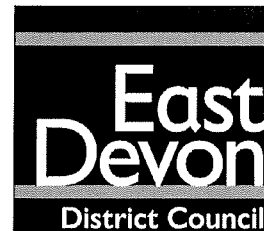


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Dear Sir or Madam

Application by Seaton Town Council to Relocate Taxi Rank

East Devon District Council licensing authority has received a request from Seaton Town Council for the removal of the taxi rank sited on Marine Place, Seaton and for it to be relocated to Castle Hill, Seaton being a short distance on the same side of the road. The existing taxi rank in Marine Place is one of four dedicated taxi ranks in Seaton that according to district council records was formally adopted for that use in 2010 by both the district and county councils.

The request for relocating the rank is because of the Seaton seafront redevelopment project across a wider area of roads and highways than just Marine Place and those alterations require removal of the taxi rank from its existing place. Local consultation has been undertaken with the taxi trade receiving two responses objecting to the proposal. The Licensing and Enforcement Committee at its meeting on 16th October approved the next step that the district council holds responsibility for by approving the required public notice to be circulated on the proposal.

Although the district council has the responsibility to appoint ranks it has to be done with the approval of the highway authority at Devon County Council and before a rank can be utilised, the highway authority needs to designate the rank with a traffic order and also have it signed and marked on the highway. The district council has not budgeted for any costs incurred by this work which may be the case for the county council and there may be options for costs incurred to be borne by Seaton Town Council under the redevelopment project which is reaching a late stage.

The purpose of this letter is to inform Devon County Council highway authority of the proposal and to seek clarification whether the highways authority will be prepared to complete the necessary work in adopting and marking the proposed taxi rank in Castle Hill, Seaton. If that were to be the case, the possible timescales for doing so would also be helpful.

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I would be extremely grateful for an early response on this matter and if I can assist with further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

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