

**From:** Haynes, Robert [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 08 October 2013 12:16  
**To:** wrs.licensing  
**Subject:** Proposal to Appoint a Hackney Carriage Stand, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove

Dear Ms Garratt,

**Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976  
Notice to Chief Officer of Police of Proposal to Appoint a Hackney Carriage  
Stand, Worcester Road, Bromsgrove.**

In the absence of my colleague Mr Mike Digger (Traffic Management Advisor for Worcestershire) I am sending this e-mail on behalf of the Chief Constable in response to your letter dated 9th September 2013 in relation to the above mentioned proposal and accompanied drawing no P2195/14D.

I have fully read the contents of the letter and have also visited the location subject of the proposal.

I do have some observations to make on this proposal.

1. The proposed hackney carriage stand site is opposite an existing car parking area i.e. Parking 8am - 6.30pm. 30mins. No return within 1 hour. Presumably after 6.30pm there are no restrictions and any vehicle can park. If this is the case and this car parking area does remain then with the new 7 space hackney carriage stand operating from 7pm - 7am there will be insufficient width for motorists to use Worcester Road.

2. Station Street is a two way road and visibility may be an issue to the right of the hackney carriage stand, when exiting out of Station Road onto Worcester Road.

My view at this time must be that I am unable to offer support for this proposal.

I understand that my colleague Mike Digger is aware of this proposal and indeed has held a site meeting with Mr Nick Churchill, Team Leader of the Traffic Management Department at Worcestershire County Council. It was suggested that the parking area on the opposite side to this proposal should be extended and utilised as the new hackney carriage stand from 7pm-7am with this area being used by motorists from 7am-7pm. I would suggest that Mr Churchill be liaised with ASAP prior to any further action being taken.

Regards

Bob Haynes

Traffic Management Advisor  
West Mercia Police  
( Herefordshire & Malvern Hills)

**From:** Williams, Gary (BEC) [REDACTED]  
**To:** Susan Garratt  
**Cc:** Churchill, Nick (BEC); Clewer, Richard (BEC)  
**Subject:** FW: taxis

Hi Sue,

Nick has forwarded this to me for response. I have also had a look on site.

Looking at the plan and Martin's comments, the idea is to provide 5 spaces for general daytime parking and 7 evening spaces for taxis on the south east side of Worcester Road.

Shared-use spaces of this type are permissible under prevailing regulations subject to making the appropriate changes to Traffic Regulation Orders (see below) BUT we would have to express strong concerns about the practicalities, specifically:

1. Potential obstruction for larger vehicles exiting George Street caused by vehicles parked in the two spaces proposed for the town end. Swept paths indicate that, for example, an 8m rigid refuse truck would not be able to exit George Street with vehicles parked in those two spaces – even with the nib removed.
2. The middle two spaces are located in front of the private access to substantial off-street premises (CCSG building). The access appears also to serve commercial premises fronting Worcester Road, specifically Gough Bailey Wright Accountants. We note that these spaces would be for the use of taxis only between 7pm and 7am. However, can it be guaranteed that there will be no requirement for overnight vehicle access to these premises? We cannot think of any other locations where we have actively considered formalising parking activity in front of the access to private premises and it is not something we could support here. At worst, this could be seen as encouraging drivers to break the law (bearing in mind that obstruction of an access is an offence).

In view of the above, it looks like the proposal shown on the plan will create just 4 usable spaces on the south east side. This compares to 4 in the existing lay-by on the opposite side (NB based on 6m per car in a 24m long lay-by, allowing space in front and behind; taxis can park bumper-to-bumper so feasibly there is room for 5). On that basis, there appears to be no benefit in relocating the parking.

Those concerns aside, once we have an agreed proposal to consult upon, the process is as follows:

- Initial consultation with various statutory bodies including Police, Road Haulage Association and Freight Transport Association. We would also consult the taxi trade/licensing authority at this stage
- Report to local County Councillor seeking authorisation to advertise the proposal
- Advertisement in local paper and by public notice on site seeking objections/representations
- If NO objections, make TRO and implement
- If ANY objections, have to repeat consultation with Police and County Councillor at the very least before proceeding to implement the proposal without changes. Further

public consultation will be required if it is necessary to change the proposal in response to objections received.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

Regards,

**Gary Williams**  
Senior Traffic Management Engineer  
Worcestershire County Council



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24/9/2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re Proposal for the Hackney Carriage Stand – Worcester Road.**

I wish to object to the proposal for the Hackney Carriage Stand in Worcester Road on the following grounds:

**1. Flooding**

This part of Worcester road regularly floods in heavy rain. The buildings either side of us have flooded in the past and we would have on more than one occasion if I had not barricaded the door. Moving the road closer to us will make this problem significantly worse for 2 reasons:

- 1.1 The road and/or curb height will have to be lowered as the pavement slopes from the curb towards our building.
- 1.2 The wash from cars driving down the road through the flood water is already a major problem, moving the road closer will accentuate this.

