A meeting of the Hackney Carriage Stands Task Group will be held at 5.30pm on
Wednesday 4 February 2015 in Committee Room 1 at the Town Hall, Rugby.

Councillor Mrs Garcia
Chairman

AGENDA

PART 1 – PUBLIC BUSINESS

1. Minutes – to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2014.

2. Apologies – to receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of:

(a) non-pecuniary interests as defined by the Council’s Code of Conduct for
Councillors;

(b) pecuniary interests as defined by the Council’s Code of Conduct for
Councillors; and

(c) notice under Section 106 Local Government Finance Act 1992 – non-payment
of Community Charge or Council Tax.

Note: Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and
nature of their interests at the commencement of the meeting (or as soon as
the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a pecuniary interest the
Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

Membership of Warwickshire County Council or any Parish Council is
classed as a non-pecuniary interest under the Code of Conduct. A Member
does not need to declare this interest unless the Member chooses to speak
on a matter relating to their membership. If the Member does not wish to
speak on the matter, the Member may still vote on the matter without
making a declaration.
4. Options for additional taxi rank provision – to consider responses from the police and Warwickshire County Council.

5. Business and date of next meeting – please bring your diaries to the meeting.

**PART 2 – EXEMPT INFORMATION**

There is no business involving exempt information.

**Membership of the Task Group:**

Councillors Mrs Garcia (Chairman), Buckley, Butlin, Mistry, Mrs Roodhouse and Sandison

*If you have any general queries with regard to this agenda please contact Linn Ashmore, Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer (01788 533522 or e-mail linn.ashmore@rugby.gov.uk). Any specific queries concerning reports should be directed to the listed contact officer.*

*If you wish to attend the meeting and have any special requirements for access please contact the Democratic and Scrutiny Services Officer named above.*
Hackney Carriage Stands Task Group – 4 February 2015

Briefing paper

The purpose of this meeting is to consider the options for additional taxi rank provision in the light of observations from the police and Warwickshire County Council. The police will be represented at the meeting by Sergeant Samantha Watkins of Rugby Town Centre Safer Neighbourhoods Team. The county council have declined to attend.

Warwickshire County Council response

The correspondence with the county council is attached. They do not consider any of the shortlisted sites to be suitable but have suggested an alternative in Albert Street by the wall of the telephone exchange.

It should be mentioned that the county council had the option of not being represented at the meeting, so this should not in itself be regarded as unreasonable. However, in the absence of a representative, it is not possible to discern from the letter alone what the reasons were for rejecting all of the task group’s proposals.

Police response

A similar letter was sent to the police. In brief, the police consider sites B (Church Street) and C (Regent Street, Bank Street, top of Albert Street) to be the most appropriate, but site B would require the potential movement of a pedestrian crossing, which would probably not be acceptable.

Land between Asda and the Central Surgery/Library, Art Gallery and Museum

The task group asked that this area be put on the list of possible taxi rank sites. It has been found that hardly any of this land is in public ownership. Asda have been asked whether they would be interested in pursuing the creation of a taxi rank on their land. However, it should be noted that Asda already have pick up and set down point in their underground car park and they also have an arrangement with a local private hire firm. They may therefore see no incentive to sacrifice part of their customer car park for a taxi rank.

The task group is asked to consider what further action to take to achieve the objectives of the review.

Paul Ansell
Scrutiny Officer

30 January 2015
27th January 2015

Dear Mr Ansell

Simon Prescott has forwarded your letter requesting observations into the suitability of taxi rank provision in Rugby centre to myself as Parking Manager.

An Engineer has looked into the proposed locations attached to your letter, however after consideration none of the locations would be suitable based on a variety of identified issues. An alternative location has been identified on Albert Street, and I attach a drawing showing its proposed extents for your perusal.

Unfortunately there is no available resource for any representations at the meeting scheduled on 4th February 2015, however if you require any further information please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Garry Palmer
Dear Mr Prescott

Hackney Carriage Stand Provision – Rugby Town Centre

A task group of borough councillors is exploring ways of making additional taxi rank provision in Rugby town centre. The group has now drawn up a shortlist of potential sites for additional provision. These are shown on the attached table and the enclosed plan. I should be grateful for your observations as to the suitability of these sites. Your name was suggested as a contact by one of the task group members because of your involvement in Rugby’s pedestrianisation proposals but, if you need to pass this on to someone else, please do so.

In the case of North Street, Church Street and the Regent Street/Bank Street/Albert Street areas, the group has not pinpointed a particular location and would be interested in your opinion on the suitability of any part of these streets for further taxi rank use. In the case of the other streets, the plan is more specific but they are still just illustrations of what might be done in the area.

This is a preliminary enquiry to inform the task group of issues associated with any of sites. It is completely separate from seeking the Highway Authority’s formal consent under the statutory procedure in the event of the council deciding to appoint a new hackney carriage stand.

The next meeting of the task group is scheduled for 4 February at 5.30pm, subject to you and the police (to whom I am also writing) being able to respond by then. You are invited to attend or be represented at this meeting if you are able and prepared to do so. Would you please let me know by email or phone whether you will be able to respond before 4 February and, if so, whether you or a colleague will be prepared to attend the meeting? If you need more time to respond, I shall arrange another date.

Yours sincerely

Paul Ansell
Scrutiny and Policy Officer
### Potential additional taxi rank provision in Rugby town centre

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<th>Location</th>
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<td>North Street</td>
<td>Would involve dual use with bus stops. Therefore night time.</td>
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<td>B</td>
<td>Church Street</td>
<td>Extension of existing rank. Currently double yellow lines and pelican crossing zigzags.</td>
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<td>C</td>
<td>Regent Street, Bank Street, Albert Street</td>
<td>On-street pay parking. Probably only night time demand.</td>
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<td>D</td>
<td>Castle Street</td>
<td>Egress through residential area onto Church Street.</td>
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<td>E</td>
<td>Little Church Street</td>
<td>Night time - using disabled spaces or loading bays.</td>
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<td>G</td>
<td>Little Elborow Street - outside Prince of Wales pub</td>
<td>Trees limit usable space. Possible room for two spaces parallel to Drury Lane but turning necessary and egress difficult.</td>
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This site was selected because the group wanted to look at provision near Asda and, apart from the highway entrance from Corporation Street, this is the only land in the vicinity in public ownership. Asda will be asked whether they would consider provision on their land.

9 January 2015