



GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday, 24 March 2022

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete

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Members: Councillors: M McKay (Chair), D Bainbridge, R Broom, A Brown, T Callaghan, J Hanafin, L Harrington, G Lawrence CC, A McGuinness, L Martin-Haugh, M Notley, C Parris, L Rossati and G Snell.

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 13 JANUARY 2022

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the General Purposes Committee held on 13 January 2022.

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3. HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF REVIEW

To review the current hackney carriage fares tariffs following a request from hackney carriage drivers to revise them.

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4. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

To consider any Part I business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

5. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in Paragraphs 1 – 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.
2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

6. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II items accepted by the Chair as urgent.

Agenda Published 16 March 2022

STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: Thursday, 13 January 2022

Time: 6.00pm

Place: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete

Present: Councillors: Maureen McKay (Chair), Doug Bainbridge, Rob Broom, Adrian Brown, Teresa Callaghan, Graham Lawrence CC, Lin Martin-Haugh, Margaret Notley, Claire Parris, Loraine Rossati and Graham Snell.

Start / End Start Time: 6.00pm
Time: End Time: 6.44pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Jody Hanafin, Liz Harrington and Andy McGuinness.

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES - 27 FEBRUARY 2020

It was **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 27 February 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

3 GAMBLING ACT 2005 - REVIEW OF STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

The Committee considered a report in respect of the proposed draft Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Principles 2022 - 2025. The existing Statement had been adopted by the Council in July 2019 and was therefore due for a review.

The Chair announced that there had been no changes nationally to the Gambling Act 2005 ("the Act"). The responsibility for licensed gambling premises was split between the local authorities and the Gambling Commission, with the former dealing with smaller local operators and the latter dealing with national organisations and large lotteries.

The Commercial and Licensing Manager advised that the Council's Gambling Act 2005 Statement of Licensing Principles sets out the general approach the Council would take when carrying out its regulatory role under the Act and promoting the three licensing objectives of:

- preventing gambling from being a source of crime or disorder, being associated with crime or disorder, or being used to support crime;
- ensuring that gambling is conducted in a fair and open way; and

- protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by gambling.

The Commercial and Licensing Manager explained that the Act was conceived as ‘light touch’ legislation, covering a wide range of licensable activities such as adult gaming centres and betting premises. The Act specified that Local Authorities should “aim to permit” gambling, provided it was in accordance with the Code of Practice and guidance issued by the Gambling Commission, reasonably consistent with the licensing objectives and in accordance with the Statement of Principles. The effect of this duty was that Licensing Authorities must approach their functions in a way that sought to regulate gambling by using their powers to promote the licensing objectives, rather than by setting out to prevent it altogether.

The Committee noted that the Statement of Principles sought to strike a balance between the interests of licence holders, applicants and residents in the promotion of the licensing objectives defined by the Act. Additionally, it outlined the licensing authority’s expectations of licence holders in promoting the licensing objectives, whilst advising on the licensing authority’s obligations under the Act, including its interpretation of the Act and/or Statutory Guidance where necessary. The Statement was designed to offer appropriate protection for residents and a streamlined approach to regulation that eased unnecessary burdens on businesses.

The Commercial and Licensing Manager stated that the draft Statement of Principles was attached at Appendix A to the report. Significant additions or variations from the 2019-2022 Statement had been highlighted in yellow. The Statement included new sections on Applications (A4), Authorisations under the Act (A5), the Gambling Commission (A6), Protecting children and other vulnerable persons from being harmed or exploited by Gambling (B3.12-20), Environmental considerations (C3), Public Health and Gambling (C4).

The Commercial and Licensing Manager explained that, to accompany the revised Statement of Principles, a local area profile was undertaken. The local area profile aimed to summarise existing national research relating to gambling-related harm, and to identify potential risks relating to vulnerable groups and/or geographical areas within Stevenage. The local area profile was attached at Appendix B to the report.

The Committee noted that the local area profile had identified that Bedwell Ward revealed potential risks as this area had a number of gambling premises (due to the Town Centre being part of Bedwell) and also being an area of high deprivation in the Borough. However, there was no evidence to identify that gambling was causing harm to children or vulnerable adults in Bedwell or elsewhere in the Borough of Stevenage.

The Commercial and Licensing Manager advised that consultation on the proposed draft Statement of Principles 2022-2025 took place between 15 November 2021 and 19 December 2021. Responses were received from Power Leisure Bookmakers (attached at Appendix C to the report), the Betting & Gaming Council (attached at Appendix D) and POhWER (attached at Appendix E). The Licensing Authority’s comments regarding the issues raised in these responses, together with proposed amendments to the Statement of Principles arising therefrom, were set out in

Paragraphs 3.15 to 3.24 of the report.

Members' comments and questions centred on the proposed new Local Area Profile (LAP), and the following points were raised:

- it was confirmed that two of the three consultation responses were received from gambling industry operators, and that with the exception of the reply from POhWER (a charitable membership organisation that provided information, advice, support and advocacy to people who experienced disability, vulnerability, distress and social exclusion), no responses had been received from other stakeholders, such as national or local charities;
- the LAP would be an evolving document, but would require strengthening once further work was undertaken on evidence gathering from various sources, including the Gambling Commission, Citizens Advice Bureau, the Police and Housing providers. HCC Public Health was keen to move forward with a collaborative approach to tackling gambling issues, which would include the establishment of a robust evidence base. It was hoped that this would also cover child protection and any data relating to "hidden" gambling issues;
- the evidence base should also include any relevant data to be gleaned from local gambling operators, as well as from the online gambling industry;
- the Chair considered that it may require primary legislation to address the potential harmful risks associated with gambling, particularly amongst vulnerable groups;
- it was clarified that "ensuring that gambling was conducted in a fair and open way" was essentially to ensure that operators abided by legal stipulations and in accordance with the Gambling Commission's Code of Practice;
- it was confirmed that the Licensing Team received very few complaints in respect of the gambling organisations/premises operating in the Borough. There would be routine inspections of premises by the Licensing Team and each would be risk-rated, meaning that there would be a more regular inspection regime for those premises rated towards the higher levels of the risk range. In terms of enforcement, this included a worst case scenario of licence revocation, but could also involve a requirement for improvements and restrictions of certain activity;
- in terms of the process for logging complaints, Members were advised that complaints could be registered through the Council's website, and that gambling operators were required to display their licence at their premises (which included the contact details for the SBC Licensing Team);
- although the HCC Public Health Team was encouraging a collaborative approach towards tackling gambling issues, the Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Local Authorities Licensing Managers met every 6-8 weeks to share feedback and good practice on licensing and gambling matters; and
- it was confirmed that the representation received from POhWER contained a series of queries and questions which would be responded to separately and did not affect the Statement of Principles. However, Members felt that consideration should be given to inviting a representative(s) from a charitable organisation to a future meeting of the Committee in order to hear their views on gambling issues.

