
Walton-on-Thames Taxi Rank

Introduction

Elmbridge Borough Council can approve suitable taxi ranks to enable taxis to stand and await the arrival of a customer. Approved ranks ensure that members of the public will have convenient and safe access to taxi services at an easily identifiable location.

We have found that the Station Avenue taxi rank in Walton-on-Thames is underused during the day but often oversubscribed at peak times from 4 pm onwards. On occasion, when there was insufficient space on the rank to accommodate waiting taxis, vehicles were parking in restricted waiting areas or in positions that could place the safety of other road users at risk.

We have worked closely with Surrey County Council as part of the Walton-on-Thames and Hersham parking review, to agree changes to the taxi rank at Station Avenue which would supply more taxi spaces during peak times and extra public parking outside of those times.

To achieve this, we propose making changes to allow public parking in the currently underused taxi rank during the day and increase the size of the rank during the evenings and weekends. This would enable improved access to taxi services, help ease congestion and help mitigate any potential risk to public safety.

Background

The taxi rank at Station Avenue, Walton-on-Thames is situated within the Walton Controlled Parking Zone and currently has 12 spaces available for the use of taxis.

On 14 September 2017, the Elmbridge Local Committee approved proposed changes to the rank and between 8 June and 6 July 2018, Surrey County Council completed a public consultation on the proposal.

In October 2018 following the consultation and having considered any comments and objections, Surrey Highways in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Local Committee and the County Councillor for the area, approved the proposed changes to the rank. Through the Local Committee's decision, we have already obtained the necessary consent from Surrey County Council to vary the taxi rank.

We are proposing to:

- change four of the existing taxi rank spaces at the western end of the rank to allow parking for 2 hours on Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm, with no return within 2 hours and no stopping except taxis at other times.
- change four of the existing parking spaces beyond the end of the existing taxi rank to allow parking for 2 hours on Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm, with no return within 2 hours and no stopping except taxis at other times.

The effect of the changes will be to reduce the number of taxi rank spaces from 12 to eight, on Monday to Friday between 8 am and 4 pm, and increase the number of taxi rank spaces to 16 at all other times.

Before we can make any changes, we must give the chief officer of police for the area a notice of the variation. We must also give public notice of the proposal by way of advertisement in a local newspaper. We have attached below, a copy of the notice that we published in the Surrey Advertiser (Elmbridge edition) on 18 September 2020, and a map showing the location of the taxi rank.

If you would like to comment on the proposal you may do so in writing by using our [online contact form](#). Alternatively, please write to the Head of Environmental Services, Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD.

We must receive your comments no later than midnight on 15 October 2020.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976

Proposed variation to a taxi rank in

The Borough of Elmbridge

Elmbridge Borough Council gives notice under Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, that it proposes to alter the taxi rank situated at Station Avenue, Walton-on-Thames.

The Council proposes to:

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- change four of the existing parking spaces beyond the end of the existing taxi rank to allow parking for 2 hours on Monday to Friday from 8am to 4pm, with no return within 2 hours and no stopping except taxis at other times.

The effect of the changes will be to reduce the number of taxi rank spaces from 12 to eight, on Monday to Friday between 8 am and 4 pm, and increase the number of taxi rank spaces to approximately 16 at all other times. This proposal is designed to allow parking in the currently underused taxi rank during the day, and increase the capacity of the rank during the evenings and weekends.

Further information is available at elmbridge.gov.uk/licensing/taxi-and-private-hire/licensing-news/

Comments or objections in respect of the proposed variation must be in writing. You may do this online at the above web address using our online contact form. Alternatively, please write to the Head of Environmental Services, Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Centre, High Street, Esher, Surrey KT10 9SD, no later than midnight on 15 October 2020. Please note that we may not consider anonymous comments or objections.

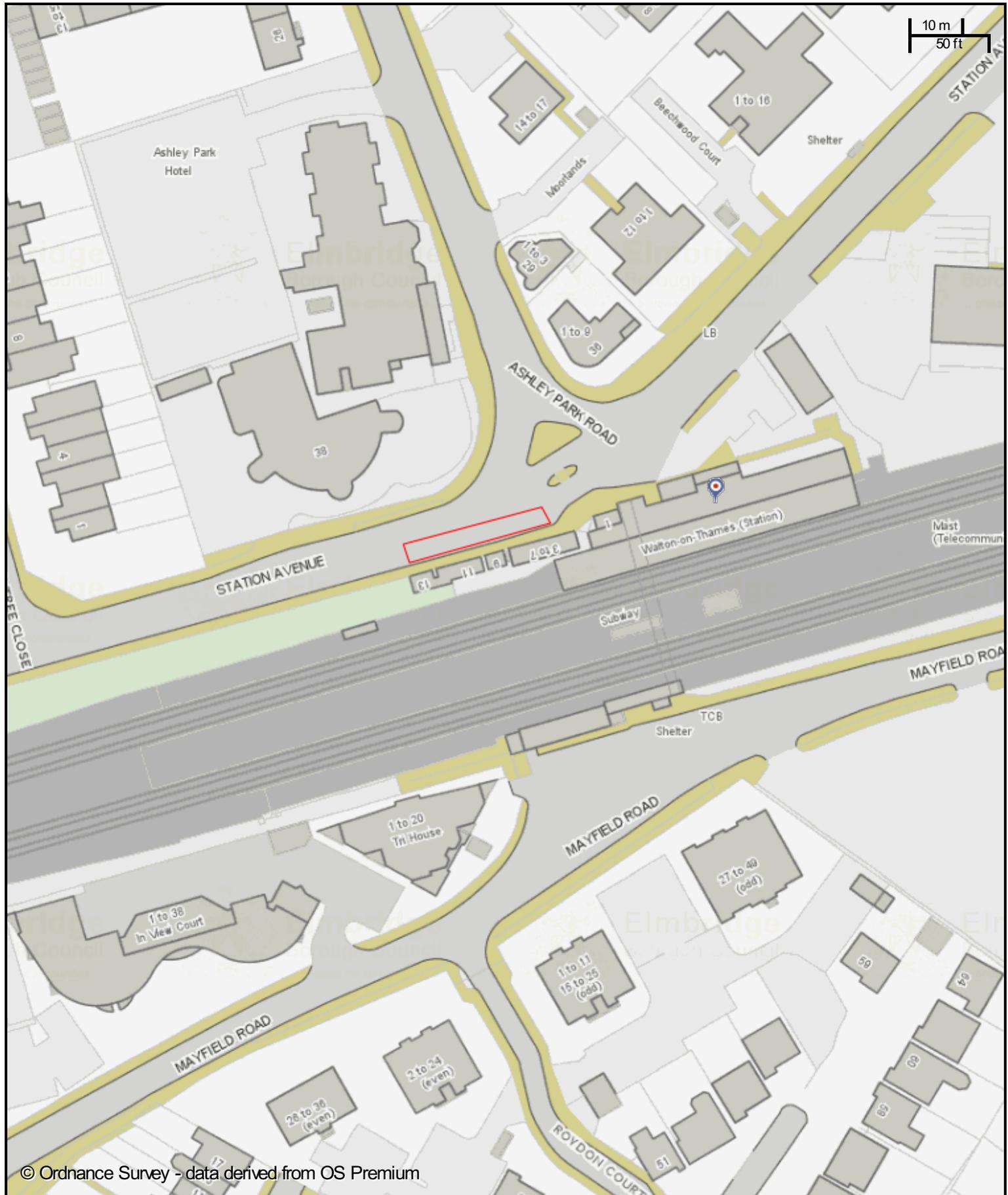
Dated: 18 September 2020

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