

# Regulatory Committee

10.00am, Monday, 6 February 2023

## Taxi Stance Appointment – Haymarket Station

Executive/routine  
Wards 11 – City Centre  
Council Commitments

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 Committee is asked to:
  - 1.1.1 Note the content of this report;
  - 1.1.2 Agree that officers will carry out the second stage of the statutory consultation on the proposed taxi stance; and
  - 1.1.3 Note that a report will be brought back for a decision if representations or objections are received.

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### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 Committee is asked to note that, in order to satisfy the first part of the two part process of appointing a taxi stance, the Roads Authority has implemented a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to facilitate the appointment of two authorised taxi stances at Haymarket Station and Morrison Street (Feeder Rank for Haymarket Station) as shown on Appendix 1.
- 2.2 In order to satisfy the second part of this process, Council officers seek permission to carry out the statutory consultation required prior to formally appoint the taxi stance, as required by the [Civic Government \(Scotland\) Act 1982](#) (the 1982 'Act').

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 The City of Edinburgh Council, as Licensing Authority, is required to appoint taxi stances in line with the provisions of Section 19 (1) of the 1982 'Act'.
- 3.2 The powers available to licensing authorities, to provide taxi stances in their respective areas, can be exercised provided that they consult the appropriate trade organisations and other representatives; give notice to the Police; and the public. There is a separate requirement that any stance does not obstruct access to any premises.
- 3.3 The Council, as Roads Authority, has implemented a TRO to facilitate the appointment of two authorised taxi stances at Haymarket Station and Morrison Street (Feeder Rank for Haymarket Station) as shown on Appendix 1. This is the first part of a two part process whereby parking restrictions on and around taxi stances are facilitated by a TRO, which is separate from the requirements of the 1982 Act and the duties of the Licensing Authority. The second part is statutory consultation, required by the 1982 Act, prior to formally appointing the taxi stance. A process map is included at Appendix 2.
- 3.3 The first stage of the licensing consultation with taxi trade representatives has been undertaken through the Taxi Stance Working Group. This is a working group of stakeholders made up of Council officers and taxi trade representatives. In addition, where required, additional invitees attend to discuss specific items of interest (e.g., officers from Trams, Lothian Buses etc.).

## 4. Main report

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- 4.1 The City Centre West to East Cycle Link and Street Improvements (CCWEL) project consists of significant street improvements along a 4km route between Roseburn and Picardy Place.
- 4.2 As it is proposed to introduce the new segregated cycle track along the north side of Haymarket Terrace, it is necessary to remove the existing taxi stance which is located on Haymarket Terrace west of Rosebery Crescent. This is the main taxi stance serving Haymarket railway station.
- 4.3 During the preliminary design stage in 2018, an exercise was undertaken to explore potential alternative locations for the taxi stance in the vicinity of the station. This exercise was carried out in conjunction with elected members and project stakeholders, including the taxi trade.
- 4.4 The proposed taxi stance arrangement is to reintroduce the main taxi stance at the pick-up/drop-off area outside the old Haymarket Station main entrance (four bays), As there is limited capacity for taxis at this location, the main stance would be supported by a feeder stance on the north side of Morrison Street (seven bays). This feeder rank would be linked to the main stance using a camera/screen system, which would alert drivers in the feeder stance when there is space in the main stance outside the station. Public pick-up/drop-off facilities will also be retained in the area outside the station.
- 4.5 The proposal requires the situation to be regulated by appointing the two stances as authorised stances in line with the requirements of the 1982 'Act'.
- 4.6 Council officers discussed these proposals with taxi trade representatives at the Taxi Stance Working Group on 13 October 2022 as part of the initial consultation. The trade members indicated that they are supportive of the proposal and therefore would support appropriate enforcement of the stance.
- 4.7 In addition to this initial consultation with the trade, the Licensing Authority is required to publish an advert which will allow consultation with the wider business and residential community, relevant partners and agencies. This process allows 28 days for objections or representations to be made.
- 4.8 Where representations are received, these will require a hearing as part of the final determination of the proposals by Committee. If no representations are received then officers have delegated powers to appoint the taxi stance and complete that process.

## 5. Next Steps

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- 5.1 If Committee agrees to approve these proposals in principle, the Licensing service will undertake its statutory obligations as detailed in 3.2 above and will also undertake the proposed additional engagement actions detailed in section 7 below.

- 5.2 The outcome of these actions, and any consultation responses received, will be reported back to Committee at the next available meeting, on conclusion of the 28 day notification period.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 The costs associated with the changes to the road infrastructure etc. required to implement these proposals will be managed within the existing transport budget.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 Initial consultation has been carried out with the trade, as detailed in paragraph 4.6. In addition to its statutory obligations of notification and consultation, the Licensing Authority will also undertake to inform the public and community, relevant partners and agencies including:
- 7.1.1 Ward 11 councillors;
  - 7.1.2 Community Council representatives.
- 7.2 The publication of the statutory advertisement will allow consultation to take place with the wider business and residential community, relevant partners and agencies in line with the statutory requirements for consultations being carried out under the terms of the [Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984](#).
- 7.3 The draft TRO was advertised between Friday 20 April and Friday 18 May 2018, in line with the statutory requirements for consultations being carried out under the terms of the [Roads \(Scotland Act 1984\)](#).
- 7.4 The draft Redetermination Order was advertised during the same period.
- 7.5 Just under 4,500 letters were delivered to businesses and residents along the CCWEL route and streets surrounding the area covered by the Orders. In addition, public drop-in sessions were held in the local area, at 6a Murrayfield Place, Roseburn on Tuesday 17 April 2018 and at the Apex Haymarket Hotel, Haymarket on Thursday 19 April 2018. The purpose of these exhibition sessions was to enable members of the local community to view the advertised plans and speak to members of the CCWEL project team before submitting representations. Across both days more than 190 people attended, including local residents, business owners and staff from surrounding workplaces. This was reported to the Transport and Environment Committee on [20 June 2018](#).
- 7.6 In the event that the proposed taxi stance is appointed, Roads Operations will ensure that follow up actions to implement the stance are completed (e.g., laying of road markings, erection of appropriate signage etc.).

