

Taxi rank survey May 2014

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Where do you believe the current ranks in Maidstone are situated?	Full time; 2 outside Lush, 7 outside HOKH King Street, 2 Earl Street (not used, only place to stop for toilet breaks) Part time; 1 Pudding Lane 0000-0700, 2 bottom of High Street 0000-0700, 2 Lockmeadow- different ones day and night, St Faith's St, very badly placed Paid for BR parking
Are they in the correct place?	No but moving would add to confusion
Do you think any should be removed?	No
Where do you think any new ranks should be sited?	4 more needed. Should be in major footfall areas. Space outside Gateway should be reinstated. Outside Natwest.
Other comments	No more rank spaces should be allocated to disabled bays- already too many, some should be replaced by rank spaces. Enforcement at night is poor- ranks are taken by private hire and out of town Hackneys.

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Where do you believe the current ranks in Maidstone are situated?	Full time; 2 outside Lush, 7 outside HOKH King Street, 2 Earl Street Part time; 1 Pudding Lane, 2 bottom of High Street
Are they in the correct place?	King St rank is no use at night.
Do you think any should be removed?	No
Where do you think any new ranks should be sited?	Extend King St by a space each end. Add one to Lush. One outside Boots. Need more further down the High St at night. Could bus stops outside Royal Star be utilised at night after the buses have stopped?
Other comments	Ranks should be where there is demand. Earl St regeneration proposals currently contain no rank provision.

APPENDIX B

3- collated and sent on behalf of approximately 15 drivers

Where do you believe the current ranks in Maidstone are situated?	Full time; 2 outside Lush, 7 outside HOKH King Street, 2 Earl Street Night; Bottom of High Street, some bus stops become ranks. Train stations but with a high permit cost.
Are they in the correct place?	No
Do you think any should be removed?	No
Where do you think any new ranks should be sited?	4 car rank outside Natwest with current one at Lush becoming disabled parking. 3 car rank by Hazlitt instead of the one by Fremlins. Bottom of High St should have a permanent rank on RHS. " car rank at bottom of Gabriels Hill. Both hospitals and new shopping village if built Expand King St by one car
Other comments	Need to be in prominent position

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Where do you believe the current ranks in Maidstone are situated?	Full time; King St x 9, top of Gabriel's Hill x 2, Earl St x 2 Evening; Pudding Lane bus stop after midnight, disabled rank in High St, outside Source provided no disabled badge holders want to use it. Private at stations.
Are they in the correct place?	New rank at bottom of High St needs to be closer to Mill St
Do you think any should be removed?	Pudding Lane and St Faith's St are never used
Where do you think any new ranks should be sited?	Jubilee Square would be best but hard to make this work now High St has been narrowed. 4-5 car rank at bottom of High St, 2 car bay at bottom of Gabriel's Hill
Other comments	People in Maidstone don't hail taxis so need ranks close to centre of town or drivers won't get any work. Not enough enforcement on private hire

Where do you believe the current ranks in Maidstone are situated?	No. 1 The taxi ranks are situated in King St (7 spaces) outside Lush (2 spaces) Earl St (2 spaces) Hart St (4 spaces 2 daytime 2 nighttime) 1 pudding lane (1 space (nighttime only) 2 bottom high st (after 11.30 pm)
Are they in the correct place?	No
Do you think any should be removed?	Not removed, some changed
Where do you think any new ranks should be sited?	Do away with lush rank move it to outside Nat West Bank 4 spaces (put disabled bays from Nat west to outside lush) 3 spaces bottom of High St by cannon day and night rank 2 spaces outside Gala Bingo day and night 2 spaces outside Hazlitt theatre) making with King St 18 rank spaces therefore hopefully stopping ranking on loading bays in King St these are the places where I think it would most beneficial to taxi drivers
Other comments	People in Maidstone don't hail taxis so need ranks close to centre of town or drivers won't get any work. Not enough enforcement on private hire