

Name of meeting and date: LICENSING AND SAFETY 18 March 2011

Title of report: Bradford Road/Hick Lane, Batley Hackney Carriage Rank

Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not Applicable
Is it in the Council's Forward Plan?	Not Applicable
Is it eligible for "call in" by Scrutiny?	Not Applicable
Cabinet member portfolio	Not Applicable

Electoral wards affected and ward councillors consulted: ALL

Public or private: PUBLIC

1. Purpose of report

Bradford Road/Hick Lane Hackney Carriage Rank

2. Key points

It would appear that some years ago it was determined to create a 2 vehicle rank at this location, operational at night time only. There are differing views from each side of the trade with some representatives saying that the rank was intended to be permanent. Others say that it was experimental only for a 6 month period with a review to follow.

What is clear that if the rank was meant to be experimental a final determination was never made. The report author is unable to locate any documentation that would clarify the permanency issue one way or the other. The rank though has continued to be used since that time until the present.

In 2010 a new private hire base opened beside the rank. This initially led to some complaints regarding the potential for vehicles from the private hire base parking at the base. This was resolved by a condition attached to the Operator license of the private hire base that their vehicles were only allowed to come around to the front of the premises to collect customers. This appears to have worked well.

Hackney carriage drivers who use this rank have complained that private hire vehicles from another nearby base, park their vehicles on Bradford Road in the area immediately in front of the rank. This has led to hackney carriage vehicles ranking otherwise than in accordance with the existing rank.

In 2010 the author received numerous complaints from both sides of the trade about the parking situation on Bradford Road. A hard line was taken with the perpetrators and matters appear to have resolved themselves in that there have been no complaints or representations made now for a number of months from either side of the Trade.

3. Implications for the Council

None

4. Consultees and their opinions

W Y Police Insp. Money does not have any position to the rank remaining.

Landlord of 371 Bradford Road – opposes the rank

Hackney Carriage Representatives – In favour of the rank being maintained

5. Officer recommendations and reasons

Members are asked to consider the content of the report and determine whether to allow this rank to continue or not.

8. Contact officer and relevant papers

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