

**REPORT:** Regulatory Committee

**DATE:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**REPORTING OFFICER:** Director – Legal and Democratic Services

**PORTFOLIO:** Resources

**SUBJECT:** Taxi Licensing Matter

**WARDS:** Borough-wide

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1. To update and provide information to members on the outcome of the consultation for taxi rank provision within the geographical boundaries of Halton, and to seek approval for the suggested amendments to the Council's existing hackney carriage stands (referred to as taxi ranks throughout this report)

## **2. RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1. That the Committee considers the contents of this report and the information detailed in the attached appendices;
- 2.2. That the proposals detailed in **Appendix A** (showing proposed amendments in red, in respect of Stands 11, 13, 17 and 19) be referred to the Executive Board with a recommendation for approval, taking into consideration any representations which may be made by the Regulatory Committee in respect thereof;
- 2.3. That the Executive Board authorise the Director, Legal and Democratic Services to fulfil all procedural requirements and relating to the proposals detailed in Appendix A in accordance with Section 63 of the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976.

## **3. SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 3.1. The Council's current taxi rank provision is attached to this report at **Appendix B**
- 3.2. Details of the proposed amendments to the taxi ranks, alongside the Council's current taxi rank provision, have been provided to Cheshire Police (including Local Policing Units in Runcorn and Widnes), to allow for comments or objections. No objections to the amendments have been received.

- 3.3 A consultation exercise has been undertaken which included representatives of the Halton Borough Council taxi trade on the provision of taxi ranks throughout the borough, and the amendment to said ranks. Details of the consultation together with the responses received are attached to this report at **Appendix C**
- 3.4 A notice was published in the 'Public Notice Portal' of Runcorn and Widnes Weekly News dated 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025 and published 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2025, stating that the Council intends to amend the existing hackney carriage stands order. The notice advised that full details of the proposed changes could be found at HDL offices in both Runcorn and Widnes sites, and an email address was provided to allow objections to be received by the Licensing Manager. The same notice was also displayed on the Councils Website. No objections were received. A copy of the notice is attached to this report at **Appendix D**
- 3.5 The proposed amendments to the Taxi Rank Orders are set out below;

**Runcorn**

Stand Number	Location	Current Times	Amended proposal
17	High Street (in front of Chambers	22.00 – 06.00	Rescind
19	High Street (outside Bargain Booze and Mersey Road	20.00 – 06.00	Anytime

**Widnes**

Stand Number	Location	Current Times	Amended proposal
11	Albert Road (outside Wetherspoons)	18.00 to 06.00	Anytime
13	Albert Road (outside Imperial)	18.00 to 06.00	Anytime

- 3.6 Stand 17 has been suspended as a taxi rank since building works commenced in May 2024. During this time, the licensed premises that provided the rank with the majority of customers has closed, reducing the demand for hackney carriages on High Street (East). There will continue to be a designated rank for 5 vehicles opposite where this one is proposed to be rescinded, with operational hours of 22:00 – 06:00.

- 3.7 The increase in operation times for stands 19, 11 and 13 will improve service to customers due to their central and busy locations.
- 3.8 Increasing the operation times for stands 19,11 and 13 will not affect the parking provision for local businesses. A loading bay is already incorporated into stand 19 on High Street for deliveries, with parking bays and car parks for customers available within close proximity of all stands.

#### **4. JURISDICTION OF THE COMMITTEE**

- 4.1. The Committee is responsible for determining the Council's policies in connection with the grant, variation, suspension or revocation of licences relating to taxi and private matters (see Terms of Reference of the Regulatory Committee part 17B Council Constitution).
- 4.2. The Constitution must now be interpreted in accordance with the case of R (on the application of 007 Stratford Taxis Limited v Stratford on Avon District Council 2011). This Court of Appeal decision interpreted the meaning of the Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities)(England) Regulations 2000 in respect of matters which must be dealt with by a Council's Executive or by a Committee of its Council. Essentially, the Court held that; (1) It was clear that individual applications relating to taxi matters must be dealt with by the equivalent of this Council's Regulatory Committee and (2) matters calculated to facilitate, or be conducive or incidental to such applications must also be dealt with in the same way but (3) any 'plan or strategy' associated with such a function would be an executive function and therefore have to be determined by a Council's Executive. The Stratford case concerned the introduction of a wheelchair access policy. The decision was taken by the Council's Cabinet rather than its Licensing Committee. The challenge from the taxi trade was that the Licensing Committee should have adopted the policy. This element of the challenge was rejected by the court.
- 4.3. Consequently, any decision of the Regulatory Committee on matters contained in this agenda will be by the recommendation to the Executive Board.

#### **5. POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1. If approved by the Executive Board, the Council's Taxi Ranks Sealed Order will be superseded by a new Taxi Ranks Order, which would be sealed and adopted by the Council.

**6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- 6.1 The cost of implementing the recommended changes, by way of providing new signage to be displayed at the site of each amended hackney carriage rank, must be met through the Taxi Licensing budget.