**2. Health and Safety**

Reducing the width of the pavement outside the restaurant will become a major health and safety risk:

- 2.1 Cars already speed down the road, straightening it will make this worse.
- 2.2 We have many families coming to the restaurant and children leaving the restaurant onto a narrow pavement are at risk of stepping into the road and being hit by cars. An even greater risk is to mothers leaving with pushchairs.
- 2.3 We have a number of wheelchair users come to the restaurant. There will barely be enough room to exit the building in a wheelchair and turn left or right.
- 2.4 Customers of ours who want to smoke have to stand in the street. This will congest a now narrow pavement resulting in people stepping into the road to get past. And possibly causing conflict with passer's by.
- 2.5 The pavement will be particularly narrow outside no 8 Worcester Road causing a bottleneck and resulting in people (particularly large groups of young people who have been drinking) on their way to the Dog and Pheasant stepping into the road as the pavement suddenly narrows.

**3. Effects on our business**

Narrowing the pavement outside of our premises will have a detrimental effect on our business:

- 3.1 Our elderly customers will lose access to the few parking spaces that are close to the restaurant.
- 3.2 We have customers who arrive on mobility scooters. They leave their mobility scooters outside and come into the restaurant. There will not be enough room for them to do this if the pavement is narrowed.

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3.3 We regularly have deliveries of pallets of dry goods. Currently the pavement is wide enough that a pallet does not block the pavement. Reducing the pavement width will mean the pallet will totally block the pavement for the 10-15 minutes it takes us to unload it.

3.4 Taxi drivers generally leave their vehicles running whilst waiting which means we will be unable to keep our front door open in the summer due to the noise and the fumes from the taxis waiting in the taxi rank.

I can understand the current issues regarding taxis queuing on Station Road however I think a better solution would be to move the taxi rank further down Worcester road where it is much wider and there is probably room to add a taxi rank and keep the existing parking. This would also have the advantage of moving people who are waiting for a taxi away from the trouble spots outside the night club and the Dog and Pheasant pub.

I would also like to know:

1. Is the area that is currently a loading bay remaining as such during the day?
2. Is daytime parking available in the remainder of the taxi rank?
3. Why the taxi rank is starting at 7pm when I've never seen a queue of more than 3 taxis until well after 10pm?
4. Why the taxi rank remains in force until 7am when Worcester road is deserted from 3am onwards?

Yours Sincerely,



A.G.Docherty  
For and on behalf of Maekong Thai Ltd

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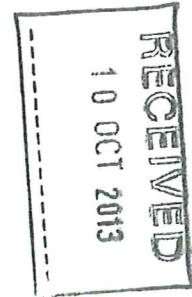
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Dear Sir/Madam,

I, the owner of Ann Marie Bridal Studio would like to formally object to a proposal for a Hackney Carriage Stand on the Worcester Road.

The main objection that I have is that on certain nights of the week we will have members of the public who will be intoxicated causing a nuisance. This could potentially result in my external glass being broken if a fight breaks out which is already an issue with businesses opposite the nightclub on the Worcester Road.

This will be the main area that members of the public will wait for taxis which could potentially result in broken beer glasses, vomit, litter, discarded food being left on my shop frontage.

I would like my objections raised in this letter to be considered before a final decision is reached about whether to proceed with the proposal.

Yours sincerely

  
Ann Marie Stanton

Ann Marie Bridal Studio



**From:** [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 10 October 2013 15:36  
**To:** wrsenquiries  
**Subject:** Road

Dear Sirs  
Attn:: Dave Etheridge

May I make reference my recent telephone call in response to the proposed taxi rank scheme within Worcester Rd, Bromsgrove.

We run a Music School at 13-15 Worcester Rd. We teach approx 170 students a week, the majority of which are of school age.

The current situation is that parents will utilize the existing pull in facility to drop off or collect their children during the evenings

I believe the current proposals will stop this from happening, which will have a detrimental effect on our business.

