



## **PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

### **INDIVIDUAL DECISION BY THE PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT**

### **TOPIC – TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – TAXI RANKS – VARIOUS ROADS, WINCHESTER**

#### **PROCEDURAL INFORMATION**

The Access to Information Procedure Rules – Part 4, Section 22 of the Council's Constitution provides for a decision to be made by an individual member of Cabinet.

In accordance with the Procedure Rules, the Corporate Director (Governance), the Chief Executive and the Head of Finance are consulted together with Chairman and Vice Chairman of The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any other relevant overview and scrutiny committee. In addition, all Members are notified.

If five or more Members from those informed so request, the Leader may require the matter to be referred to Cabinet for determination.

#### **Contact Officers:**

##### **Case Officer:**

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##### **Committee Administrator:**

Nancy Graham. Senior Democratic Services Officer. Tel: 01962 848235.

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#### **SUMMARY**

- Requests were received from Hampshire Constabulary and WCC Licensing to introduce additional taxi ranks in Winchester city centre to help alleviate antisocial behaviour and reduce the potential for crime and disorder.
- Four potential sites for additional taxi ranks were established and approved for formal consultation. The proposed sites are in Upper Brook Street, St Georges Street and two sites in Jewry Street. Plans, Statement of Reasons and the associated Schedule are attached. (Appendix 1)
- The proposal is in keeping with the Corporate Priorities in its attempt to improve traffic management, road safety and the environment.

- Formal advertisement of the proposals resulted in two objections (plus an additional solicitor's letter on behalf of an objector) and three letters of support. A summary of this correspondence is attached. (Appendix 3)
- Despite pressure from WCC Licensing to introduce all four bays, as a result of the above objections and following discussions and correspondence with Members, it is recommended not to proceed with the introduction of the taxi rank adjacent to 12-13 Jewry Street. (Appendix 1 - Drawing No. 810402/235/002)
- Subject to approval and implementation of the proposal as recommended the impact of the new restrictions will be monitored and possible additional sites for new taxi ranks may be investigated and pursued as part of a new TRO scheme.
- Copy of revised Schedule is attached. (Appendix 4)

### **DECISION**

1. It is recommended to introduce 'No Stopping (Except Taxis 7pm to 6am)' restrictions in Upper Brook Street, St Georges Street and Jewry Street, Winchester as detailed in the revised schedule attached. (Appendix 4)
2. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to make the necessary order.

### **REASON FOR THE DECISION AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

See Summary.

### **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:**

- The cost of implementing the traffic regulation order and any associated signs and lining work is covered by the Traffic Management agreement with Hampshire County Council.
- Enforcement of any new restrictions will be carried out within existing budgets.

### **CONSULTATION UNDERTAKEN ON THE DECISION**

- Letters requesting support to proceed to formal advertisement were sent to all local Ward Members, the County Councillor, Police and WCC Parking Office Manager.
- Proposal notices were subsequently placed in the Mid Hants Observer and posted on street accordingly. (Appendix 3)
- All properties in the direct vicinity of the proposed taxi ranks were notified by letter to inform them of the proposal.

**FURTHER ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED FOLLOWING PUBLICATION OF THE DRAFT PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION NOTICE**

None.

**DECLARATION OF INTERESTS BY THE DECISION MAKER OR A MEMBER OR OFFICER CONSULTED**

None.

**DISPENSATION GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Not applicable.

Approved by: (signature)