The Committee supported the Licensing Officer's proposed amendments to the Statement of Principles in response to issues raised during the consultation process, as set out in Paragraphs 3.15 to 3.24 of the report.

It was **RESOLVED:**

1. That the proposed Stevenage Borough Council Gambling Act Statement of Principles 2022 – 2025, as attached at Appendix A to the report, and with the inclusion of the amendments proposed by the Licensing Officer in response to issues raised during the consultation process set out in Paragraphs 3.15 to 3.24 of the report, be agreed.
2. That the amended draft Statement of Principles be recommended to the Executive, for onward recommendation to Council.

4 URGENT PART I BUSINESS

None.

5 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Not required.

6 URGENT PART II BUSINESS

None.

CHAIR

Meeting	General Purposes Committee
Portfolio Area	Communities, Community Safety and Equalities
Date	24 March 2022

HACKNEY CARRIAGE TARIFF REVIEW

NON KEY DECISION

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1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To review the current hackney carriage fares tariffs following a request from hackney carriage drivers to revise them.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee determines whether the proposed tariff should be imposed without modification, imposed with amendments or abandoned.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The fixing of fares for hackney carriages within the district is governed by the Council by virtue of section 65 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976. This must be published by means of a tariff table. The last change in fares took effect on 3 July 2017; a copy of the current tariff table is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 At a Taxi Forum on 14 December 2021, members of the trade requested that the current tariffs should be revised. They were advised by the Licensing Officer to submit this request in writing, explaining why an increase was considered necessary.
- 3.3 A written request to consider an increase was received by the Licensing team on 5 January 2022 from 8 drivers of ABC Taxis Limited, co-ordinated by Paul Barrett. A

copy of the written request and the list of supporting drivers is attached as Appendix 2.

- 3.4 Following clarification of the detail of the proposal with Paul Barrett, the proposed tariff table was consulted upon. Drivers and operators were consulted via email and letter for the period of 24 January to 11 February 2022. Due to an administration error, this notice was not placed in the local paper for the required 14 days. Hence a further, updated Notice was advertised in the local press from 17 February to 24 February and 3 March to 10 March 2022 and a copy made available for inspection at the Council offices for the same period in accordance with the legislation. Copies of the newspaper notices are attached as Appendix 3 and a copy of the public notice is attached as Appendix 4.
- 3.5 In addition, a letter was sent to all licensed drivers and licensed private hire operators in the Council's area advising recipients of the review proposal. A copy of this letter is attached as Appendix 5.
- 3.6 The public notices required any objections to the proposal to be made in writing. The consultation period extended until 11 February for drivers and operators. Due to the administration error discussed in 3.4 above, the public consultation ran from 17-24 February and 3-10 March 2022. For drivers and operators, objections had been received from four persons, all dual licensed drivers. Copies of the four individual objections are attached as Appendices 6 to 9.

4 DISCUSSION

- 4.1 The proposed Tariff 1 charge for a 2 mile journey represents an increase of 9.3% on the current Tariff 1 charge. The new proposal is to reduce the length of the first charge from 0.5 mile to 0.3 of a mile and for each subsequent 0.1 of a mile travelled, twenty pence will be added for the length of the journey. Tariff 2 & 3 have also been updated and demonstrates a 9.3% increase for Tariff 2 and an 11.1% increase for Tariff 3.
- 4.2 The Private Hire and Taxi Monthly magazine, a trade publication, maintains a national fare table which provides useful comparisons of taxi tariffs between local authorities. The proposed tariff would place Stevenage at 29th equal in the national ranking compared with the current ranking of 111th out of 365 licensing authorities in the country. The position in Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire is summarised in table 1 below.
- 4.3 If the proposed tariff were adopted Stevenage fares would be on a par with Edinburgh, Harrogate, Stroud and locally Hertsmere & Welwyn-Hatfield.; a total of 7 local authorities currently have a charge of £7.00 for a two mile journey.
- 4.4 The proposed increase was considered warranted due to costs resulting from COVID (masks, cleaning equipment), the common use of card payment facilities that incur a transaction fee and the rising costs of living, incorporating fuel, maintenance, replacing vehicles and station permits. In July 2017 the average price of a litre of unleaded petrol was 114.33 pence while a litre of diesel was 115.02 pence. In February 2022 the average prices were 151.16 pence and 154.75 pence respectively (source: RACfoundation.org)

Table 1: Comparison of local taxi fares

National ranking	Local authority	Tariff One two mile fare
5	Watford	£8.40
29	Stevenage (<i>proposed</i>)	£7.00
32	Hertsmere	£7.00
35	Welwyn Hatfield	£7.00
76	North Herts	£6.60
88	Luton	£6.50
123	Dacorum	£6.30
150	St Albans	£6.20
155	Central Beds	£6.13
159	East Herts	£6.00
195	Three Rivers	£6.00
204	Broxbourne	£5.90
215	Bedford	£5.80

- 4.5 In regard to other motoring costs over the same period, all costs of motoring have increased by 23.9% with maintenance costs having increased by an average of just under 16% while tax and insurance have increased by an average of 25% (source: RACfoundation.org).
- 4.6 In terms of changes in the cost of living in cost of living, the Consumer Prices Index including owner occupiers' housing costs (CPIH) 12-month rate of 2.6% for July 2017. The level in 2017 was at a peak and at the start of a general fall in the cost of living until January 2021. From January 2021 until December, there has been a very steep rise in the cost of living, with December 2021's figure at 4.8% (source:www.ons.gov.uk).
- 4.7 The four objections have cited very similar reasons as to why a tariff increase is not warranted. Two of the four objections see taxis as a luxury and all are concerned in the general rising cost of living affecting usage. All are concerned that this will enable UBER to undercut fares charged by drivers within Stevenage.
- 4.8 Uber's operating model enables them to price journeys very competitively during certain periods and they are not subject to hackney carriage tariffs. The trade's fear is that implementing the new tariff would put hackney carriage drivers at an even greater competitive disadvantage. However it is worthy of note that the proposed hackney carriage tariff is designed to limit *maximum* fares and it is within the gift of a hackney carriage driver to charge less than the tariff fare. Uber's pricing structure is complex and does not bear easy comparison but anecdotally it is known that their

fares do not necessarily differ significantly from those of other providers, often depending on the time of day and level of demand in real time.