**7. IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCILS PRIORITIES**

**7.1 Improving Health, Promoting Wellbeing and Supporting Greater Independence**

None

**7.2 Building a Strong, Sustainable Local Economy**

None

**7.3 Supporting Children, Young People and Families**

None

**7.4 Tackling Inequality and Helping Those Who Are Most In Need**

None

**7.5 Working Towards a Greener Future**

None

**7.6 Valuing and Appreciating Halton and Our Community**

None

**8. RISK ANALYSIS**

- 8.1. None

**9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES**

- 9.1. There are no equality or diversity issues related to the review.

**10. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS**

- 10.1. There are no climate change implications since the decision will have no effect on the environment.



**11. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972**

<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>	<b>Contact Officer</b>
Application Documents	Legal Services	Wendy Pringle

**OFFICIAL HACKNEY CARRIAGE STANDS REGULATED BY  
HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL UNDER SECTION 63 OF  
THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 1970**

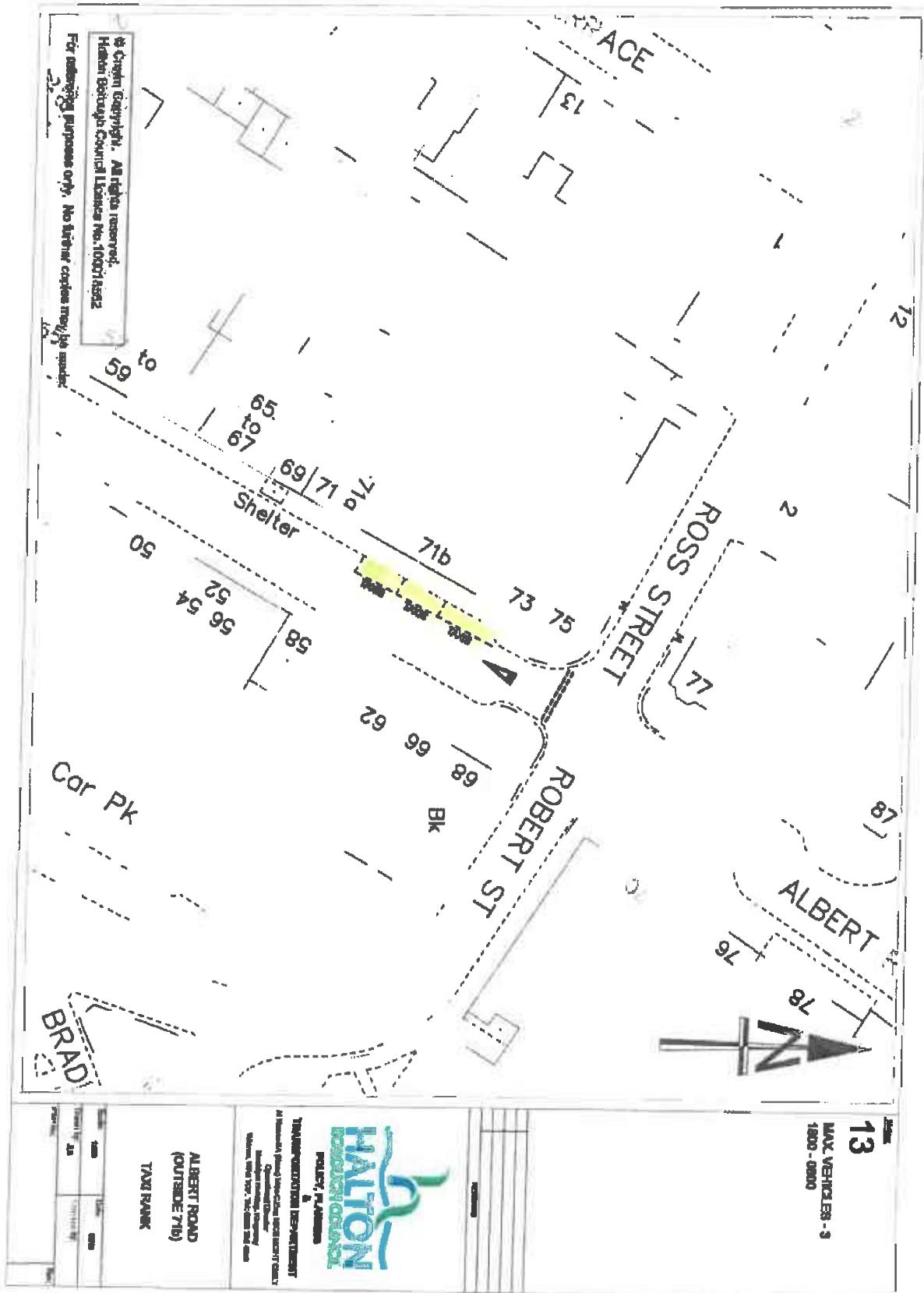
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1	Market Street	HCS 1	7	2100 - 0600
2	Alford Street	HCS 2	6	2100 - 0600
3	Hale Road	HCS 3	8	Any
4	Upton Lane	HCS 4	3	Any
5	Dickson Street	HCS 5	5	Any
6	Victoria Square	HCS 6	8	2100 - 0600
7	Prescot Road	HCS 7	4	Any
8	Appleton Village	HCS 8	10	0000 - 0600 & 0630 - 1430 & 1630 - 0000
9	Cronton Lane	HCS 9	4	Any
10	Widnes Road	HCS 10	8	2300 - 0600
11	Albert Road (outside Wetherspoons)	HCS 11	3	Anytime
12	Albert Road (feeder rank to Wetherspoons)	HCS 12	3	1800 - 0600
13	Albert Road (outside Imperial)	HCS 13	3	Anytime