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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8.1 None.

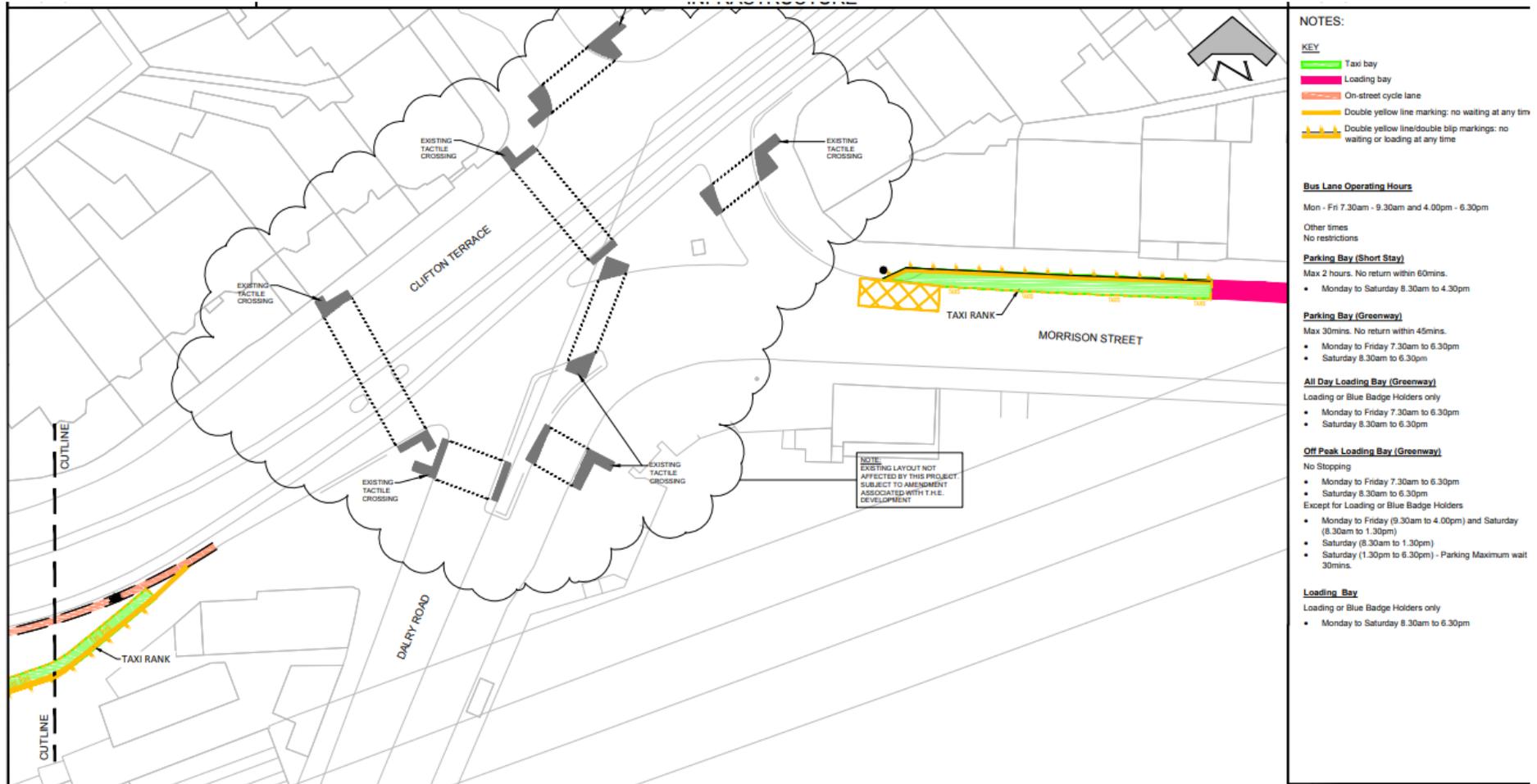
## **9. Appendices**

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9.1 Appendix 1 – Proposed plan of taxi stances at Haymarket Station and Morrison Street.

9.2 Appendix 2 – Taxi stance appointment process flowchart.

# Appendix 1 - proposed plan of the taxi stance at Haymarket Station and Morrison Street





Haymarket

Haymarket station

Taxi pick-up point

Proposed taxi stacking area  
on Morrison Street station

## Appendix 2 – Stance appointment procedure

### Procedure To Appoint, Vary, Revoke or Alter a Taxi Stance

