

LICENSING AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE
26TH MAY 2016

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND HOUSING SERVICES
REPORT NO. EHH1612

DETERMINATION OF CAB-SHARING ARRANGEMENTS
FOR FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW 2016
(POST CONSULTATION)

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report seeks Member approval for implementation of a cab-sharing scheme to run between Farnborough station and a temporary rank established on Queens Gate Road during the Farnborough International Airshow 2016 (FIA16).

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 At its meeting of the 25th January 2016, the Committee considered the Head of Environmental Health & Housing Services Report No. EHH1601. This report outlined proposals for a temporary cab-sharing scheme to run for the duration of FIA16 (11th to 17th July) between Farnborough main line station and a temporary taxi rank to be established on the Airshow site on the Queens Gate Road.
- 2.2 Normally, licensing authorities have discretion over whether or not to make such a scheme but are required to do so under the Transport Act 1985 if requested by the holders of at least 10% of current taxi licence holders. By virtue of a signed petition, proposals had been submitted with support to this effect by the local taxi trade, albeit the form and nature of any such scheme remains at the discretion of the authority
- 2.3 Under the proposals, hirers maintain the right to demand an exclusive service and to be carried to any place in the licensing area should they wish. However, the proposals would also enable hirers to opt to share a cab (up to four people) on a flat fare basis of £4.00 per person between the given destinations; this being an amount less than the standard fare calculated by the taxi meter in accordance with the current scheme of fares.
- 2.4 Pending receipt of all necessary consents and the comments of any statutory consultees, the Committee provisionally approved the proposed scheme (given at **appendix A**) for public consultation. Copies of all necessary consents for the scheme are given at **appendix B**.

3.0 RESULTS OF PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 3.1 Following provisional Member approval in January, the proposals have been subject to public consultation on local advertisement in the Hampshire Independent, inviting representations between 25th March and 29th April 2016. Notably, no consultation comments or representations have been received in respect of the proposals.

4.0 COMMENTS AND CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The proposed cab share scheme permits local taxis to service the increased passenger demand that typically arises during the Airshow while, at the same time, reducing individual costs to participating customers. Accordingly, a cab share scheme offers the opportunity of a 'win-win' situation for taxi drivers, proprietors and passengers alike and provides for a form of enhanced public transport at a time when local transportation networks and services will be under increased strain due to Airshow traffic.
- 4.2 The proposed scheme is relatively simple and straightforward and builds upon planned traffic arrangements to accommodate the Airshow. Similar schemes have been implemented during all previous Airshow's since 2004 with notable success. The proposals for FIA16 have been subject to public consultation and no comments or objections have been made in respect of the proposed scheme.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct financial implications associated with this report other than those associated with the communication and distribution of the terms of the scheme; which will be borne from existing budgets.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 The Committee is requested to approve the proposed cab share scheme outlined in this report for implementation.

QAMER YASIN
HEAD OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH & HOUSING
Environmental Health & Housing Services

Background Papers:

- (a) Department of Transport (DoT), Circular 7/86
- (b) Taxis (Schemes for Hire at Separate Fares) Regulations 1986
- (c) Head of Environmental Health & Housing Services Report EHH1601 - Cab sharing arrangements for Farnborough International Airshow 2016 (L&GP Committee 25.01.16)

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PROPOSED CAB SHARING SCHEME - FIA16

Dated _____ 2016

**THE FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW
(TAXI HIRE AT SEPARATE FARES) SCHEME 2016**

RUSHMOOR BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hampshire GU14 7JU
Ref: LICENS 413/9/6

THE FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW (TAXI HIRE AT SEPARATE FARES) SCHEME 2016

Rushmoor Borough Council of Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hampshire, in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 10(4) of the Transport Act 1985 and having obtained the consents and carried out the consultations required by the Taxis (Schemes for Hire at Separate Fares) Regulations 1986 hereby make the following scheme:

Citation and Commencement

1. This scheme may be cited as The Farnborough International Airshow (Taxi Hire at Separate Fares) Scheme 2016 and shall come into operation at 0700 hours on Monday 11 July 2016.

