

Phase II - Suggested taxi ranks as submitted by the Hackney Carriage Trade

	Location	Description	Highways initial comment	Type of Rank.	Additional Comments following 4th June 2008 Meeting	Priority
1	Chapel Allerton (24 hour)	In lay-by outside Yorkshire Bank, Stainbeck Lane – facing west, Or outside Somerfields Store facing west Or outside the Mustard Pot facing east.	Subject to further consultations part of the parking bay outside the Yorkshire Bank could be used for an evening/ night time rank. Perhaps operating between 20:00 and 02:00 hours. There is demand for parking during the working day, but the introduction of a limited parking restriction during this period could be considered.	Night time	A fourth alternative was suggested by the Trade as on Harrogate Road between Regent Street and Town Street. Actual location subject to more detailed consideration and consultation.	High
2	Street Lane (Night time)	Outside the Flying Pizza facing east.	Could utilise a length of Street Lane that is currently not subject to any restrictions and possibly by combining a rank with limited parking restrictions during the working day, a night time rank can be accommodated.	Night time	Agreed.	High
3	Headingley (Night time)	Outside the Box PH - facing south	The section is protected by waiting restrictions during the working day. However, it is considered that a night time rank could be supported at this location.	Night time	Agreed	High
4	Headingley (24 hour)	Extend the existing rank outside the Lounge Cinema	Existing rank caters for 2 taxis. Rank could be extended to the zig-zag markings associated with the adjacent pedestrian crossing. However, in view of on-street parking within the area being at a premium objections to extending the rank are more than likely.	24 hour	Agreed to pursue an extension of the existing rank. Extension would take rank up to pedestrian crossing zig-zags. NB. 'Whizz Go' Car Club bays nearby.	High

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5	Kirkstall Road (Night time)	Warner Village the View	This location has not been clearly identified and it is assumed that the request relates to a location within the complex itself. The area within the complex is private and any provision within it would have to be negotiated between the Trade and the complex management.	Night time	Taxi Trade to pursue possible agreement with private owners. In meantime request made to seek a location on the Kirkstall Road itself.	Medium
6	Burley Road (24 hours)	Vicinity of Opal Court 1 & 2	There are general parking issues within this area following the completion of the student accommodation. A project to resolve the parking issues has been identified and the provision of a taxi rank could be part of that project. Unfortunately the project is not scheduled until 2009/10 at the earliest.	24 hour	Target is to serve the student accommodation. Agreed to look at a possible rank independent of the parking control issue.	Medium
7	Elland Road (match day only)	Outside the East Stand.	Preliminary discussions with the Police have identified that they will not support a rank in this location because of their crowd control operations. They close Lowfields Road and Elland Road at the busiest periods and utilise sections of Lowfields Road itself for their own operational vehicles. There is the possibility of using Stadium Way, however, taxis would not be allowed to move in or out until the crowd has dispersed. This would negate the provision of a rank. Thought is being given to approaching Metro to request them to allow taxis to utilise the bus point at the end of Lowfields Road. This area has its own access off the roundabout at Junction 2 of the M621. A direct approach from the Trade or even the Licensing Panel may help persuade Metro to permit this use.	Event days only	Trade accept Police's view. Suggested Trade approaches Metro direct to seek permission to use bus point. Highways Officers will also approach Metro. Trade also asked for consideration to be given to allowing Taxis to use the Elland Road Bus Gate. This was supported by the Access Group Representatives.	High

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8	City Centre (24 hours)	Gt George Street Lay-by between Casa Mia and Chilli – facing east	This lay-by is required for loading purposes to the adjacent buildings. It is well used for parking in the evenings. However, a night time rank can be supported albeit at the expense of displacing the evening/night time parking.	Night time	Day time rank not possible due to loading requirements, but evening/night time between 7:00 pm and 7:00 am to be pursued.	High
9	City Centre (night time)	Cookridge Street opposite the planning office	This request has been added to another project in the area which is ongoing. A report outlining the scheme has recently been approved and the measures will be advertised in the near future. The Trade are aware of the proposal and have expressed their support.	Night time	This site has been included on another on-going project and the Orders are to be advertised soon.	On-going
10	City Centre (night time)	Albion Street – bus stop outside Tiger Tiger Bar	This location has been considered many times before and Metro and bus operators continue to object to the idea. Bus services continue through the night although at a reduced service. Metro regularly receive complaints that buses are not able to kerb correctly in line with the DDA requirements and are constantly seeking enforcement action. The Trade have previously been offered the use of the loading lay-by around the corner on Great George Street, but taxis would be ranked on the offside of the road and passengers would enter the taxis from the drivers side albeit from within a lay-by. There is also an existing rank on the other side of the junction outside the Oceana Bar.	Night time	Agreed the lay-by on the Loop Road would provide an alternative, although the Access Representatives indicated they could only support it as an interim measure because the rank would be on the off-side of a one-way street. Highways Officers suggested it may be possible to provide a late night rank on the nearside of the Loop Road as an alternative. Possible times to be considered are 9:00 pm to 4:00 am.	Medium

