



**OFFICER REPORT TO LOCAL COMMITTEE
(EPSOM & EWELL)**

**EPSOM TOWN CENTRE
TAXI RANKS REVIEW**

7 March 2011

KEY ISSUE

To review the effects of the night time taxi ranks in Epsom Town Centre.

SUMMARY

A request from Epsom and Ewell Borough Council to provide two taxi ranks in Epsom Town Centre was approved by Local Committee in July 2009. A Traffic Regulation Order was made and came into force in March 2010. The Local Committee was asked to review the situation after a year.

OFFICER RECOMMENDATIONS

The Local Committee is recommended to:

- i) Note the content of the report and make no amendment to the bays which were introduced in March 2010.

1 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Local Committee approved the introduction of two taxi ranks in Epsom Town Centre in July 2009. It was agreed that a review of their operation would be taken after a period of twelve months.
- 1.2 The taxi ranks were introduced outside 52 – 58 High Street, Epsom, and outside 6 –12 Upper High Street, Epsom.
- 1.3 The times of the taxi rank operation is 9pm to 4am. Although these times clash with the availability of loading it has not caused any problems in the town.

2 ANALYSIS

- 2.1 The taxi ranks were introduced in March 2010 and there have been no complaints received about their operation.
- 2.2 Vehicles have been seen parked in the taxi rank area during the daytime breaching the waiting restrictions. However, this is not unusual as many cars are parked on yellow lines at times contravening the parking or loading restrictions. They are usually dealt with by Enforcement Officers.
- 2.3 The Police have not reported any adverse effects caused by the night time taxi ranks.
- 2.4 There is no desire to extend the existing taxi ranks in the town by introducing ranks in other parts of the High Street.

3 FINANCIAL AND VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None for the purpose of this report.

4 EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 None for the purpose of this report

5 CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None for the purpose of this report

6 CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The introduction of the taxi ranks in High Street and Upper High Street has not caused any traffic management problems in the Town Centre to date.

6.2 It is recommended that no change is made to the existing taxi rank arrangements in the town centre at this time.

7 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 The existing arrangements in High Street and Upper High Street have not caused any traffic management problems.

8 WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

8.1 Liaison with the Borough Council will continue with regard taxi arrangements in the locality.

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