Interpretation

2. In this scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

'the Act' means the Transport Act 1985;
'the Council' means Rushmoor Borough Council;
'taxi' means a vehicle licensed by the Council under Section 37 of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847;
'authorised place' has the meaning given by Section 10(5) of the Act;
'designated area' means the Borough of Rushmoor
'exclusive service' means a service other than at separate fares; and
'shared service' means a service at separate fares.

Application

3. (1) Any taxi licensed by the Council to ply for hire in the designated area may at the option of the holder of the licence be used for the carriage of passengers at separate fares under the terms of this scheme.

(2) When a taxi is hired in accordance with this scheme, the provisions of the scheme applying to the journey for which it is hired shall apply to any part of that journey outside the designated area as they apply to any part within that area.

Authorised places

4. The places listed in Schedule 1 to this scheme are authorised places at the times and for the journeys indicated in that Schedule.

Signs on vehicles

5. There must be displayed on any taxi available for hire under the terms of this scheme at an authorised place (in addition to any other sign, mark or notice which is required to be displayed on the taxi) a notice containing the sign illustrated in Schedule 2 to this scheme.

Fares

6. The fare payable by each passenger for a shared journey made under this scheme shall be calculated in accordance with Schedule 3 to this scheme. Children under 3 years old who do not occupy a seat shall not be regarded as fare paying passengers.

7. The fare table specified in Schedule 4 to this scheme shall be displayed in a manner that is clearly legible to passengers, in any vehicle standing for hire or hired under this scheme.

Taxi meters

8 Any taxi hired for shared service under this Scheme shall not be required to have its taxi meter set in motion when it leaves the authorised place.

Operation

9. A taxi shall be available for hire under this scheme when it is standing at an authorised place and displaying the sign specified in paragraph 5.

10. If -
- (a) a person at any time seeks to hire for an exclusive service a taxi available for hire under this scheme; and
 - (b) the driver and a person seeking a shared service are not waiting for another person to offer to share the taxi; and
 - (c) the driver either
 - i. would, apart from the Licensed Taxis (Hiring at Separate Fares) Order 1986, be required to accept the hiring; or
 - ii. accepts the hiring although not required to do so,

then that taxi shall thereupon cease to be available for hire under this scheme until the expiry of that hiring.

11. If a person seeks to hire for a shared service a taxi available for hire under this scheme and the driver is unable to find at least one other person to share the hiring within ten minutes then no fare shall be payable and, subject to paragraph 10 of this scheme, the driver shall be free to seek an alternative hiring, provided that the driver and that person may continue to wait for another person to offer to share the taxi for so long as they both agree to do so.

12. The driver of a taxi available for hire under this scheme shall not unreasonably refuse a hiring to two or more persons seeking a shared service in accordance with this scheme.

13. Before a taxi has left an authorised place for the purpose of a shared service, any person may decide not to be carried as a passenger (notwithstanding any earlier agreement) and no fare shall be payable by him.

14. The driver may decline to accept as a passenger any person on the grounds that his intended destination could not be reached without an excessive or unreasonable addition to the journey distance of any passenger previously accepted

for a journey, or that his luggage could not be accommodated safely within the luggage compartment of the taxi, but shall not refuse to carry a person already accepted by him as a passenger because his destination or luggage are not on such grounds compatible with those of a person who subsequently seeks a service.

15. The driver shall not refuse to carry luggage in his taxi provided that the luggage can be accepted safely within the luggage compartment of the taxi having regard to the luggage of other passengers.

16. The driver shall determine the route taken by the taxi and the order in which passengers are set down, but he shall not unreasonably prolong the journey of any passenger.

17. A notice shall be displayed inside the rear of the cab stating:-
- a) that all children carried in the front of the taxi must wear a suitable restraint;
 - b) that in the rear, children under 3 years may travel unrestrained unless a suitable restraint is available; children over 3 must wear a suitable restraint.

Schedule 1 - Authorised Places

The places listed in column 1 are designated as places from which taxis may be hired under the scheme. The approximate location of the temporary hackney carriage stand in Queen's Gate Road is shown on the attached map.

For each authorised place, passengers may be carried at separate fares to the corresponding places shown in column 2.

