

## Hackney Carriage Stands – Stansted and Saffron Walden

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**Committee:** Licensing

**Agenda Item**

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**Title:** Hackney Carriage Stands – Stansted and Saffron Walden

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### Summary

- 1 This report advises Members of the current situation regarding the location of Hackney Carriage Stands within the Uttlesford District.

### Recommendations

- 1 The report be noted.
- 2 Members may wish to reassess decisions previously made.

### Background Papers

- Letter from Essex Police
- Letter from Stansted Parish Council
- Letter from Saffron Walden Town Council
- Letter from Essex County Council Highways Department

### Impact

Communication/Consultation	The original concept of changing location in Stansted and Saffron Walden was the idea of the Trade Associations. Consultation has been made with the Chief Constable and relevant Town and Parish Council.
Community Safety	None
Equalities	The relocation of the taxi rank in Saffron Walden may have the effect of releasing car parking spaces close to the market for disabled parking.
Finance	The Council will incur expense in placing the statutory advertisements. This is likely to be

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	in the region of £1,030 plus VAT (recoverable). It would not be possible to pass this expense on to the trade, as although the Council is entitled to recover the cost of issuing and administering licences, this is a one off expense so not recoverable.
Human Rights	None.
Legal implications	As the proposal would be for relocating taxi ranks on public highways, the consent of the Highways Authority to the creation of the ranks would be required.
Ward-specific impacts	The proposal affects Saffron Walden and Stansted only.
Workforce/Workplace	None.

### Situation

- 1 On 15 March 2006 the Licensing Committee resolved that officers consult with statutory bodies on an informal basis regarding the possibility of relocating the Hackney Carriage Stands in Stansted and Saffron Walden.
- 2 It was suggested that the existing stand in Market Street, Saffron Walden be discontinued and two new sites be created in the High Street near to the Temeraire Public House. It was also suggested that three spaces be created on either side of the road to make available for up to six Hackney Carriage Vehicles to ply for hire.
- 3 It was suggested that the stand situated in Station Road, Stansted be moved closer to the junction of Chapel Hill but still remaining in that road.
- 4 Following the consultation that was undertaken by officers, it has been revealed that neither the Town nor Parish Councils support the new proposals. However, the Chief Constable made no comments on either matter.
- 5 Further consultation has been undertaken with the Uttlesford Licensed Operators and Drivers Association who are taking the latest information back to their members and they are currently engaged in dialogue with officers connected with the Saffron Walden Initiative. New proposals may result once their dialogue has been concluded.

### Risk Analysis

Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
Alterations to the Saffron Walden	Medium. Dependent	Medium	Consideration be given to a suitable location which will

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Town Centre may result following recommendations made by the Saffron Walden Initiative	upon financial resources being made available.		attract the most possible customers.
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