

ANGUS COUNCIL

CIVIC LICENSING COMMITTEE – 9 JANUARY 2020

TAXI STANCES

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

ABSTRACT

This Report relates to the potential amendments to the taxi stance provision in Keptie Street, Arbroath.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Committee authorise the Director of Legal and Democratic Services to:-

- (i) consult with persons or organisations appearing to be representative of the operators of taxis operating in the area (as required by Section 19(1) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982 “1982 Act”) in respect of the proposed removal of the taxi stance provision in Keptie Street, Arbroath as detailed in this Report and on the plan marked **Appendix A** and as described in **Appendix B** attached hereto,
- (ii) in the absence of any objection or representation, give notice of the proposal to the chief constable and give public notice of the proposal by advertisement in at least one newspaper circulating in the area (as required by Section 19(4) of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982),
- (iii) in the absence of any objection or representation, obtain the consent of the roads authority to the proposal; and
- (iv) implement the proposal.

2. BACKGROUND

In terms of Section 19 of the Civic Government (Scotland) Act 1982, a Local Authority may appoint and vary stances for taxis within their area.

A three berth taxi stance is currently located outside Nos 28-34 Keptie Street (southwest side), Arbroath and has been in situ since 1999. There is a four berth taxi stance located nearby at Arbroath Train Station which is on the northeast side of Keptie Street.

The Angus Council Community Enforcement Team received correspondence in June 2019 from a local business owner advising that the three berth taxi stance is not being used by local taxi operators. The business owner suggested that the removal of the taxi stance could provide additional on-street parking for local residents and customers to the local businesses nearby. This information was passed on to the Angus Area Traffic Co-ordination Group forum. The group agreed that surveys of the taxi stance should be carried out to monitor the use of the taxi stance.

Spot check surveys of the taxi stance on Keptie Street were undertaken between 5 and 19 September 2019. Details of the survey are provided in **Appendix C**. During the survey periods, no taxis were observed in the stance. Taxis were however, observed operating from the nearby stance outside Arbroath train station which has four berths.

3. PROPOSALS

It is proposed that the current taxi stance arrangement is altered by removing the three berth taxi stance currently located outside No's 28-34 Keptie Street, Arbroath, as detailed on the plan marked **Appendix A** and described in **Appendix B** both to this report.

The recommendation will allow the proposed alteration to be implemented as quickly as possible. Removal of the taxi stance would create three additional on-street parking bays.

It is not anticipated that this would have any effect on taxi operators because it does not appear that they are using this stance and are instead using the stance at the train station.

If the Committee is minded to agree to this proposal, notice will be given to the Chief Constable and the public with a period of time allowed for representations. Notice of this proposal will be placed in the local newspaper as well as online.

In the event of representations or objections, a further report would be submitted to the Committee for further consideration.

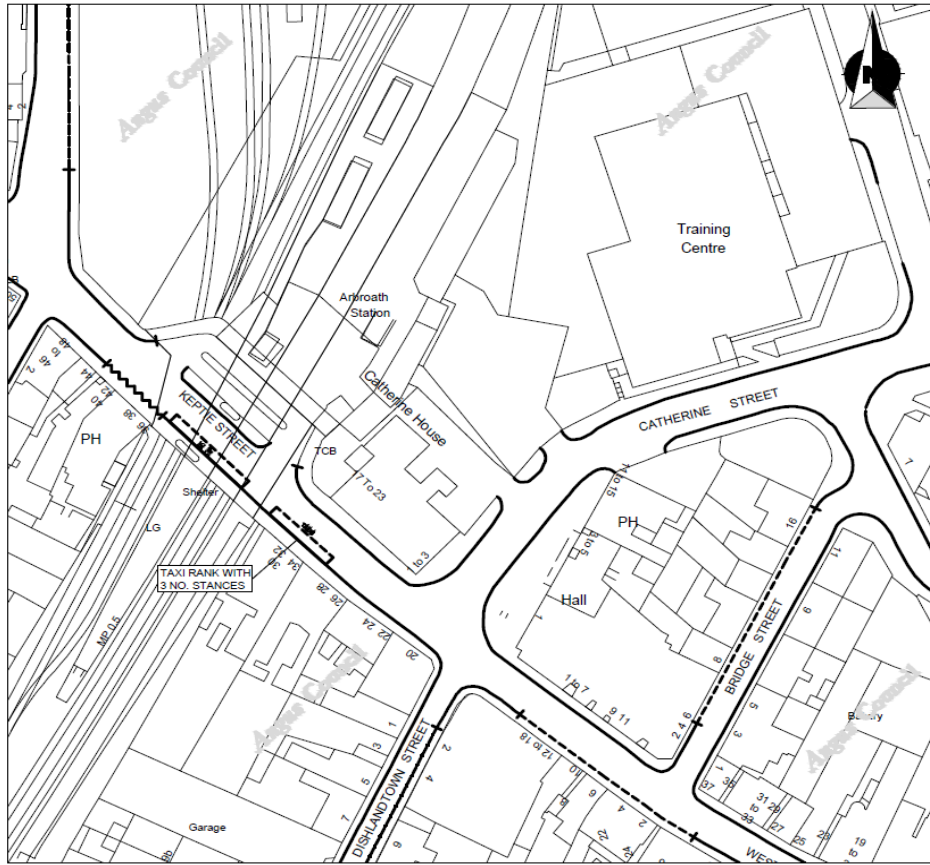
4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There will be an approximate cost of £1000 involved with the removal of the taxi stance and the insertion of limited waiting parking spaces.

NOTE: No background papers as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing this report.

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	WAITING LIMITED TO 30MINS. (MON - SAT) (8.30AM - 5.30PM)
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APPENDIX B

Keptie Street, Arbroath – Existing taxi stance 3 bays

Taxi stance to be deleted from Taxi Stance bylaws

Keptie Street – Southwest side thereof northwest of its junction with Dishlandtown Street

SPOT CHECK SURVEY RESULTS

Spot check surveys in relation to the taxi stance were carried out during the following times:-

05/09/19	10:00 – 11:00
09/09/19	11:00 – 12:00
10/09/19	14:30 – 15:30
17/09/19	13:30 – 14:30
19/09/19	15:00 – 16:00

No taxis were observed using the stance during any of the above noted time periods.