

AGENDA ITEM: 4

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

13th APRIL 2011

TAXI FACILITIES IN CROSSFELL ROAD Re MORRISONS

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To present the Overview and Scrutiny Board with an outline of the purpose of this meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

2. Members of the Board are recommended to consider the information presented at the meeting relating to the taxi facilities associated with Crossfell Road adjacent to Morrisons at Berwick Hills.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

- 3 The Overview and Scrutiny Board has received a range of information from various organisations over recent weeks. Members have also undertaken a site visit and this together with the information received regarding the proposal of a Taxi Rank at Crossfell Road, has provided the Board with a range of detail.
- 4 At the previous meeting Members of the Board met with a representative from Morrisons where an outline of the facilities provided for Private Hire and Hackney Carriage within the Morrisons site at Berwick Hills was presented.

- 5 The Board was informed at a previous meeting that the Hackney Carriage Association and Middlesbrough Owner Driver's Association had objected to this rank being established on the grounds that there is already a rank on Ormesby Road and one within the Morrisons site.
- 6 The Board gave direction at their previous meeting of 23rd March 2011 that they wanted to invite both Hackney Carriage Operators and Private Hire to future meetings. The Board determined that, representatives from the Hackney Carriage Association and Middlesbrough Owner Driver's Association be invited to this meeting. The purpose is to gain an awareness of their concerns and the issues associated with Taxi facilities in that area from a Hackney Carriage perspective.

FUTURE MEETINGS

- 7 As referenced above the Board gave direction at their previous meeting (23rd March) that following this meeting with the Hackney Carriage operators the Board would want to invite the Private Hire company. This is to meet with Board members in order to outline the strengths behind the proposal for a Taxi Rank facility at Crossfell Road.
- 8 Consequently, the Board is requested to identify some suitable dates, which can be conveyed to the Private Hire company in an endeavour to establish a convenient date for both to attend.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9 No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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