- 4.9 In Stevenage hackney carriages are required by licence conditions to be fitted with taximeters. Private hire vehicles may also fit taximeters, and in practice many do, but the tariff only applies by law to hackney carriages. The extant tariff must be programmed into hackney carriage taximeters, which are then bound by the fare displayed on the meter at the end of the journey; that is they must not charge any more than the figure displayed. Private hire drivers and operators have an interest in the hackney carriage tariff since it may be programmed into their taximeters but in practice they are entitled to charge any fare they desire, provided it has been agreed with the passenger or passengers before a journey begins.
- 4.10 A number of the larger operators in Stevenage charge in accordance with fixed price promotions on a permanent basis; £8 maximum fee for one pick up and drop off in the Stevenage area from 9am to 9pm. In certain instances this could result in fares for longer journeys within the town made with private hire vehicles and drivers operated by these companies undercutting the cost of equivalent journeys in a Hackney Carriage. Journeys in a private hire vehicle could only be made following advanced booking however. It should also be noted however that the income of large operators depends largely on the number of drivers they have on their circuits and the extent of their penetration of the corporate and contract markets rather than fare levels per se.
- 4.11 In summary, the proposed tariff revision appears reasonable given the increased fuel costs associated with running a vehicle but there is a limited but clear objection to the tariff rise; there are concerns that the rise will isolate customers from using hackney carriage or private hire vehicles.

5 OPTIONS FOR ACTION

- 5.1 Committee is now invited to review the proposed taxi tariff change. The options are to:

Accept the proposal as submitted and apply the new tariff effective from a date not more than two months after the operational date specified in the public notice (2 April 2022).

- b) Modify the submitted proposal and apply the new tariff effective from a date not more than two months after the operational date specified in the public notice (2 April 2022).
- c) Leave the current tariff in place unaltered. There is no specific facility in the legislation to enable this and so in effect the current tariff would have to be re-implemented following the process at b) above.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial Implications

- 6.1.1 There are no direct resource implications for the Council arising from the content of this report.

6.2 Legal Implications

- 6.2.1 There is no right of appeal against the fares once set. The only remedy for an aggrieved party would be to seek a judicial review.
- 6.2.2 The Committee's attention is also drawn to section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998, which requires local authorities to consider the community safety implications of all their activities. This is a corporate responsibility of the authority as a whole.

6.3 Policy implications

- 6.3.1 There are no policy implications arising from the content of this report.

6.4 Equalities and Diversity Implications

- 6.4.1 Any decision by the Committee is based on evidence before it at the meeting; there are no equalities and diversity implications arising from this report.

7 BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976;
Town Police Clauses Act 1847

8 APPENDICES

- 1. Current Tariff Table
- 2. Letter of request for review and list of supporting drivers
- 3. Newspaper notices of the proposal for review
- 4. Public notice of the proposal for review
- 5. Letter to drivers and licensed private hire operators
- 6. Objection from Mr S Boyce
- 7. Objection from Mrs M Boyce
- 8. Objection from Mr K Godfrey
- 9. Objection from Ms E Barker

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Stevenage Borough Council – Passenger Fare Guide

Taxi fares from 3rd July 2017

The meter calculates the maximum fare based upon the time of day, the distance travelled and the vehicle speed. **N.B. The meter should not be started until the journey commences**

Drivers must, unless they have good cause, accept any hiring that is wholly within the Stevenage boundary. Hirings beyond the Stevenage boundary are at the discretion of the driver.

The fare for a journey to a destination outside of the Stevenage boundary may be negotiated between the driver and hirer. If no fare is agreed before the start of the journey, the fare cannot be more than that shown on the meter.

Typical fares:

Note that fares and times may be higher than shown dependent on delays or slow moving traffic. **The fare shown, on the face of the meter, at the conclusion of the journey is the maximum fare that can be demanded; unless previously agreed with the driver as above.**

Tariff Code on the meter		1	2	3
Distance	Approximate journey time	Day-time 06.00 – 23.00 (see over)	Night-time 23.00 – 06.00 + Public Holidays (see over)	Christmas & New Year (see over)
1 mile	3 – 5 minutes	£4:40	£6:60	£8:80
2 miles	6 – 8 minutes	£6:40	£9:60	£12:80
3 miles	9 -12 minutes	£8:40	£12:60	£16:80
5miles	15 – 20 minutes	£12:40	£18:60	£24:80
10 miles	20 – 30 minutes	£22:40	£33:60	£44:80

There is a minimum charge of £3:40 on weekdays and weekends.

The driver of this vehicle is legally obliged to carry assistance dogs – unless a medical exemption certificate is displayed within the vehicle. Wheelchairs, walking frames and assistance dogs travel at no extra cost.

Complaints should be made to the taxi licensing department at Stevenage Borough Council on 01438 242724 or licensing@stevenage.gov.uk quoting the vehicle registration mark / licence number or the driver's badge number.

**STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
HACKNEY CARRIAGE TABLE OF MAXIMUM FARES**

TARIFF 1

Applicable between 06:00 and 23:00 hours Monday to Sunday

For the first 880 yards **£3.40p**

for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof) **20p**

(The equivalent of £2.00 for each additional mile)

Waiting time = 30 pence per minute

TARIFF 2

Applicable between 23:00 and 06:00 hours Monday to Sunday + 06.00 to 23.00

hours on designated bank/public holidays & Easter Sunday + 18.00 – 23.00

hours on New Years Eve and 18.00 to 24.00 hours on Christmas Eve

For the first 880 yards **£5.10p**

for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof) **30p**

(The equivalent of £3.00 for each additional mile)

Waiting time = 45 pence per minute

TARIFF 3

Applicable all day (00.01 – 24.00 hours) on Christmas Day and Boxing Day +

23.00 hours on New Years Eve to 06.00 hours on New Years Day.

For the first 880 yards **£6.80p**

for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof) **40p**

(The equivalent of £4.00 for each additional mile)

Waiting time = 60 pence per minute

Additional charges (which must be added on the meter at the start of the journey)

Up to two items of baggage or shopping **20 pence**

Three or more items of baggage or shopping **40 pence (maximum)**

For each person in excess of one **20 pence**

Additional charges should total no more than £2:00

Soiling charge (for whatever reason) £50 (maximum)

Credit/Debit card payments (where accepted) may incur a surcharge of up to 12.5% of the total fare, or at a minimum of £1.00 per journey.

Appendix 2

From: ABC Taxis [<mailto:bookings@abctaxisltd.co.uk>]

Sent: 05 January 2022 18:44

To: Julie Dwan

Cc: Licensing

Subject: [External] Taffif Increase

Hi Julie

I hope you had a lovely Christmas and Happy New Year to you.

Recently, during the Christmas & New Year period, drivers lost money during the Bank Holidays. This was due to their Taxi Meter Calender Contolled Tarrif being expired, most taffif's only last around 2-3 years. We require to make sure these meters are updated before the first Bank Holiday, which, is the 15th April 2022.

Also, we would like to propose an increase in the Hackney Carriage taxi fare, due to extra costs of covid, cleaning equipment and masks. The majority of drivers now accept card payments, however, each driver loses between 1.6% - 3.0% of each fare due to the processing costs.