The dates and times at which the scheme shall operate at each authorised place are listed in column 3.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Farnborough Main Line Station (hackney carriage stand)	Queen's Gate Road, Farnborough (Temporary hackney carriage stand)	Monday 11 July to Sunday 17 July 2016 from 7.00am until 8.00pm only
Queen's Gate Road, Farnborough (Temporary hackney carriage stand)	Farnborough Main Line Station (hackney carriage stand)	Monday 11 July to Sunday 17 July 2016 from 7.00am until 8.00pm only

Schedule 2 - Signs on vehicles

The sign prescribed for the purpose of paragraph 5 of the scheme is set out on the following page:

Schedule 3 - Fares

The fare to be charged to each fare paying person for shared services provided under the scheme shall be £4.

No additional charge shall be made for the carriage of luggage.

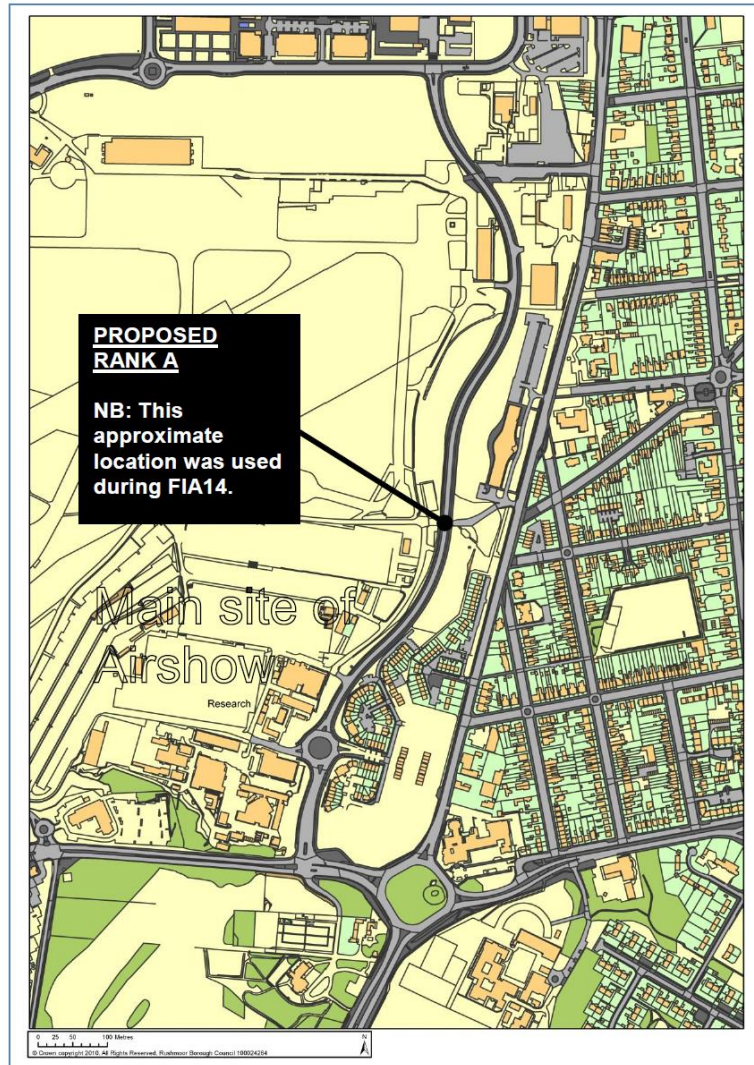
Schedule 4 - Fare Table

In every vehicle used under the scheme there shall be displayed in a manner that is clearly legible to passengers the sign on the following page:

Sealed by **Rushmoor Borough
Council** in the presence of: -

Solicitor to the Council

PLAN SHOWING PROPOSED AUTHORISED PLACES AT AIRSHOW SITE



Schedule 2 - Signs on vehicles

**FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW
TAXI SHARING SCHEME 2016**

11 July 2016 to 17 July 2016 (inclusive)

**THIS VEHICLE IS
AVAILABLE FOR
SHARED OR
EXCLUSIVE HIRE**

Shared hire fare is at the flat rate
of **£4** for each passenger
*(maximum of four fare-paying
passengers per taxi)*

Exclusive hire fares will either be calculated
by the taximeter or in line with Rushmoor
Borough Council's approved scheme of fares.

