

Highway Response

Ref: 25/1062

Date: 19/02/26

PROPOSAL: CHANGE OF USE FROM RETAIL UNIT TO PRIVATE HIRE TAXI OFFICE

SITE: 2 - 4 Skinner Street Newport South Wales NP20 1GY

Case Officer: Jonathan Jones

Highway Officer: Kevin Jackson

Following receipt of further information, we would update our comments as follows.

Highway recommendation:

Not policy compliant.

Highway Comments:

The site is not suitable for a conventional taxi firm to operate. There are no appropriate parking or pick up areas. A conventional operation therefore raises objections.

The application suggests three personnel. It is not clear how many vehicles will be operated, or how many staff are on duty at any time, but Skinner St is designated as a pedestrian zone. There is a facility for loading (limited hours) but no parking at all.

The SPG requires 1.25 spaces for each taxi, plus 1/three staff but there is no provision for staff or taxi parking

Staff cycle parking and electric vehicle charging are also considered necessary for this operation along with other staff welfare facilities.