Our last increase was in July 2017. Due to the rising cost of living, station permits, fuel, maitenance and the price of replacing vehicles, we would like to see an increase in the cost of the Journey by 60 pence.

To acheive this, we would like to add 20 pence to the meter start, therefore increasing to £3.60 for the first 528 Yards.

Kindset Regards

Paul Barrett
Joe Quinn
Andrew Gearing
Shalim Kamali
Gary Johnson
Nozmul Hussain
Ayna Miah
Dave Flicker

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Justice for postmaster

A wrongful conviction was overturned



Abiodun Omotoso was 33 when he was wrongfully convicted of the theft of more than £50,000 from a Hitchin post office - the ruling was overturned in 2021

Picture: HARRY HUBBARD

BIANCA WILD
biancawild@archant.co.uk

A former sub-postmaster from Hitchin who was jailed in 2008 after being accused of stealing £50,000 from the Post Office has had his conviction quashed amid a national scandal.

Abiodun Omotoso, who was in charge of Walsworth Road Post Office, was wrongly convicted for theft from his workplace and sentenced to two years and four months in prison at the age of 33.

A public inquiry launched

into the scandal on Monday. There were around 700 similar cases of wrongful conviction after the UK Post Office introduced the Fujitsu Horizon computer accounting system in 1999, which caused unexplained discrepancies and losses.

Throughout the case Mr Omotoso maintained his innocence, after initially telling the police he borrowed the money to get treatment for a sick relative in Nigeria, because he was told his truthful account would not be believed and if he accepted liability the matter could be dealt with internally.

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NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEMBERS' ALLOWANCES SCHEME 2022/23

Notice is hereby given in accordance with Regulation 16 of the Local Authorities (Members' Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003, that North Hertfordshire District Council has approved a Member's Scheme of allowances for 1 April 2022.

The main features of the Scheme are set out in this Notice:

Basic Allowance

Councillor £5,100

Special Responsibility Allowance

Leader of the Council	£14,280
Deputy Leader of the Council	£2,550
Cabinet Executive Members (x7)	£6,120
Chair - Area Committees (x 5)	£1,020
Chair - Finance, Audit and Risk Cttee	£3,570
Chair - Overview and Scrutiny Cttee	£3,570
Chair - Planning Control Cttee	£6,120
Chair of Licensing and Appeals Committee	£1,530
Leader of each Opposition Group	£2,550

The full Scheme (detailing other allowances: travel/subsistence, childcare/dependence, conferences etc) is available to inspect at the Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City, SG6 3JF (9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, excluding bank holidays) or the Council's website:

<https://www.north-herts.gov.uk/home/council-and-democracy/councillors/councillors-allowances>

Melanie Stimpson
Democratic Services Manager
January 2022



Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 65

The Licensing Authority hereby gives notice that it is proposed that the scale of Hackney Carriage fares should be varied as follows:

TARIFF 1

Applicable between 06:00 and 23:00 hours Monday to Sunday

For the first 528 yards	£3.60p
for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof)	20p
(The equivalent of £2.00 for each additional mile)	
Waiting time = 30 pence per minute	

TARIFF 2

Applicable between 23:00 and 06:00 hours Monday to Sunday + 06.00 to 23.00 hours on designated bank/public holidays & Easter Sunday + 18.00 – 23.00 hours on New Year's Eve and 18.00 to 24.00 hours on Christmas Eve

For the first 528 yards	£5.40p
for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof)	30p
(The equivalent of £3.00 for each additional mile)	
Waiting time = 45 pence per minute	

TARIFF 3

Applicable all day (00.01 – 24.00 hours) on Christmas Day and Boxing Day + 23.00 hours on New Years Eve to 06.00 hours on New Years Day.

For the first 528 yards	£7.20p
for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof)	40p
(The equivalent of £4.00 for each additional mile)	
Waiting time = 60 pence per minute	

Additional charges (which must be added on the meter at the start of the journey)

Up to two items of baggage or shopping	20 pence
Three or more items of baggage or shopping	40 pence (maximum)
For each person in excess of one	20 pence

Additional charges should total no more than £2.00

Soiling charge (for whatever reason) £50 (maximum)

Credit/Debit card payments (where accepted) may incur a surcharge of up to 12.5% of the total fare, or at a minimum of £1.00 per journey.

The above tariff is proposed to take effect from 1st April 2022

A copy of this notice will be available for inspection at the Council Offices during public opening hours. Any objections to the above proposal must be made in writing to:

The Commercial and Licensing Manager, Stevenage Borough Council, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, SG1 1HN or via email to licensing@stevenage.gov.uk no later than 3 March 2022.

Dated: 17th February 2022

Signed:
Zayd Al-Jawad
Assistant Director of Planning and Regulation

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Legal and Public Notices

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC HITCHIN 7

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council intend to make an Order under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists and vehicles from using that length of Byway Open to All Traffic Hitchin 7, heading south from junction with Victoria Road, for an approximate distance of 30m. Alternative Route: via Victoria Road and Lavender Way. The purpose of the Order is to enable utilities connection works to take place. The section of Byway Open to All Traffic Hitchin 7 will be closed on or after 07 March 2022 for up to 3 days, when signs are in place. If you have any queries about the works or closure, please contact Countryside & Rights of Way Officer Andrew Burton Tel: 01992 556178 Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE CYCLEWAY SITUATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF A602 LYTTON WAY, STEVENAGE) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all pedal cycles from using the cycleway situated on the west side of A602 Lytton Way, Stevenage from its junction with Green Street south eastwards to its junction with Bridge Road, a distance of approximately 139m ("the Cycleway"). Pedal Cyclists will need to dismount and use the adjacent footway. The Order is needed because telecom works are proposed to be executed near the Cycleway. If the Order is made, it shall come into force on 7 March 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Cycleway. If you have any queries about the proposed Order, please contact Adam Fall tel: 01652 638366 at Shift Traffic or Brad Cook tel: 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF NORTON ROAD, BALDOCK) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all vehicular traffic from using that length of Norton Road, Baldock from its junction with B656 Hitchin Road north eastwards for a distance of approximately 50m ("the Road"). An alternative route will be via B656 (Hitchin Road/Whitehorse Street), A507 Station Road, Icknield Way and Norton Road.

