

On the 10 December 2024 the Licensing and Community Safety Committee met following the consultation undertaken in respect of taxi ranks in the district.

Members were interested in the views surrounding Woolacombe ranks, particularly those from the trade which proposed the removal of the rank on the Esplanade, due to the standard of the kerb, rank position, proximity to junction etc., and there were comments that favoured amending the position of this rank to the area outside of the Red Barn on Barton Road, opposite the bus stop.

There is support from Devon County Council in creating a new four bay [24 hour rank on Barton Road](#) in the suggested location outside of the Red Barn, thus in undertaking final consideration we wish to re-consult the trade on their preference. There is a need to strike the correct balance between the demand upon rank spaces and that of loading, disabled parking, parking etc., so please factor that in when making your response.

Please email licensing@northdevon.gov.uk **prior to the 6 January 2025** with any comments in respect of Woolacombe ranks. If easier you may cite your preference from the following options below:

1. Remove rank on the Esplanade, place new 4 bay 24 hour outside of the Red Barn (Barton Road), retain existing 10pm-6am rank on Barton Road.
2. Remove rank on the Esplanade, place new 4 bay 24 hour rank outside of the Red Barn (Barton Road), retain existing 10pm -6am rank on Barton Road but make this available on a seasonal basis in peak times only (please comment on dates if so).
3. Remove rank on the Esplanade, place new 4 bay 24 hour rank outside of the Red Barn (Barton Road), retain existing rank on Barton Road but amend its timing from 10pm – 6am to 6pm – 6am (or alternative timing please cite).
4. Remove rank on the Esplanade, place new 4 bay 24 hour rank outside of the Red Barn (Barton Road), retain existing rank on Barton Road but amend its timing from 10pm – 6am to 6am -6pm and make this available on a seasonal basis in peak times only (please comment on dates if so).
5. Remove rank on the Esplanade, place new 4 bay rank outside of the Red Barn (Barton Road), and remove existing rank on Barton Road.
6. Retain rank on the Esplanade, place new 4 bay 24 hour rank outside of the Red Barn, retain existing 10pm-6am rank on Barton Road.

7. Retain rank on the Esplanade, place new 4 bay 24 hour rank outside of the Red Barn (Barton Road), retain existing rank on Barton Road but amend its timing from 10pm – 6am to 6pm – 6am (or alternative timing please cite).
8. Retain rank on the Esplanade, place new 4 bay rank outside of the Red Barn (Barton Road), and retain existing rank on Barton Road but on a seasonal basis (please comment on dates if so).
9. Retain rank on the Esplanade, place new 4 bay 24 hour rank outside of the Red Barn (Barton Road), retain existing rank on Barton Road but amend its timing from 10pm – 6am to 6am -6pm and make this available on a seasonal basis in peak times only (please comment on dates if so).
10. Retain rank on the Esplanade, place new 4 bay rank outside of the Red Barn (Barton Road), and remove existing rank on Barton Road.
11. Retain ranks in Woolacombe as per current arrangements.