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Ramsey,  
Isle of Man.

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20<sup>th</sup> August, 2021.

Mr Chairman & Members,

A **Special Meeting** of the Ramsey Town Commissioners will be held at 7.00 p.m. on Wednesday evening next, **25<sup>th</sup> August, 2021**, in the Boardroom of the Town Hall, Ramsey.

### **BUSINESS:**

1. **Apologies for Absence:**
2. **Consultation Climate Change Plan 2022-2027**  
<https://consult.gov.im/cabinet-office/climate-change-plan-2022-2027/>
3. **Establishment Report – appointment of Town Clerk & Chief Executive**
  - **To be tabled in Private**
4. **Any other Business:**  
(by permission of Chairman - any will be advised)

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Town Clerk & Chief Executive.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
CONSULTATION CLIMATE CHANGE PLAN 2022-2027  
25 AUGUST 2021 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Under the requirements of the Climate Change Bill 2020, there will be a requirement for a statutory five year Climate Action Plan to be in operation at all times. The current Council of Ministers' Climate Action Plan will remain in operation until the new plan is agreed, which the new Climate Bill requires to be introduced by April 2022. The Bill also requires the establishment of at least one interim target by that date.

The Plan must set out a clear direction of travel on climate change and it must consider a wide range of underpinning principles, including ensuring a just transition (making the transition away from fossil fuels fair for all, especially the more vulnerable sectors of our society), promotion of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and protection of ecosystems and biodiversity.

Government has issued a consultation to inform the development of the first statutory five-year Climate Action Plan by seeking feedback on the outline and principles that should be adopted.

The Consultation has been issued on the Government Consultation Hub

<https://consult.gov.im/cabinet-office/climate-change-plan-2022-2027/>

Paper copies of the consultation document can be provided on request.

Recommendation: for discussion.

***T. P. Whiteway***  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
STATION ROAD CAR PARK – CONNECT BUS ACCESS  
25 AUGUST 2021 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

The Commission has received an approach from Shoprite Limited regarding Connect Villages buses accessing the station road car park.

Store management are concerned that the buses constitute a danger to pedestrians and other users of the car park when they wait to alight and collect passengers in front of the store entrance.

The Town Clerk has discussed the matter with representatives of Bus Vannin and a site meeting was held on 25 August 2021 with the store manager, a representative of Shoprite Group, and a representative from Bus Vannin.

During the course of the site meeting two Connect Village buses arrived at the car park to discharge and collect passengers, and it was apparent that the positioning of buses within the car park was likely to cause an increased risk to both pedestrians and vehicles with the car park area, and is disrupting traffic flow within the car park.

The Connect Village service is used by elderly residents of the town and village areas. It would clearly be untenable to prevent mini buses from entering the car park at all as this would disadvantage residents who may have mobility or disability from being able to access the store.

The opportunity was taken to bring a vehicle to the car park to assess alternatives to the present situation. The preferred solution in terms of both the store and bus operator would be to remove the two disabled bays closest to the store and to create a turning and waiting area for minibuses. This location is considered to be the most suitable as it does not impede traffic, it allows safe and easy access to both the side and rear disabled ramp doors on the mini buses, it provides the connect village driver good visibility of pedestrians entering and leaving the store, vehicles moving away from car parking spaces opposite the store, and traffic travelling through the car park, ensuring that the buses would be able to manoeuvre safely both in and out of the discharge and collection area.

The loss of the two disabled car park spaces was discussed and it is recognised that disabled spaces at the front of the store are at a premium and it was suggested therefore that the two end row spaces opposite the entrance to the store could be re designated as disabled spaces to compensate for the loss of the spaces within the bus turning area.

**Town Clerk's Report - Station Road Car Park  
Connect Bus Access 25 August 2021 – Public continued**

Although this solution results in a loss of two parking spaces the use of the mini bus service it is becoming increasingly popular, this has been confirmed by the Ramsey Bus Supervisor, and is evidenced by the fact that it has started to impede movement within the car park and has raised comment from the management of the store.