The Order is needed because the replacement of existing gas mains is proposed to be executed near the Road. If the Order is made, it shall come into force on 7 March 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Road. If you have any queries about the proposed Order, please contact Steve Dungan tel: 0330 016 9696 at MLP Traffic or Shannen Powers tel: 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF WOOLGROVE ROAD, HITCHIN) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all vehicular traffic from using that length of Woolgrove Road, Hitchin from its junction with Grove Road south eastwards for a distance of approximately 144m ("the Road"). An alternative route will be via Grove Road, A505 (Nightingale Road/Cambridge Road) and Woolgrove Road. The Order is needed because carriage repair works are proposed to be executed on the Road. If the Order is made, it shall come into force on 9 March 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Road. If you have any queries about the proposed Order, please contact Kelly Goulding tel: 01652 656291 at Shift Traffic Events Ltd or Shannen Powers tel: 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF B656 WHITEHORSE STREET, BALDOCK) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all vehicular traffic from using the northbound carriageway of B656 Whitehorse Street, Baldock from a point 52m south west of its junction with Alexander Court north eastwards to its junction with Alexander Court, a distance of approximately 52m ("the Road"), except for access. An alternative route will be via B656 Whitehorse Street, B197 (High Street/London Road), A505 Baldock Bypass and B656 (Royston Road/B656 Whitehorse Street). The Order is needed because utility service works are proposed to be executed on or near the Road. The Order has been made and shall come into force on 22 February 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Road. If you have any queries about the Order, please contact Amanda Blee tel: 03457 145145 at Anglian Water/Clancy Dowra or Shannen Powers tel: 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF GUN ROAD, KNEBWORTH) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all vehicular traffic from using that length of Gun Road, Knebworth from its junction with Gun Lane south eastwards for a distance of approximately 42m ("the Road"), except for access. An alternative route will be via Gun Lane, Station Road, B197 London Road and Gun Road. The Order is needed because water service connection works are proposed to be executed on or near the Road. The Order has been made and shall come into force on 21 February 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Road. If you have any queries about the Order, please contact Clare Smith tel: 01787 237509 at Capital Traffic or Shannen Powers tel: 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

A copy of the proposed Orders may be inspected free of charge at County Hall, Hertford between the hours of 9am and 5pm (excluding weekends, bank and public holidays).

THE HERTFORDSHIRE (A602 LYTTON WAY, STEVENAGE) (BUS LANE AND BUS GATE) ORDER 2021 THE HERTFORDSHIRE (STEVENAGE BUS INTERCHANGE, A602 LYTTON WAY, STEVENAGE) (PROHIBITION OF ENTRY) ORDER 2021

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council has made Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to introduce restrictions in parts of Lytton Way and Danesgate, Stevenage in connection with the implementation of the new Stevenage Bus Interchange as specified in the Schedules to this Notice. The Orders will come into effect on Friday 4 March 2022.

Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders are held on deposit and may be viewed from 17 February 2022 to 31 March 2022 during normal office hours at Main Reception, Hertfordshire County Council, County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford. The documents may also be viewed online from 17 February 2022 at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/trafficorders by selecting Stevenage and looking at Ref: S00121.

Enquiries relating to the Orders should be referred to the Highways Engineer concerned Whitney Iduozee tel: 01992 658228 or whitney.iduozee@hertfordshire.gov.uk

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders, or of any provision contained in them, on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under it has not been complied with in relation to the Orders, may within 6 weeks from the date of this Notice apply to the High Court for this purpose.

SCHEDULE 1: Bus Lane and Bus Gate for Local Bus use only – affecting those sections of road herein listed and as set out in the Order and accompanying plans – **Bus Lane** – (i) A602 Lytton Way northbound on approach to and in the vicinity of Stevenage Railway Station. (ii) southbound opposite Stevenage Police Station. **Bus Gate** – A602 Lytton Way southbound in the vicinity of southern end of the Gordon Craig Theatre, on approach to Stevenage Bus Interchange. **SCHEDULE 2: Prohibition of Entry to Stevenage Bus Interchange** – affecting those sections of road herein listed and as set out in the Order and accompanying plan – From A602 Lytton Way. No entry except Local Buses, into the Stevenage Bus Interchange. From Danesgate No entry for any motor vehicle or cycle pedal cycle.

The making of Traffic Regulation Orders is a statutory function of the County Council. Any personal data you provide in responding to these Notices will be treated as confidential but will be shared with HCC Officers; County Councillors and other third parties who are involved in the statutory process. We will not share identifiable data with third parties outside the statutory process. Guidance on your rights in respect of personal data are published in the Privacy Policy on our website, Hertfordshire.gov.uk

17th February 2022
Mark Kemp, Executive Director Environment and Transport,
County Hall, Hertford, Herts, SG13 8DN

Hertfordshire

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO VARY A PREMISES LICENCE UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that an application was made to Central Bedfordshire Council for a premises licence under the above Act on 14th February 2022 and will commence its consultation on the 15th February 2022. Applicant: Highway Stops Retail Limited. Address of premises: Astwick Service Station, A1 Trunk Road Northbound, Stotfold, SG5 4BL. Proposed licensable activities: Sale of alcohol for consumption off the premises, removal of all annex 2 conditions and replace with alternate conditions. Update premises scale drawing. Proposed days and hours of licensable activity: Monday to Sunday alcohol sales 09.00 to 24.00 hours. The postal address of the Licensing Authority where the register is kept and the application may be inspected is: "Licensing Authority, Public Protection, Central Bedfordshire Council, Watling Street, High Street North, Dunstable, Bedfordshire, LU6 1FE. Any person wishing to make representations on this matter shall give notice, in writing, stating the nature and grounds for making such representations to the Licensing Officer at the above address" within 28 days of the date of this notice – by the 14th March 2022. Further information is available on the web site www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk by following the links.

It is an offence, under section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in or in connection with an application and the offence is punishable on summary conviction on or after that day by a fine of any amount.

RB RETAIL & LICENSING SERVICES LIMITED - DULY AUTHORISED AGENT

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL LICENSING AUTHORITY – NOTICE OF APPLICATION UNDER THE LICENSING ACT 2003

Notice is hereby given that we, Sophia's Wine and Cocktail Bar Limited have applied on 4th February 2022 in respect of the premises 133 London Road, Knebworth, SG3 6EX, under the provisions of the Licensing Act 2003 for a licence to authorise the following licensable activities: Sale of alcohol by retail: Sunday to Thursday 09:00 to 23:00, Friday and Saturday 09:00 to 00:00 Christmas Eve 09:00 until 01:00 Boxing Day 09:00 until 01:00 New Years Eve 09:00 until 01:00. Live and Recorded Music: Friday and Saturday 23:00 to 00:00 Christmas Eve 23:00 until 01:00 Boxing Day 23:00 until 01:00 New Years Eve 23:00 until 01:00. Opening Hours: Sunday to Thursday 09:00 to 23:30 Friday and Saturday 09:00 to 00:30 Christmas Eve 09:00 until 01:30 Boxing Day 09:00 until 01:30 New Years Eve 09:00 until 01:30. Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to: North Hertfordshire District Council Licensing Authority - Licensing and Enforcement PO Box 10613, Nottingham, NG6 6DW Tel: 01462 474000 website: www.north-herts.gov.uk e-mail: licensing@north-herts.gov.uk within 28 days from the date of this notice. The full application can be inspected by appointment at the above Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City. Persons wishing to make representations must be prepared to attend in person at a public Licensing & Appeals Committee hearing. Copies of all representations, including names and addresses, will be passed to the applicant and included in a public report. It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application.



STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL

THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (CHURCH LANE NORTH AND CHURCH LANE SOUTH - STEVENAGE) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2022

and THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (PRIMETT ROAD SOUTH) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2010 (AMENDMENT NO. 1) ORDER 2022

and THE BOROUGH OF STEVENAGE (TOWN CENTRE) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2008 (AMENDMENT NO. 2) ORDER 2022

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Stevenage Borough Council, acting as agents for the Hertfordshire County Council and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police proposes to make the above named Orders under Sections 32-35C and Parts III-IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

These Orders are proposed in order to better manage parking places to relieve and prevent congestion, and maintain and improve the amenity of the area by allowing the application of a thirty minutes tariff band and monthly season tickets.

The effect of these Orders would be to provide updated definitions for the terminology used in these Orders, introduce monthly season tickets and/or update the tariff bands as set out in the Schedules of these Orders.

Full details of these proposals are set out in the draft Orders which, together with plans and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders, can be examined during normal opening hours at the Council's offices in Daneshill House. Details can also be viewed on the Council's web site at www.stevenage.gov.uk

For general enquiries about this order, please contact the parking team via email at tro@stevenage.gov.uk or by telephone on (01438) 242 242.

Formal objections to the proposals, stating the grounds upon which they are made and the names and full address of the person making the objection should be in writing to Stevenage Borough Council, at the address below or via email to tro@stevenage.gov.uk before 11 March 2022. Comments in support of the proposals will also be received during this time.

M. Partridge Chief Executive, Stevenage Borough Council Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage, SG1 1HN.

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Genius dog Pepper finds her way home

LOUISE MCEVOY
louise.mcevoy@archant.co.uk

A genius dog who became lost at a Stevenage park managed to navigate her way to the town centre and get on the right bus home.

Seasoned bus user, Pepper – who is almost three – was being walked by her owner's mum, Julie Jones, when the drama unfolded.

Julie, who often looks after Pepper for daughter Charlotte,

Pepper, lost in Stevenage's Fairlands Valley Park, managed to find her way to the bus station and onto the right bus home



said: "Pepper came with us to Fairlands and saw some geese take flight in the distance
"Suddenly, she was gone. The

weather was atrocious, which didn't help."

Despite frantically searching, Julie failed to find Pepper - but the clever collie made her way to the bus station in Stevenage town centre and got on the right bus to her house.

A fellow passenger recognised Pepper and called Charlotte – then the whole family were reunited when the perceptive pooch alighted at their regular stop.

A round of a-paws for Pepper from all at the Comet!

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION under the Licensing Act 2003

Notice is hereby given that David Owen Tallarico Nye & Mark John Watts has applied to North Hertfordshire District Council for the grant of a premises licence for the premises known as Bury Wood, Stevenage Road, Todds Green, Stevenage, SG1 2JE. Hours of trading (Alcohol Sales) Friday to Sunday 11.00-22.00.

Regulated Entertainment: Friday 2nd Sept/Sat 3rd Sept - children's festival aimed at 2-9 year olds & Sun 4th Sept event with classic music/picnic theme. Entertainment to include plays, live music, recorded music, performances, film screenings.

Any person wishing to make representations should do so in writing to: NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL Licensing Authority - Licensing and Enforcement, PO Box 10613, Nottingham, NG6 6DW

Tel: 01462 474000 website: www.north-herts.gov.uk e-mail: licensing@north-herts.gov.uk within 28 days from the date of this notice

The full application can be inspected by appointment at the above Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City.

Persons wishing to make representations must be prepared to attend in person at a public Licensing & Appeals Committee hearing. Copies of all representations, including names and addresses, will be passed to the applicant and included in a public report.

It is an offence to knowingly or recklessly make a false statement in connection with an application.

Dated this 28th day of February 2022



The following PROPOSALS are the subject of an application submitted to the Council.

PROPOSAL AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA

22/00532/FP Lodge Cottage Ashwell Road Newnham Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5JX
Erection of two semi detached 4 bed dwellings including off road parking and landscaping.

PROPOSAL AFFECTING A LISTED BUILDING OR A BUILDING OF SPECIAL ARCHITECTURAL OR HISTORIC INTEREST

22/00453/LBC 8a Bucklersbury Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1BB
Internal and external repairs and alterations to facilitate subdivision of existing two storey maisonette flat into two self contained studio flats.

22/00451/LBC 6a Bucklersbury Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1BB
Internal and external repairs and alterations to facilitate subdivision of existing two storey maisonette flat into two self contained studio flats.

PROPOSAL AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING AND PROPOSAL AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA

22/00450/FP 6a Bucklersbury Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1BB
Subdivision of existing two storey maisonette flat into two self contained studio flats.

22/00452/FP 8a Bucklersbury Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 1BB
Subdivision of existing two storey maisonette flat into two self contained studio flats.

The application details can be viewed on the Council's web site at www.north.herts.gov.uk/home/planning. Any person who wishes to make representations about the PROPOSAL should submit them in writing to this office by no later than 23 days from the date of this notice. For householder applications, in the event of an appeal against refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about this application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

Simon Ellis Date: 03/03/2022
Development & Conservation Manager
Correspondence address:
North Hertfordshire District Council
PO Box 10613
Nottingham, NG6 6DW

HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL:

TEMPORARY CLOSING OF BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC HITCHIN 7

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council have made an Order under Section 14 (1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit pedestrians, horse riders, cyclists and vehicles from using that length of Byway Open to All Traffic Hitchin 7, heading south from junction with Victoria Road, for an approximate distance of 30m.

Alternative route: via Victoria Road and Lavender Way

The purpose of the Order is to enable utilities connection works to take place.

The section of Byway Open to All Traffic will be closed on or after 07 March 2022 for up to 3 days, when signs are in place.

If you have any queries about the works or closure, please contact Countryside & Rights of Way Officer Andrew Burton tel. 01992 556178 Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE A505 BALDOCK BYPASS LINK ROAD, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all vehicular traffic from using the A505 Baldock Bypass Link road, Letchworth Garden City from its junction with the northbound carriageway of A505 Baldock Bypass north westwards and south westwards to its junction with the A1(M) (junction 9) southbound slip road, a distance of approximately 220m ("the Road").

An alternative route will be via A505 Baldock Bypass and the A1(M).

The Order is needed because signage works are proposed to be executed near the Road.

If the Order is made, it shall come into force on 23 March 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Road.

