

**HACKNEY CARRIAGE STAND – TEMPORARY
EXTENSION - OBELISK WAY, CAMBERLEY**

Portfolio:	Community
Ward(s) Affected:	All

Purpose

To approve extending for a temporary period the hackney carriage stand in Obelisk Way, Camberley.

Background

1. A taxi stand has no legal status until statutory procedures that are set out in Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 have been completed. In order to comply with this section, it is necessary to undertake consultations with the Chief Officer of Police and to advertise the proposal in at least one local; newspaper circulating in the district. Any objections or representations in respect of the proposal may then be made to the Council in writing within 24 days of the publication of the notice in the newspaper.

Current Position

2. The Night-time Economy group proposed, and had approved the closure of High Street, Camberley for a specified period of six weeks, commencing on the 9th April, 2010. Under the proposal the High Street shall be closed on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 1800 hours to 0400 hours the following morning.
3. The intention behind the proposal is to see if the current levels of crime and disorder within the town centre can be reduced as well as creating a physical environment which will improve the feeling of safety in the night time economy of Camberley town.
4. No vehicles will have any access during the High Street closure hours and this will result in the hackney carriage drivers losing the use of the taxi stand situation at the southern end of the High Street and the spaces available outside Tru Nightclub.
5. To enable hackney carriages to continue providing a service during the time the High Street is closed it has been agreed to temporarily extend the hackney carriage stand on Obelisk Way to increase the number of vehicles that may be accommodated from 4 to 10. This extension will only be between the hours when the High Street is closed and temporary signage will be erected.
6. Due to the time limits between notification of the closure and the date which it is due to commence, it was necessary to take urgent action, after consultation with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Committee to publish the advertisement.
7. There have been no representations regarding the extension of the hackney carriage stand on Obelisk Way.

Proposal

8. It is proposed that the Committee that the urgent action taken by the Chairman be ratified and that in the absence of any representations the extension of the hackney carriage stand in Obelisk Way, Camberley be confirmed.

Resource Implications

9. There are no additional resource implications arising from this proposal. The cost of advertising the proposal has been paid by the Night Time Economy Group.

Recommendation

10. The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that
 - i) The urgent action approved by the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Committee in relation to advertising the proposed extension of the hackney carriage stand in Obelisk Way, Camberley be ratified: and
 - ii) In the absence of any representations the extension of the hackney carriage in Obelisk Way, Camberley to accommodate a total of 10 vehicles on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evenings from 1800 hours to 0400 hours the following morning for a period of six weeks commencing on the 9th April, 2010 be approved.

Background Papers:

None

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