Date of Decision: 21.02.12

Councillor Victoria Weston – Portfolio Holder for Environment and Transport

**PROPOSED VARIATION TO:-**

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

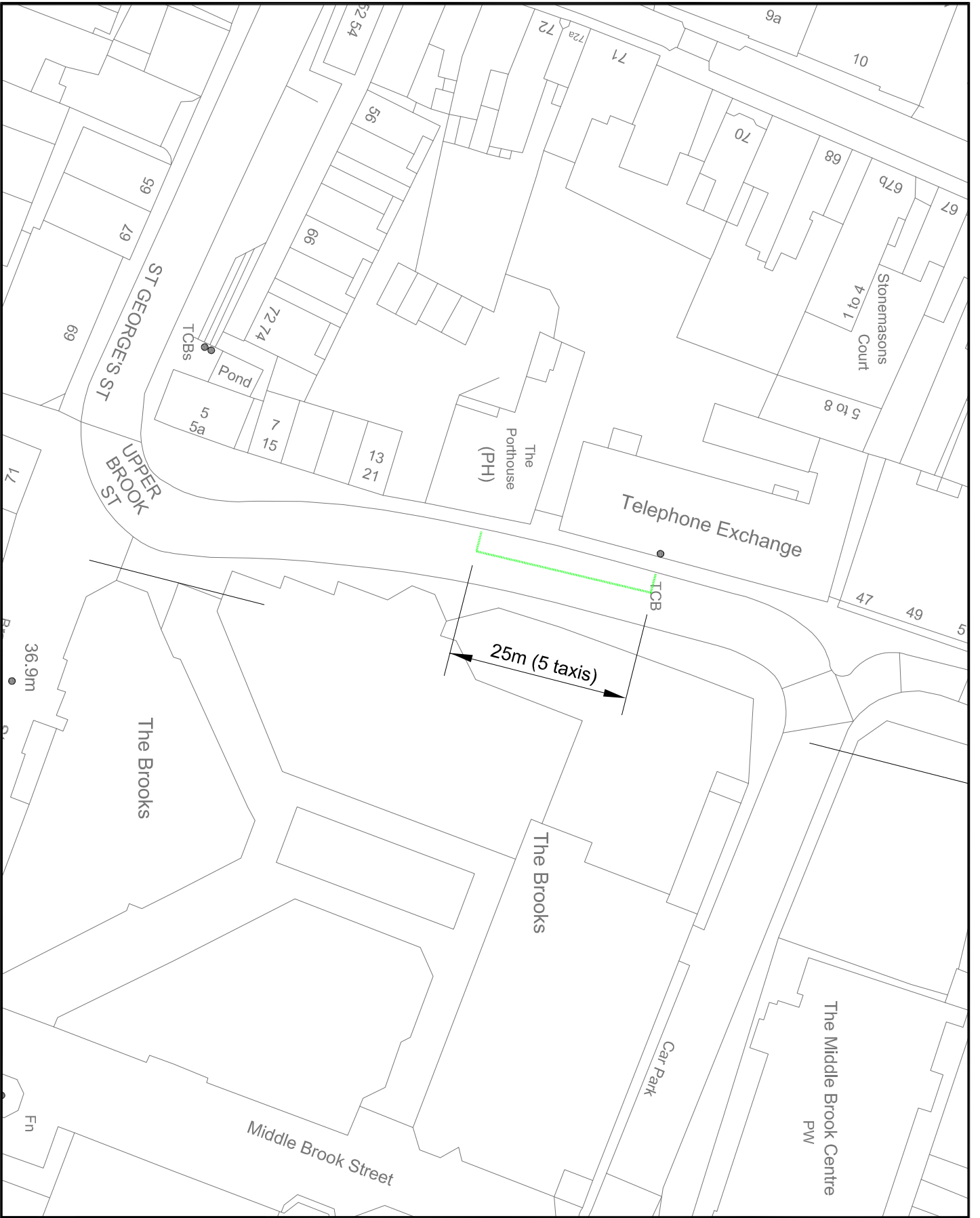
THE HAMPSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS WINCHESTER)  
(PARKING PLACES AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING)  
(CONTROLLED ZONE) (CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2010

**STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR REVISION:-**

On traffic management, safety and environmental grounds.

**SCHEDULES:-**

<b><u>Schedule 1 Part XXI</u></b> <b><u>No Stopping (Except Taxis 7pm – 6am)</u></b>				
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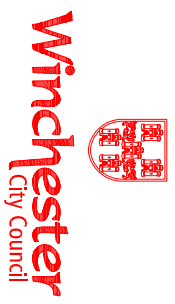


