

## 11. PETITION - UNICORN HILL - TAXI RANK

The Committee considered a petition regarding the siting of the taxi rank on Unicorn Hill and its effect on local businesses.

The Chair invited a member of the public to speak to the petition. Mr Peter Mitchell, a local businessman who had traded from a premises on Unicorn Hill for ten years reported that he had been approached by other local businesses who wished to see the taxi rank relocated or the hours of operation altered as it was seen to be having a detrimental effect on trade.

The Committee briefly discussed the current location and possible alternative locations for the rank. The point which had been made in respect of limiting the hours of operation of the taxi rank was considered relevant as it was recognised that the issue for many of these businesses was the effect on custom during normal trading hours.

Given the nature of the petition and the course of action which the petitioners were seeking the Committee determined that the matter might more properly be referred to the Licensing Committee for further consideration.

### **RECOMMENDED that**

**the petition and an accompanying Officer report be submitted to the Licensing Committee for consideration by that body.**