

**REPORT OF THE HEAD OF ENGINEERING AND TRANSPORTATION TO  
A MEETING OF LICENSING AND SAFETY COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2009**

**Taxi Rank in Lower Bridge Street, Walsall**

**1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1.1 To consider the new information that has come to light since the decision of this committee on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008..

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 The committee is asked to consider the new information and presentation by the Disabled Forum and hence review their decision of the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.2008.

**3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There is a financial implication of *circa* £2000 for legal orders and road markings which will be paid out of the Engineering and Transportation budget.

**4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 None

**5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None

**6.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

6.1 The Disabled Forum recognises that both able bodied and disabled persons use taxis for inclusion and mobility.

**7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

**7.1** None

**8.0 WARD(S) AFFECTED**

**8.1** St Matthews

**9.0 CONSULTEES**

**9.1** Disabled Forum

**10.0 BACKGROUND**

**10.1** Since the decision of the Licensing and Safety Committee on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 to move the taxi rank in Lower Bridge Street from the west to the east side of the road further information has come forward from the Disabled Forum. This information is contrary to the information previously provided by the Taxi Association. The Disabled Forum have also carried out a survey on Taxi usage by both able bodied and disabled customers in Lower Bridge Street.

**10.2** The Chair of the committee was consulted on whether he was prepared to delay the implementation of the decision made on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2008 and to facilitate a review of the new information provided by the Disabled Forum.

**10.3** On his agreement both the Disabled Forum and the Taxi Association have been invited to attend this committee. The Disabled Forum will present their new information to the committee for their consideration.

**10.4** The committee is asked to consider the new information and presentation by the Disabled Forum and hence review their decision of the 22<sup>nd</sup> October.2008.