Greenline Taxis.

Colne councillors have expressed that they would like the taxi bays to be removed because they never seem to be used and the spaces are needed for people that work in and visit Colne.

## 7. Alternative Options Considered

None

## 8. Statutory Officer Sign off (please put an x in the relevant box below)

Section 151 Officer	X
Monitoring Officer	X

## 9. Background Documents

Previous report written by Sandra Farnell requesting that Crown and Greenline Taxis rent 3 parking bays on Midgeley St car park 24 hours a day for 7 days a week to comply with a planning application – report from October 2012.

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