

DTN NEWSLETTER

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We asked "What happened to the Water Street rank extension".

We were told, (brace yourself): The text in red shows the points raised, text in black is the response.

The extension to water street rank - detail the history and find out when this will happen?

The Water Street extension to the existing Rank can only proceed by way of Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). This is only something highways can do, and only something that they will agree following consultation. There are competing demands in Rhyl centre (Water Street) from Disability Groups, and Local Business for on street parking. There is a current back log in relation to TROs, about 18 months.

Any street that has a TRO cannot be designated by the Licensing Committee, only by another TRO. As the rank sites proposed by Chris in Prestatyn are all..... (everyone of them) all on parts of streets subject to TROs then the matter is one for highways. I have discussed these site (High Street aside for now). All are in areas that highways perceive are not contentious and so ranks are likely... but their is an 18 month waiting list for TROs.

I have passed all details to Highways, and asked them to escalate these up the priority table, I have also asked Graham Boase, Cefyn Williams (and Iwan Prys Jones before he left) to canvas Head of Highways Stuart Davies to make an exception for all/some but he has yet to agree to anything. We are still awaiting a final response. Situation is we have our requests for TMOs in place. They will take up to 18 months if agreed. We hope by persuasion to bring that timetable forward.



Prestatyn ranks as provided - when will these go to Committee?

For the reasons outlined at 1 above they won't go to committee. The streets are all subject to TROs and as such ranks can only be created by TRO.

More ranks in Prestatyn - High Street?

A ray of hope maybe..... The new development will see a change to the existing street parking, restrictions, orders. I have already made known and registered our interest in being able to have a say in relation to a taxi rank..... the planning for the site has changed again and the TRO won't be agreed until there is something concrete in relation to the complex.

The Questionnaire results - what exactly was approved - (we are going from our notes made at the meeting but the official minutes are not yet available) I wasn't at the meeting and as yet I haven't seen the final version of the minutes. But they were out for comments earlier this week, and are probably available by now..... or should be in the next day or so.

.....and it's clear the Working Group has not been meeting as promised by Licensing, we can then assume we are left to our own devices and come up with workable suggestions.

Please put on the web-site where you think ranks should be. We can then gather the suggestions and put them in a formal proposal to Highways.

Have a think and leave your comments on www.d-t-n.co.uk

More questions and answers:

THE QUESTION:-

Councillor Frobisher,
You may recall some time ago you were asked by the taxi trade to attend a Taxi Forum.

The Trade wished, and still so wish, for an explanation of the delegated decision you made in July involving the reduction of taxi rank spaces.

The papers and documents used in the process of this delegation have been asked for and as yet, have failed to materialise. Quite some time has passed without response and I trust you will be available to attend the next Forum and to provide disclosure of relevant documents.

THE ANSWER:-

I have forwarded your email to Graham Boase, the Head of Service, with a request he respond directly to you regarding the taxi rank issue you have raised. I have requested that Graham ensure I am copied into the response.

As for attending future taxi forum meetings I am aware that the trade have arranged a taxi forum and that the Council itself arranges taxi forums. Given constraints on my time I am sure you can appreciate that I am unlikely to be able to attend both Forum meetings, however feel free to invite me and if I can't attend I will ensure the views of the Council are represented by relevant Snr Officers.

Many thanks
Sharon

This response was dated 3rd Jan - still waiting!