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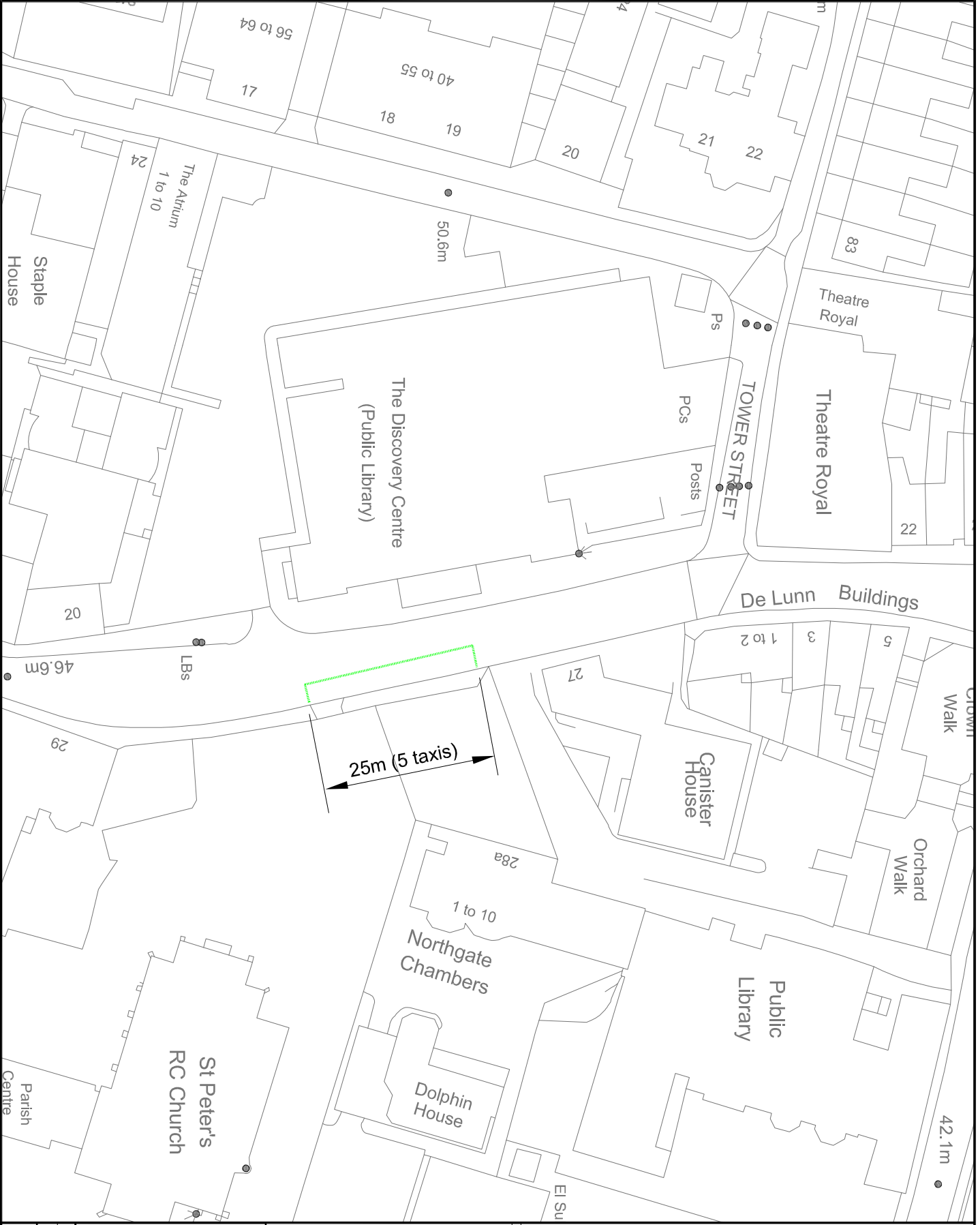
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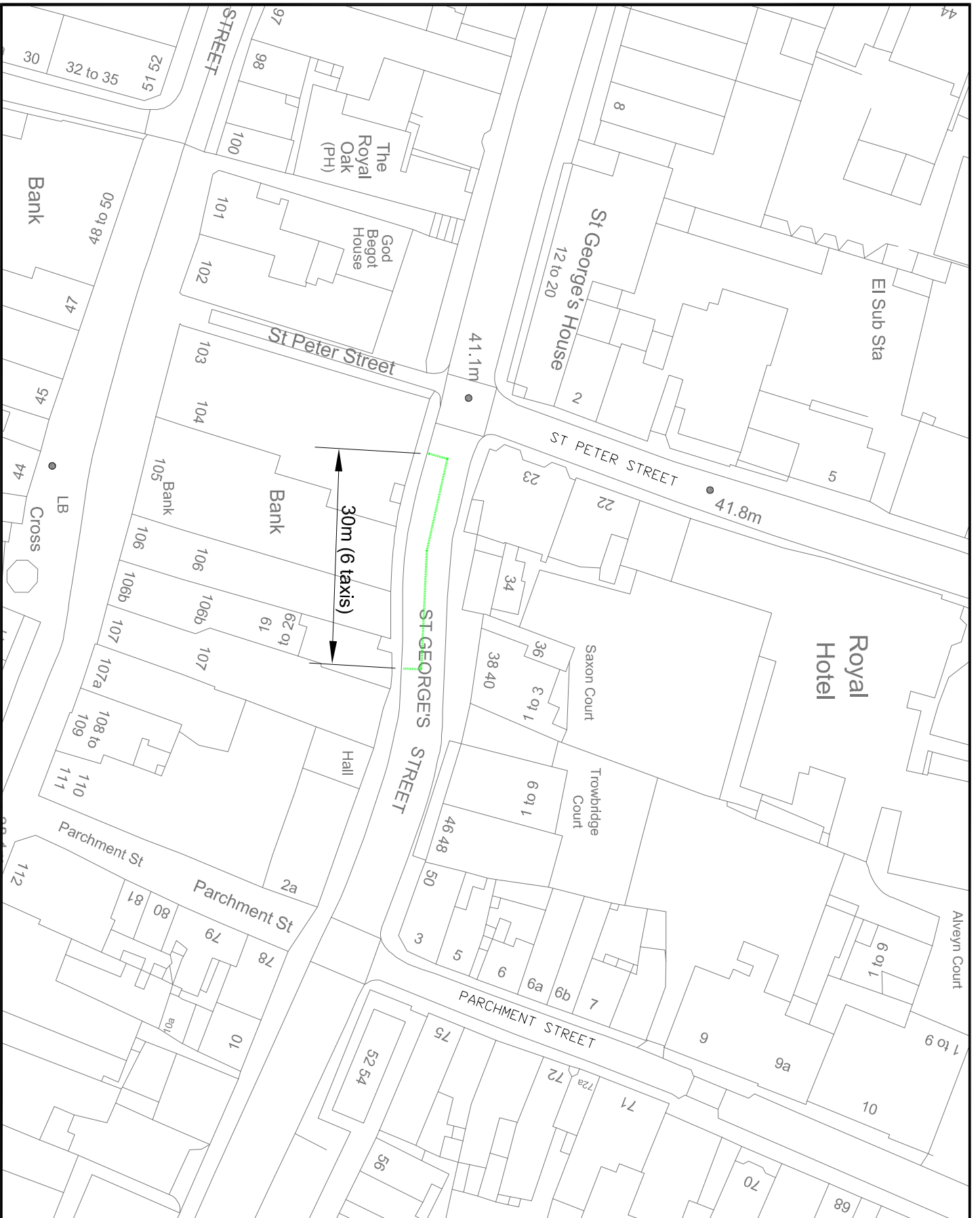
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**Notice of Proposal of making of Road Traffic Regulation Order  
Affecting the District of Winchester City Council**