Whilst I have no objection to the creation of a taxi rank, the existing facility does not allow for any parking of vehicles outside the restrictions imposed for taxi's, this appears to be a complete waste of space, when there is not enough parking available within Bromsgrove. The current proposals, if following suit, would mean that most of Worcester Rd, would have no daytime parking, and taxi's only during the evening

I am also very concerned about the proposed 7pm-7am period of restrictions. This seems an arbitrary time period. There is no requirement for any taxi rank before at least 10pm and then only on Fridays and Saturdays. There are no customers waiting until at least 11-30 on those evenings, therefore the proposal will have a major detrimental impact on the local businesses.

I would be grateful if you could advise me of the decision making process and facts available that were employed when making the restricted time allocation. Did representations from the Police suggest that there was a need from 7pm due to the number of taxis and clients in this location at that time?

I am very concerned as to the impact of the proposals as they stand during a time of economic instability that we have been enduring. As a leisure business we have had to endure rising costs along with parents reappraisal of costs associated with music tuition, and I feel that any other impositions will dramatically impact on our business.

I therefore wish to object to the proposals in relation to the area between George Rd and Station St

Regards

Bromsgrove School of Music



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Dear Sir or Madam,

### **Re: Proposal for the Hackney Carriage Stand – Worcester Road**

I wish to object to the proposal for the Hackney Carriage Stand in Worcester Road on the following grounds.

#### **1. Access In and Out of Our Driveway.**

This private driveway is in use 24 hours a day. During the day we use this for our business and for the staff to park and also for delivery of goods. At night the drive is used by one tenant in the flats above. To pull into the drive you need a good area because of the narrow road and also the same to reverse out. If the taxi rank as taxi's parked in this at night then you have lost that area that you require to gain access in and out. If there is parking allowed in this bay during the day then we will not have any access at all. The taxi area / parking area needs to be shorten to enable us to have access to the property.

#### **2. Flooding.**

This part of Worcester Road regularly floods in heavy rain, by moving the pavements closer to us will only make this more likely to flood. We have to sand bag inside and outside our front doors at present. The rain water comes down Station Street and the drains just can not take the water away fast enough. The wash from the cars driving down the road at present is bad enough and this causes a wave which then comes through our shop front. Having the road wider means traffic will



drive even faster and cause even more waves which means even more flooding problems.

### **3. Effects on our Business.**

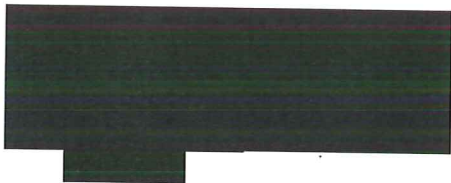
If we are losing the one parking bay this will be a great loss to us, because our customers use this to park in for ordering goods and collection of work. I know they could use the other parking bay or the car park, but I feel they would not do this and then take their business elsewhere where it is more convenient to park.

### **4. Noise from Taxis in the Evening on my Tenants.**

I am very concerned about the noise from the taxis and customers at night, if there is noise my tenants may not stay and then I might find it difficult to acquire and keep new ones.

Why can't the taxi rank be at the other end of Worcester Road which is not as narrow as this end or why can't it be on the Market Place car park which makes a lot of common sense.

Yours faithfully,

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Mr P Nokes

**From:** Paul Richards [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 October 2013 08:25  
**To:** Rita Dent  
**Subject:** Hackney Carriages

Dear Sir or Madam,

I write to object to the proposed Hackney Carriage Stand in Worcester Road, Bromsgrove. This road is often congested in the evening as pedestrians descend upon the local takeaways after an evening out, and the pavement is width is already insufficient. Motorists would also require parking on this road to collect their telephone orders, as well as the restaurants on this road that offer a home delivery service. **If people leaving these establishments are waiting for taxi cabs in this area; they may become a public nuisance and cause damage to the neighbouring businesses and properties owing to the nature of this enclosed area.** In the event of an accident or incident, I would be concerned that an emergency service vehicle would have difficulty in accessing this narrow one lane road.

Most people who require taxis tend to have mobile telephones to summon them to their current location, and that taxi cabs booked in this manner have the assurance that the customer is using a legitimate taxi firm; and that the customer is insured for their journey.

As the old Market building on Market Place is being developed into a cinema, I would propose that this would be a more convenient waiting area for those requiring taxi cabs. Perhaps you should take a look yourself tonight; after all it is only just around the corner from the Unionist Club?!

Yours sincerely,

Paul Richards

Redditch & Bromsgrove CAMRA