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Schedule 4 - Fare Table

FARNBOROUGH INTERNATIONAL AIRSHOW TAXI SHARING SCHEME 2016

11 July 2016 to 17 July 2016 (inclusive)

1. For **shared hire**, the fare is £4 per passenger (including VAT) to a maximum of four passengers per taxi for journeys shown in the table below:

FROM	TO	HOURS OF OPERATION
Farnborough Main Station (Hackney Carriage Stand)	Queen's Gate, Farnborough (Temporary Hackney Carriage Stand)	Monday to Sunday 7am to 8pm ONLY
Queen's Gate, Farnborough (Temporary Hackney Carriage Stand)	Farnborough Main Station (Hackney Carriage Stand)	Monday to Sunday 7am to 8pm ONLY

- i.e. 4 people sharing: £16 in total
3 people sharing: £12 in total
2 people sharing: £8 in total
2. No additional charge will be made for carrying luggage.
 3. The normal tariff for exclusive hire and/or where the journey is outside the shared hire area, is shown on the second fare table displayed in the vehicle.
 4. Children under three years of age who do not occupy a seat shall not be regarded as fare-paying passengers.
 5. All children carried in the front of a taxi must wear a suitable restraint.
In the rear - (i) Children under 3 years old may travel unrestrained unless a suitable restraint is available.
(ii) Children over 3 years old must wear a suitable restraint.

Any complaints about the scheme should be sent to the Licensing Manager at Rushmoor Borough Council, Council Offices, Farnborough Road, Farnborough, Hants, GU14 7JU. Telephone number 01252 398 399.
(Where appropriate, please indicate the cab number and/or driver number.)

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LETTERS OF CONSENT & STATUTORY CONSULTEES

(a) Consent of landowner (Airshow Site)

From: Roger Walker
Sent: Mon, 21 Dec 2015 11:30:25 +0000
To: John McNab
Subject: Taxi Rank A - FI2016

John

With ref to your letter dated 14 Dec 2015 ref 15/03294/TAXGEN I can confirm that as landowners TAG have no objection to the use of Taxi Rank A.

Rgds

Roger Walker

Director Airport Operations

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(b) Consent of leaseholder (Farnborough Mainline Station)

ARichards@swtrains.co.uk

From: ARichards@swtrains.co.uk
Sent: Tue, 5 Jan 2016 13:00:54 +0000
To: John McNab
Subject: Taxis (Schemes for hire at separate fares) regulations 1986 - Farnborough International Airshow 2016 Dear John,

I am writing to you in regards to your letter dated the 14th December 2015 regarding the implementation of a cab sharing scheme during the Farnborough International Airshow (11th to 17th July 2016).

I am pleased to advise you that as we are the Leaseholder of Farnborough Main railway station, Stagecoach South Western Trains is able to give you full consent to carry out this scheme.

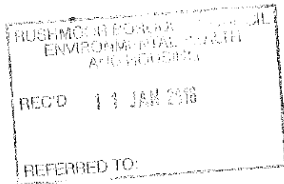
If you require any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me.

Regards

Adele Richards
Retail Standards Department
South West Trains

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(c) Consent of the Highways Authority



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Enquiries to J. Holt

My reference 11012686

Direct line

Your reference 15/03294/TAXGEN

Date 06 January 2016

Email Highways-transport.north@hants.gov.uk

Dear Mr McNab,

**Re: Taxis (schemes for hire at separate fares) regulations 1986.
Farnborough International Airshow 2016.**

Thank you for your letter dated the 14th December 2015 concerning the proposed arrangements for taxi hire during the Farnborough Airshow.

I can confirm that the County Council as the highway authority has no concerns to raise in respect of these changes.

Yours sincerely

Highways Manager

Head of Highways (Area Offices)
Tim Lawton BEng CEng FICE MCIHT

Director of Economy, Transport and Environment
Stuart Jarvis BSc DipTP FCIHT MRTPI

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