

## **IRONMARKET, NEWCASTLE - LOADING BAY**

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**Portfolio:**                **Environment and Recycling**

**Ward(s) affected:**    **Town**

### **Purpose of the Report**

To seek Members' approval to introduce a loading bay in the Ironmarket.

### **Recommendation**

**That Members approve the introduction of a loading bay in the Ironmarket.**

### **Reasons**

To provide closer loading facilities to the local businesses.

#### **1.     Background**

1.1     The town centre public realm project which includes the pedestrianisation of Hassell Street will remove the day time use of the existing taxi rank in Hassell Street. To provide additional and alternative provision for hackney carriages a new taxi rank has been constructed at the easterly end of the Ironmarket adjacent to Queens Gardens.

#### **2.     Issues**

2.1     Since the completion of the works by the County Council it has become apparent that some of the businesses in this area are having difficulties with deliveries to their premises

#### **3.     Proposal**

3.1     The County Council have visited the businesses concerned and have proposed that the easterly disabled bay be converted to a loading bay, thereby assisting the local shops and businesses (as indicated on the attached plan).

3.2     Should members approve this alteration to the original scheme, the formal process of modifying the traffic regulation order would commence.

#### **4.     Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

- creating a cleaner, safer and sustainable Borough
- creating a Borough of opportunity

#### **5.     Legal and Statutory Implications**

None for the Borough Council

#### **6.     Financial and Resource Implications**

None for the Borough Council

7. **List of Appendices**

Appendix - Plan showing the proposed loading bay at the easterly end of the Ironmarket.