Winchester City Council as agents for Hampshire County Council proposes making the undermentioned road traffic regulation order:-

**The Hampshire (Various Roads Winchester) (Parking Places and Restriction of Waiting) (Controlled Zone) (Consolidation) Order 2010 (Variation No. 5) Order 2011**

The effect of this order will be to introduce no stopping except for taxis in Jewry Street, St Georges Street and Upper Brook Street, Winchester. Details are as follows:-

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**FURTHER DETAILS:** A copy of this notice, the proposed order, and maps showing the location and effect of the proposal, a statement of reasons and the order to be varied may be inspected during usual office hours at the following place:-

- (i) City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester.

**OBJECTIONS:** All objections and other representations in respect of this proposal must be sent in writing to the undersigned by 4<sup>th</sup> January 2012.  
All objections must state the grounds on which they are made.

Dated this 30<sup>th</sup> day of November 2011

H. N. Bone, Head of Legal Services,  
Winchester City Council, City Offices, Colebrook Street, Winchester, Hampshire.

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Taxi Ranks – various roads, Winchester  
 Summary of correspondence to formal proposal adverts

Respondent	Comment	Officer's Response
Wessex Group, Jewry Street	Objecting to the proposed bay outside 12-13 Jewry Street which could cause obstruction to their premises.	Revised proposal as recommended resolves this issue.
Warner & Richardson, Jewry Street	Solicitors acting on behalf of Wessex Group confirming their client's objection to the proposed bay outside 12-13 Jewry Street.	Revised proposal as recommended resolves this issue.
John Lewis of Hungerford, Jewry Street	Objecting to the proposed bay outside 12-13 Jewry Street which could cause obstruction to their premises.	Revised proposal as recommended resolves this issue.
Insp Young, Hampshire Constabulary	Confirming Hampshire Constabulary's support of the proposal but with reservations about the potential obstruction which could be caused by the bay outside 12-13 Jewry Street. Suggests a six month trial period for this taxi rank if introduced.	Revised proposal as recommended takes this potential issue into account.
Mr Eckton, Winchester taxi driver	Supports proposals on the whole, but not the bay outside 12-13 Jewry Street	This is in line with the revised proposal as recommended.
Mr Ahmed, Winchester taxi driver	Fully supports proposal.	The revised proposal will provide a substantial increase in the number of taxi ranks in the city centre.