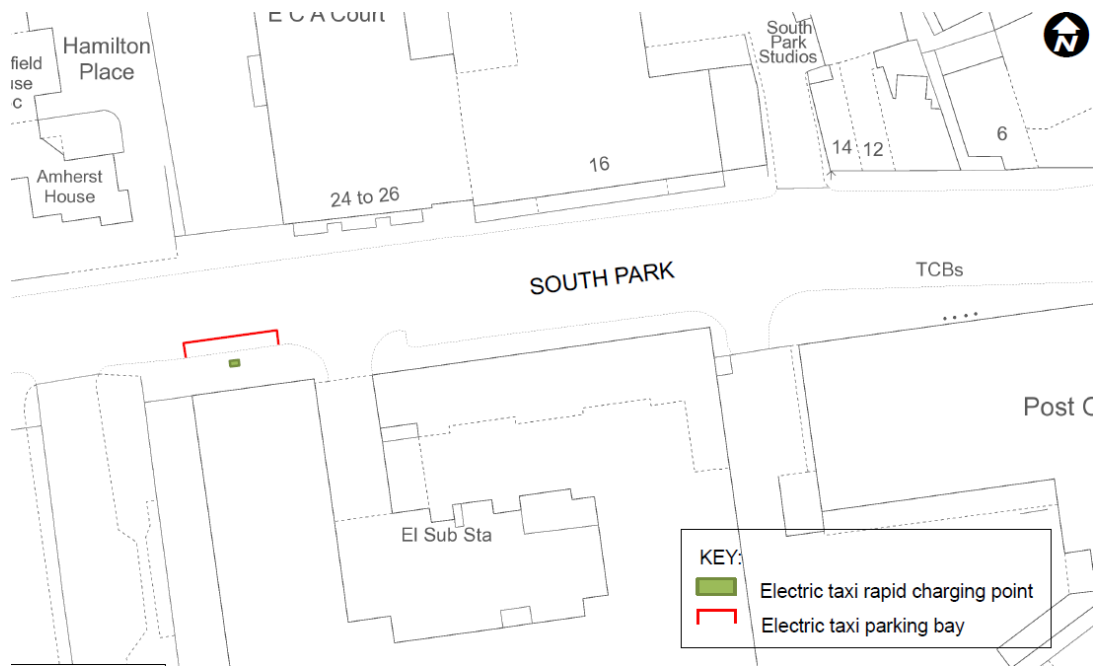


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DESCRIPTION	PROPOSED CHANGES
<p>South side, just east of the entrance to the South Park (Stag theatre) car park, outside the telephone exchange</p>	<p>Existing pay-and-display parking bay to become a charging bay for licensed electric or hybrid electrically charged taxis only, with a maximum stay of 1 hour and no return within 2 hours.</p> <p>Description of extent of the parking bay in the 2013 Consolidation Order to be amended to reflect extent of parking bay marked on the road.</p>

**OBJECTIONS/COMMENTS RECEIVED**

**1. Objection**

I would like to see you putting this somewhere else, maybe on the far side of the car park behind the Stag Theatre. There are not enough free car parking spaces for the residents of this area, I would not like to see this one taken by a taxi that can charge anywhere in Sevenoaks as they are in a car. So many older residents use those free spots that are close to the centre of town or they are sick and visiting the doctor's office. I would think you will be hearing from the doctor also that they are not in favour of this location.

**2. Objection**

There is a considerable number of large lorries going in and out of the Exchange building in front and behind the proposed siting of this charging point. Obviously there is constant traffic in and out of the Stag CP just beyond the proposed site and recycling lorries turning into and out of the Stag CP. Small children regularly walk down to and from St Thomas' school in South Park. The office block opposite the proposed site have workers turning in and out of their car park. Their shredding vans park outside the office block and opposite the proposed site regularly shredding the paper from the offices which takes 30-60 minutes. The offices also have daily delivery vans parking opposite the proposed site delivering their office

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supplied. The Post Office and open Reach vans constantly use this area for deliveries and in the case of Open Reach to gain access below the pavement/road for their broadband facilities

Coach parking - there are large coaches bringing the public to attend functions at the Stag who park in the area of the proposed site where their passengers disembark for the Theatre. The coaches then return to collect the passenger after the performance which means the coaches are parked in the proposed site area waiting to collect.

The Doctors Surgery just down from the proposed site regularly have disabled vans and chemist deliveries which all adds to the traffic movements.

There is a residential area opposite the proposed site with small children. There is already constant reversing and jockeying for any space that becomes available in this part of South Park. The road will become even more gridlocked with this extra proposed facility.

Hopefully you will take our concerns into consideration and reject this proposal and instead locate the taxi charging bay and charging point within the Stag Car Park area. The other advantage to this location is that parked nose to nose four taxis at a time could use the charging facility.

### 3. In Support

Sevenoaks Town Council's emerging Neighbourhood Development Plan Policy M9 supports measures that will encourage a shift towards the use of greener modes of transport by businesses and residents. This includes encouraging businesses to move to electric fleets and introducing charging points in appropriate public locations.

### 4. In Support

Charging points are needed

### 5. In Support

There are electric and hybrid taxis working in Sevenoaks, and it is sensible to provide charging points for them. It would also be sensible, indeed very desirable, to provide them for local residents. How about providing one for residents next to the taxi charging bay, and installing them at the same time? Must be better than a bit-by-bit approach. Also needed is an electric or hybrid vehicle charging point in each road in Parking Zone A, where so few residents have off-road parking.

## OFFICERS' COMMENTS

There is ample short-stay parking facilities in this locality to cater for the loss of two on-street bay & display parking spaces that would arise from converting the parking bay into a charging bay for electric taxis, both off-street in the South Park (Stag Theatre) car park and on-street in South Park and other neighbouring streets.

Vehicles already park in the existing pay & display parking bay, so it is unlikely that converting it into a charging bay for electric taxis would be detrimental to other road users.

The narrow profile of the electric vehicle charging point would mean that it is unlikely to significantly impact on pedestrians using the wide footway in which it would be sited, or on the visibility of drivers emerging from nearby accesses.

The yellow line restrictions can be used to set down/pick up passengers and make deliveries.

Sevenoaks District Council is currently investigating the feasibility and desirability of providing electric vehicle charging points in its car parks with another service provider.

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