Dear Mr Saunders

Taxi Rank Relocation - Marine Place, Seaton

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the proposal to relocate the taxi ranks in Seaton. I apologise for the delay in responding.

We do not seem to have recevied a plan showing the location but I note there is one attached to the Licensing and Enforcement Committee report. I am concerned about the accuracy of the plan as the size of the existing rank is significantly shorter than the one currently marked on site (which provides space for up to 3 vehicles). I am also concerned that this does not seem to reflect the proposed layout shown on the plans submitted as part of planning application 17/0369/FUL.

However, based on the plan considered by the licensing committee, I have concerns about taxis accessing the rank and buses accessing the bus stop. The developer will need to provide vehicle tracks to show how these vehicles can safely access the parking bays provided.

I do have concerns that relocating the bus stop nearer the junction with Seahill will severly restrict visibility at the junction and therefore could not approve this, which in turn is likely to prevent the provision of a taxi space behind.

I would also want to see a more detailed plan that clearly shows the access to Beaumont so that we, and the residents of this property, can clearly see the impact on this access.

I have no comments regarding the reduction of spaces and will defer to the licensing authority regarding this element.

In summary I do not believe we have been provided with sufficient information to make an informed decision on the proposed relocation and therefore cannot support the proposal at this time. If we are provided with a more detailed plan that shows exactly what is proposed then we can make an informed decision.

I hope this is helpful, but if you require any further information then please let me know.

Yours sincerely

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