If you have any queries about the proposed Order, please contact Derek Jerrard tel. 0300 123 4047 at Ringway.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF CHANTRY LANE, WYMONDLEY) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all vehicular traffic from using that length of Chantry Lane, Wymondley from a point 111m south west of its junction with Stevenage Road south westwards for a distance of approximately 72m ("the Road").

An alternative route will be via Chantry Lane, Stevenage Road, A602 Hitchin Road, A1072 Gunnels Wood Road, Clovelly Way, Fishers Green, Stevenage Road and Chantry Lane.

The Order is needed because culvert cleaning works are proposed to be executed on or near the Road.

If the Order is made, it shall come into force on 21 March 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Road.

If you have any queries about the proposed Order, please contact Jessica Ebbrell tel. 0113 2775360 at Centurion Site Services or Shannen Powers tel. 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF PARK DRIVE, BALDOCK) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all vehicular traffic from using that length of Park Drive, Baldock from its junction with Park Crescent south westwards for a distance of approximately 22m ("the Road"), except for access.

An alternative route will be via Park Drive, Park Gardens, Mansfield Road, Weston Way and Park Drive.

The Order is needed because utility service works are proposed to be executed on or near the Road.

If the Order is made, it shall come into force on 21 March 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Road.

If you have any queries about the proposed Order, please contact Sonya Masters tel. 0330 053 7225 at Herts Traffic Management or Shannen Powers tel. 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF RAFFIN GREEN LANE, DATCHWORTH) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council intends to make an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all vehicular traffic from using that length of Raffin Green Lane, Datchworth from a point 170m south west of its junction with A602 Hooks Cross south westwards for a distance of approximately 40m ("the Road").

An alternative route will be via Raffin Green Lane, A602 (Hooks Cross/Broadhall Way), Bragbury Lane, Bury Lane and Raffin Green Lane.

The Order is needed because tree cutting works are proposed to be executed near the Road.

If the Order is made, it shall come into force on 22 March 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Road.

If you have any queries about the proposed Order, please contact Lydia Parrish tel. 01132 775 360 at Centurion Site Services or Andrew Crosby tel. 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF THE CYCLEWAY SITUATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF A602 LYTTON WAY, STEVENAGE) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all pedal cycles from using the cycleway situated on the west side of A602 Lytton Way, Stevenage from its junction with Green Street south eastwards to its junction with Bridge Road, a distance of approximately 139m ("the Cycleway").

Pedal Cyclists will need to dismount and use the adjacent footway.

The Order is needed because telecom works are proposed to be executed near the Cycleway.

The Order has been made and shall come into force on 7 March 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Cycleway.

If you have any queries about the Order, please contact Adam Fall tel. 01652 638 366 at Shift Traffic or Brad Cook tel. 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF NORTON ROAD, BALDOCK) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all vehicular traffic from using that length of Norton Road, Baldock from its junction with B656 Hitchin Road north eastwards for a distance of approximately 50m ("the Road").

An alternative route will be via B656 (Hitchin Road/Whitehorse Street), A507 Station Road, Icknield Way and Norton Road.

The Order is needed because the replacement of existing gas mains is proposed to be executed near the Road.

The Order has been made and shall come into force on 7 March 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Road.

If you have any queries about the Order, please contact Steve Dungan tel. 0330 016 9696 at MLP Traffic or Shannen Powers tel. 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

(TEMPORARY CLOSING OF WOOLGROVE ROAD, HITCHIN) ORDER 2022

NOTICE is given that the Hertfordshire County Council has made the above Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, to prohibit all vehicular traffic from using that length of Woolgrove Road, Hitchin from its junction with Grove Road south eastwards for a distance of approximately 144m ("the Road").

An alternative route will be via Grove Road, A505 (Nightingale Road/Cambridge Road) and Woolgrove Road.

The Order is needed because carriageway repair works are proposed to be executed on the Road.

The Order has been made and shall come into force on 9 March 2022 for a period of up to 18 months. However, the restrictions specified shall only take effect at the times indicated by signs on or near the Road.

If you have any queries about the Order, please contact Kelly Goulding tel. 01652 656 291 at Shift Traffic Events Ltd or Shannen Powers tel. 0300 123 4047 at Hertfordshire County Council.

A copy of the proposed Orders may be inspected free of charge at County Hall, Hertford between the hours of 9am and 5pm (excluding weekends, bank and public holidays).

The making of Traffic Regulation Orders is a statutory function of the County Council. Any personal data you provide in responding to these Notices will be treated as confidential but will be shared with HCC Officers; County Councillors and contracted third parties who are involved in the statutory process. We will not share identifiable data with third parties outside of the statutory process and your rights in respect of personal data are published in the Privacy Policy on our website, Hertfordshire.gov.uk

3rd March 2022
Mark Kemp, Executive Director Environment and Transport, County Hall, Hertford, Herts, SG13 8DN



MAUREEN VERONICA WILSON (Deceased)

Pursuant to the Trustee Act 1925 any persons having a claim against or an interest in the Estate of the above named, late of 8 Le Jardin, Station Road, Letchworth Garden City, Hertfordshire, SG6 3BA, who died on 16/04/2021, are required to send written particulars thereof to the undersigned on or before 04/05/2022, after which date the Estate will be distributed having regard only to the claims and interests of which they have had notice.

PELLYS SOLICITORS LIMITED,
2 London Road, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire, SG18 9EP

GOODS VEHICLE OPERATOR'S LICENCE

2ACM PAVING LTD OF 58 WILDWOOD LANE STEVENAGE SG1 1TB is applying to change an existing licence as follows: To add an operating centre to keep 1 goods vehicle and 0 trailers at Builders Yard, Wedgewood Gate, Stevenage, SG1 4SU. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at **Hillcrest House 386 Herehills Lane Leeds LS9 6NF**, stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representatives must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's office.



STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF A CONSERVATION AREA HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

22/00141/FP
Bowling Green, Stevenage
Erection of a fire fighters memorial sculpture

THE FOLLOWING APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA HAVE BEEN RECEIVED

22/00139/FP
Southend Farm, 131 High Street
Replacement of east and north side fencing and posts
Members of the public may inspect copies of the applications, plans and other submitted documents online at www.stevenage.gov.uk or can be viewed on the Council's computers at the Customer Service Centre, Danestrete between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday. Assistance is available if required.

Anyone who wishes to make representations about any of these applications should write to the Council at Council Offices Daneshill House Danestrete Stevenage by **23 March 2022** under the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, any comments can only be taken into account if they are available for public inspection before the applications are determined and therefore they cannot be treated confidentially.

For applications relating to householder developments, in the event of an appeal against the refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of representations in writing, any representations made about the application will be sent to the Secretary of State, and there will be no further opportunity to comment at appeal stage.

