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Dear Sir or Madam

Re Proposed Amendments to Taxi ranks in East Devon

The Licensing Authority is contacting you as a number of minor amendments and improvements to taxi ranks have been proposed following a review of the taxi ranks in East Devon by Devon County Council Highways and District Council Licensing Officers. The majority of the proposals are in respect of plans to upgrade the status of the ranks in local traffic orders, and to improve marking and signage, and as such are very welcome. Additionally several proposals include recommendations for amendment of existing taxi ranks as summarised below:

- Proposal 3: Victoria Road Exmouth: Removal of one car space on the existing taxi rank to facilitate a time-limited disabled space (as well as upgrade of the rank designation to 'no stopping at any time');
- Proposal 10: Marine Place Seaton: Removal of the existing rank to facilitate development works, and relocation to Castle Hill. This proposal was previously consulted upon and approved and is due to be actioned shortly;
- Proposal 14: Silver Street, Axminster: Relocation of the existing rank to outside the bank in order to improve visibility of the rank (as well as upgrade of the rank designation to 'no stopping at any time');

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Proposal 17: Mill Street Ottery St Mary: Removal of the taxi rank space and conversion to 'Limited Waiting Mon-Sat 9am-6pm 1 Hour No Return Within 2 Hours'.

A copy of the written proposals and plans for the proposals are included for your consideration with this letter.

The Licensing Authority would like to hear from local taxi drivers and taxi companies on the proposed changes before any further steps are taken. If you would like to comment on these proposed changes, please either write or email the licensing team at East Devon District Council (responses by telephone cannot be considered).

You can email <u>Licensing@eastdevon.gov.uk</u>. The last date for responses to make a written comment is by 5pm on 8th January 2024.

Many thanks and kind regards

The Licensing Team