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11	City Centre (night time)	Headrow – opposite the Guildford Life Bar	<p>A new rank has recently been provided on the westbound carriageway. This location can be accommodated in principle; however there are one or two issues that would need to be resolved.</p> <p>For taxis to safely and comfortably use a rank here the existing kerbing would require lowering.</p> <p>Future aspirations for the Headrow, in terms of improving the Public Real aspect, are still being debated. Any taxi rank provision would be subject to the outcomes of that debate.</p> <p>There may also be scope to provide a 24 hour rank at his location provided the adjacent bus stops are not hindered by any over ranking.</p> <p>This is not an easy project and will most likely take some time to achieve agreement from all interested parties, but worth pursuing if the Trade agrees to the concept.</p>	24 hour	<p>Taxi Trade welcomed possible 24 hour rank, but appreciate it is a sensitive area and will be a much longer project to pursue.</p> <p>Highway officers will begin initial consultations to identify acceptability by other parties interested in the development of The Headrow and to identify if there are any statutory undertakers apparatus under the paved area that will prevent a rank being installed.</p> <p>Access representatives pointed out that should a rank be possible here it would be well received and could be regarded as best practice in terms of inclusion and accessibility.</p>	Medium
12	City Centre (night time)	Headrow – outside Town Hall facing east	<p>This location could utilise the existing bus stop if agreement can be reached with Metro etc.</p> <p>If above location progress is the need still there?</p>	Night time	The Taxi Trade representatives agreed to this location being held in reserve pending the outcome of The Headrow site above.	Low

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13	City Centre (night Time)	Call Lane – extra spaces	<p>Existing 24 hour rank for 6 taxis on Call Lane.</p> <p>Possible use of bus stop near Cloth Hall Street at night time, but Metro suggest better if stop on Duncan Street used instead.</p> <p>Further debate required with Trade to confirm their requirements.</p>	Night time	<p>Trade would still like to pursue the Call Lane location rather than Duncan Street.</p> <p>There are two aspects here a) extending the existing rank and b) night time use of the bus stop.</p>	High
14	City Centre (night time)	Corn Exchange – outside Town House	<p>This can be accommodated within the loading bay(s) if they are made 7:00 am till 7:00 pm with evening and night time taxi rank operating outside those times.</p> <p>NB. Police have requested that consideration be given to closing Cloth Hall Street to assist in reducing antisocial behaviour in area. This would mean all access to Crown Street would be via the City Centre Loop – The Calls.</p>	Night time	Agreed.	High
15	City Centre	Vicar Lane – extend to full lay-by	<p>This has been suggested many time before but the reasons for not being able to accede to the request stand. The other half of the lay-by is used by the Access Bus operation and they have stated their wish for their provision to remain as it provides a very good opportunity for disabled people to have convenient and easy access to the pedestrian precinct area.</p> <p>The whole lay-by available as a rank after 7:00pm.</p>	24 hours	The situation here has not changed, but the Access Bus managers will be contacted again to repeat the request for them to reconsider their view and seek a new location for the Access Bus thus freeing up the lay-by for further taxi use.	Medium

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16	City Centre (24 hours)	Lower Briggate – near Dysons Extend rank	This is part of the proposal to utilise the bus stop as a night time rank.	24 hour	Agreed	High
17	City Centre (24 hour)	Gascoigne Street - off Lower Briggate	This is a private road and does not come under the remit of Highways Services.		Private Road Status – so highways can not pursue	
18	City Centre (night time)	Boar Lane – lay-by outside BHS facing east	This area has been identified as a night time problem area by the Police and have already requested the night time bus service be removed from this location. There is a night time rank opposite within the day time loading bay. Further night time ranks are being pursued – one outside Yates PH as part of a scheme to improve the Boar Lane Mill Hill junction and another as part of the use of bus stops initiative outside the Square PH. Another so close by can not be supported.	Night time	See Highways Initial Comments Also development work at the Leeds Shopping Plaza is due to start soon which will affect the Boar Lane frontage.	On-going
19	City Centre (night time)	Park Row – outside the Slug and Lettuce	Metro are not keen on this location due to the night time bus services along Park Row. The impending introduction of a 24 hour rank on Greek Street opposite, the night time rank outside the Guildford Life Bar and the 24 hour rank on Cookridge Street outside the Radisson Hotel does question the need for another on Park Row.	Night time	Agreed to keep this location in reserve pending the take up and demands placed upon the new Greek Street rank.	Low

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20	City Centre	Near the Royal Armouries	Further discussions with the Trade are needed to clarify the best location to suit their needs.	24 hour	Agreed to seek suitable location on Armouries Drive.	High
21	City Centre (night time)	Playhouse – outside the Wardrobe	<p>This location is supported and will be progressed as part of an identified project to provide a loading bay in this location on St Peter's Square.</p> <p>As part of the project consideration will be given to either providing a night time taxi rank within the loading bay or possibly the provision of a dedicated 24 hour rank in the area.</p>	Night time	Agree that a night time rank be pursued as part of the loading bay proposal, however, it was also agreed to investigate the possibility of a 24 hour rank. This would serve the BBC and Playhouse area.	High
22	City Centre	Sovereign Street	<p>The event special bus arrangements are being relocated onto Sovereign Street as a consequence of the Neville Street (Dark Arches) Improvement Scheme.</p> <p>A location will be sought, but initial thoughts are that a 24 hour rank near the junction with Swinegate would also provide for the hotels etc in the area.</p>	Mainly for during events, but could be 24 hours	Agreed that a 24 hour rank near Swinegate will be pursued if a suitable location can be identified.	High
23	Vicinity of Leeds Bradford Airport	Whitehouse Lane	Whitehouse Lane is already protected by waiting restrictions, but there may be scope to provide a rank subject to normal considerations with regard to minimising congestion and maintaining traffic flows.	24 hour	Agreed to investigate options.	High