DATED : 3 March 2022
SIGNED : Zayd Al-Jawad
Assistant Director, Planning & Regulation



Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 65

The Licensing Authority hereby gives notice that it is proposed that the scale of Hackney Carriage fares should be varied as follows:

TARIFF 1
Applicable between 06:00 and 23:00 hours Monday to Sunday

For the first 528 yards	£3.60p
for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof)	20p

(The equivalent of £2.00 for each additional mile)
Waiting time = 30 pence per minute

TARIFF 2
Applicable between 23:00 and 06:00 hours Monday to Sunday + 06.00 to 23.00 hours on designated bank/public holidays & Easter Sunday + 18.00 – 23.00 hours on New Year's Eve and 18.00 to 24.00 hours on Christmas Eve

For the first 528 yards	£5.40p
for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof)	30p

(The equivalent of £3.00 for each additional mile)
Waiting time = 45 pence per minute

TARIFF 3
Applicable all day (00.01 – 24.00 hours) on Christmas Day and Boxing Day + 23.00 hours on New Years Eve to 06.00 hours on New Years Day.

For the first 528 yards	£7.20p
for each additional 176 yards (or part thereof)	40p

(The equivalent of £4.00 for each additional mile)
Waiting time = 60 pence per minute

Additional charges (which must be added on the meter at the start of the journey)

Up to two items of baggage or shopping	20 pence
Three or more items of baggage or shopping	40 pence (maximum)
For each person in excess of one	20 pence

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Dated: 3 March 2022

Signed: Zayd Al-Jawad
Assistant Director of Planning and Regulation

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Our Ref:
Contact: Christine Walker-Wells
Direct 01438 242247
Line:
Email: licensing@stevenage.gov.uk
Date: 24 January 2022

Dear

**Review of Hackney Carriage tariffs
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, section 65**

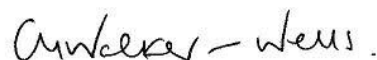
As you may be aware, a letter was sent to Licensing team in January requesting that consideration be given to a tariff increase. The letter proposed specific changes to the tariff and was supported by eight licensed drivers. The suggested changes have been incorporated in the enclosed public notice which is being published in the local press.

The notice requires that any objections to the proposal be made in writing to:

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or via email to licensing@stevenage.gov.uk no later than 11 February 2022.
It is proposed that the tariff will take effect from 1 April 2022, unless any objections are received.

Yours sincerely



Christine Walker-Wells
Commercial & Licensing Manager

Stevenage Borough Council – Passenger Fare Guide

Proposed Taxi fares from 1st April 2022

The meter calculates the maximum fare based upon the time of day, the distance travelled and the vehicle speed. **N.B. The meter should not be started until the journey commences**

Drivers must, unless they have good cause, accept any hiring that is wholly within the Stevenage boundary. Hirings beyond the Stevenage boundary are at the discretion of the driver.

The fare for a journey to a destination outside of the Stevenage boundary may be negotiated between the driver and hirer. If no fare is agreed before the start of the journey, the fare cannot be more than that shown on the meter.

Typical fares:

Note that fares and times may be higher than shown dependent on delays or slow moving traffic. **The fare shown, on the face of the meter, at the conclusion of the journey is the maximum fare that can be demanded; unless previously agreed with the driver as above.**

Tariff Code on the meter		1	2	3
Distance	Approximate journey time	Day-time 06.00 – 23.00 (see over)	Night-time 23.00 – 06.00 + Public Holidays (see over)	Christmas & New Year (see over)
1 mile	3 – 5 minutes	£5.00	£7.50	£10.00
2 miles	6 – 8 minutes	£7.00	£10.50	£14.00
3 miles	9 -12 minutes	£9.00	£13.50	£18.00
5miles	15 – 20 minutes	£13.00	£19.50	£26.00
10 miles	20 – 30 minutes	£23.00	£34.50	£46.00

There is a minimum charge of £3:60 on weekdays and weekends.

The driver of this vehicle is legally obliged to carry assistance dogs – unless a medical exemption certificate is displayed within the vehicle. Wheelchairs, walking frames and assistance dogs travel at no extra cost.

Complaints should be made to the taxi licensing department at Stevenage Borough Council on 01438 242724 or licensing@stevenage.gov.uk quoting the vehicle registration mark / licence number or the driver's badge number.

**STEVENAGE BOROUGH COUNCIL
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- **Delete Credit / Card – Surcharge ***

Appendix 6

To commercial and licensing manager

I object to the proposed tariff increase suggested by 8 drivers my reasons as follows

1. We have and are still working through a pandemic for last 2 years
2. The people of stevenage are struggling to pay bills with increase in food gas and electric etc
3. Uber who are not licensed in this town are undercutting our fares when they are quiet and price surging when they get busy
4. Are you aware of how many stevenage residents are using food banks to survive?
5. We are a luxury for most people so why would Stevenage licensing try and put local cabs out of business by having a unjust increase when so many people are suffering

Kind regards
Mr s.boyce

Sent from Samsung Mobile on O2

Appendix 7

To who it may concern

I am writing this email to object to the proposed tariff increase due to the fact that we are still currently in a pandemic aswell as inflation rises in utility bills. I would also like to point out that yes meter prices have not increased for a few years but at this precise moment in time I think that if the meter prices do increase then it would have a detrimental impact on our living as Uber also currently undercut as and when suits them with their pricing so how can we compete with that when our own coats of living are impacted.

Kind regards

Mrs M Boyce

Sent from my iPhone

Appendix 8

Good evening

In regards to a tariff increase that has been proposed by EIGHT drivers, I am entirely AGAINST.

To begin with how is 8 drivers, in a town with over 200, enough to even contemplate a tariff increase?

We are still in the grips of a global pandemic, when people are struggling to make ends meet you are asking us to charge them more.

I understand that the cost of living has gone up, but as self employed taxi drivers we are lucky enough to be in a position to work extra hours should we need them. The majority of people do not have this luxury and are on set incomes. Asking them to pay more for their journeys is more than likely only going to get them to stop using taxis completely or turn to Uber.

Speaking of Uber, we are already struggling to compete with them on a day to day basis and the fact that you have done nothing to try and stop them working here over the last 5 years has not helped.

One major source of lost income is the reduction of Stevenage nightlife.

Having been a driver for over 20 years, I remember a time when people would travel for miles to come to Stevenage and visit the Leisure Park for our restaurants, pubs and nightclubs. The Leisure Park has become a food court with a cinema and bowling alley.

If this fare increase goes ahead I think you can pretty much say goodbye to the taxi trade in this town.

Kevin Godfrey

Sent from my iPhone

Appendix 9

Hi, I'd like to appose the price increase as in Stevenage a taxi is a luxury as a lot of people can't afford taxi prices as it is. By raising the tariffs it is going to create less work and with the likes of Uber it is already hard for us to get any fares so I don't think this is the best move for taxis and private hires.

King regards,

Elaine Barker

Sent from my iPhone