



## CAERPHILLY TOWN CENTRE MANAGEMENT GROUP – 19TH MARCH 2008

**SUBJECT: TAXI RANK PROPOSAL FOR CASTLE STREET, CAERPHILLY TOWN**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF THE ENVIRONMENT**

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### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To seek views on a proposal for the provision of a taxi rank on Castle Street in Caerphilly town.

### **2. SUMMARY**

- 2.1 A proposal for a taxi rank on Castle Street in Caerphilly town has been developed in response to a request from the Caerphilly County Borough Taxi Drivers Association (CCBTA) for the consideration of the Caerphilly Town Centre Management Group (TCMG). Views are sought to determine whether or not the proposal is supported.

### **3. LINKS TO STRATEGY**

- 3.1 To encourage with others, the provision and use of public transport to help protect the environment and to enhance opportunities for work and leisure.
- 3.2 To work towards a safer environment through positive measures to reduce road accidents and particularly by protecting and providing for vulnerable road users.

### **4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Since the relocation of the Post Office from the Tywn to WHSmiths in the Castle Court shopping centre, the CCBTDA have reported an increased demand for taxi services near the Bandstand in Castle Street. To accommodate this demand they have requested the provision of a taxi rank.
- 4.2 This proposal has been the subject of previous debates in the Caerphilly TCMG meetings. In order to assist the Group in coming to a view, the Traffic Management section were requested to prepare a proposal for their consideration.

### **5. TAXI RANK PROPOSAL FOR CASTLE STREET**

- 5.1 Attached to this report as Appendix 1 is a plan showing a proposal for a taxi rank on Castle Street near the Bandstand. The proposal is to utilise the existing bus bay and convert it to a taxi rank suitable for two vehicles. The bus bay would be shortened and part of it built out to provide a kerb side bus stop with a bus boarder.

5.2 The proposal is compliant with current design standards and is not anticipated to have any significant effect on the nearby traffic signals. The main local bus operator (Stagecoach) has been informally consulted and has no objection. Should the proposal be taken forward, formal consultations would be undertaken in accordance with the Council's procedures for Traffic Regulation Orders.

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 A budget of £8,000 would be required to progress the proposal. Should there be agreement, consideration would be given to funding the proposal from the 2008/09 Engineering Division budgets.

## **7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None.

## **8. CONCLUSIONS**

8.1 The proposal in Appendix 1 is feasible and deliverable. Views are sought from the Group as to whether or not it is supported.

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Background Papers:  
None

Appendices:  
Appendix 1 – Plan of taxi rank proposal for Castle Street, Caerphilly town