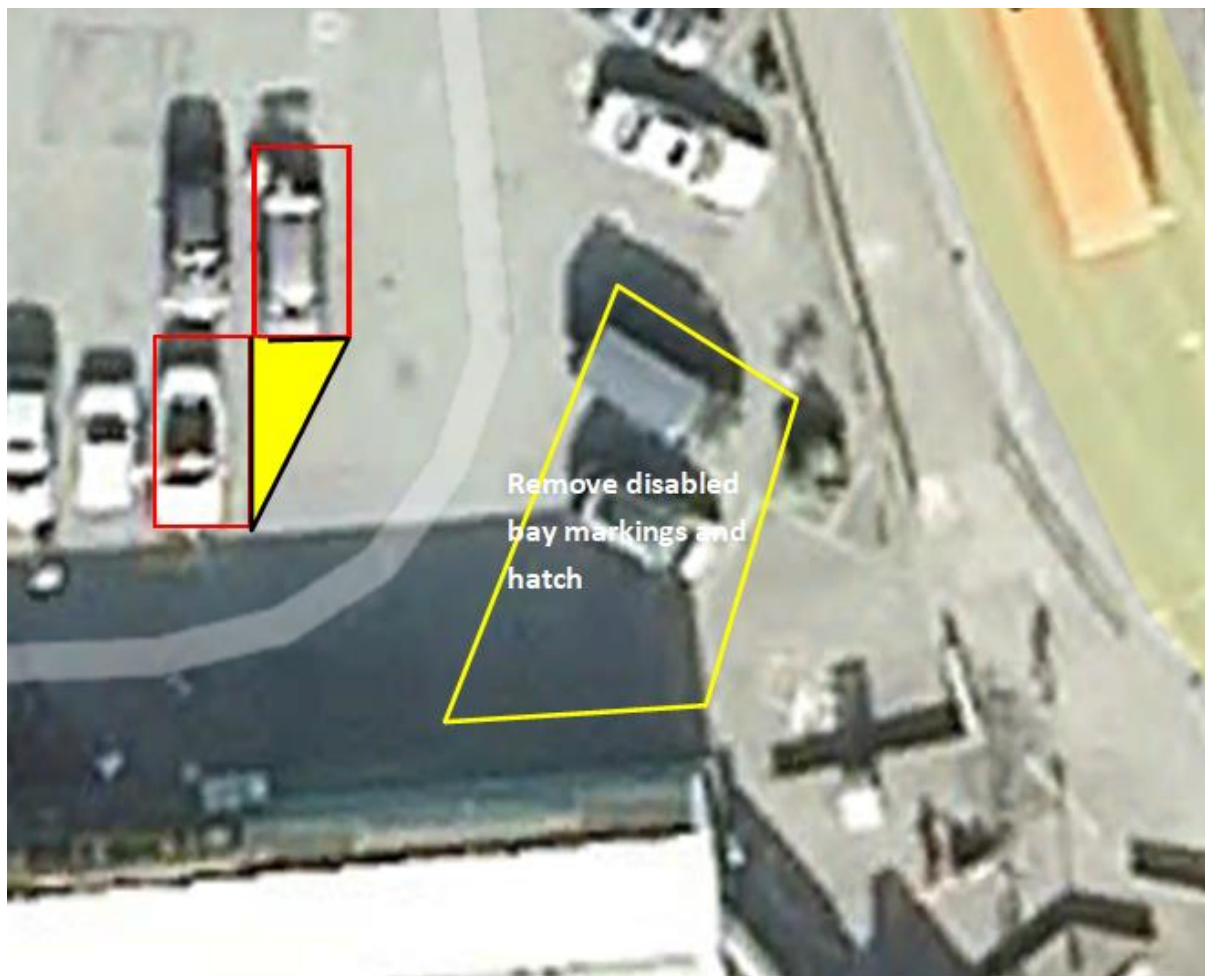
The proposal provides a safer means of car park access for mini-buses and enables access to the store for service users with mobility issues or wheelchairs.

A sketch plan is attached.

**Recommendation:** to designate a turning and waiting area for mini-buses and reassign two 2 hour spaces as disabled spaces.

*T. P. Whiteway*  
Town Clerk and Chief Executive.

25 August 2021



**RAMSEY TOWN COMMISSIONERS  
DEPUTY TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
RAMSEY COURTHOUSE – FLU CLINIC  
25 AUGUST 2021 – PUBLIC**

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Ramsey Group Practice have contacted officers with a request to hold the annual community “flu clinics” in Ramsey Courthouse again this year.

The Group Practice are planning to operate the clinic under pandemic rules and the Courthouse being particularly suitable as it would allow a one-way flow of patients.

It is proposed to run the clinic this year over a Monday-Friday week (5 days). A date of the clinic will be determined once a delivery date of the vaccination has been confirmed which is likely to be in early October.

The Group Practice have requested exclusive use of the building so that they can maintain the controls they will be implementing. A Monday-Friday booking would not impact on the Isle of Man Farmers Market which is the only regular commitment of the Courthouse.

The Group Practice has asked if the Commission would allow the use of the Courthouse at no charge due to the community nature of the clinic. The Commission allowed the Group Practice to use the facility at no cost in 2020.

**Recommendation:** to allow Ramsey Group Practice the use Ramsey Courthouse at no cost for their seasonal “flu clinic” in 2021

*H. S. Bevan*  
Deputy Town Clerk

18<sup>th</sup> August 2021