**RUNCORN**

Stand number	Location	Order Plan number	Permitted maximum number of vehicles	Permitted times of use
14	Public Hall Street	HCS 14	8	Any
15	Shopping City (off Second Avenue)	HCS 15	3	Any
16	High Street (opposite side of road from Chambers)	HCS 16	5	2200 - 0600
17	High Street (in front of Chambers)	HCS 17	5	Rescind
18	Bridge Street (in front of The Wilsons)	HCS 18	4	2200 - 0600
19	High Street (outside Bargain Booze and Mersey Road)	HCS 19	8	Anytime
20	High Street lay-by immediately east of entrance to Co-op car park	HCS 20	6	2000 - 0600
21	Shaw Street	HCS 21	2	Anytime
22	Shaw Street	HCS 22	5	Anytime





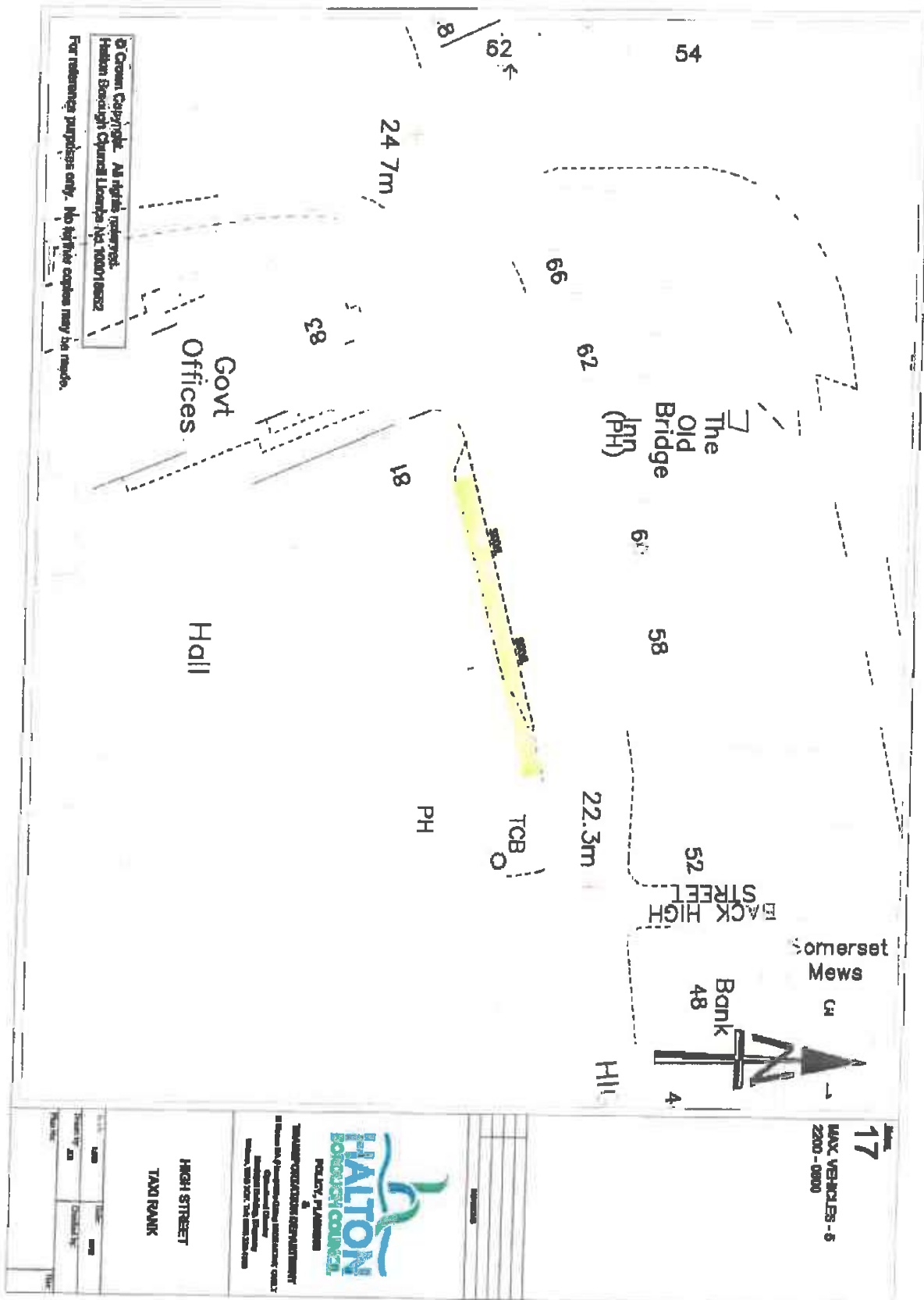
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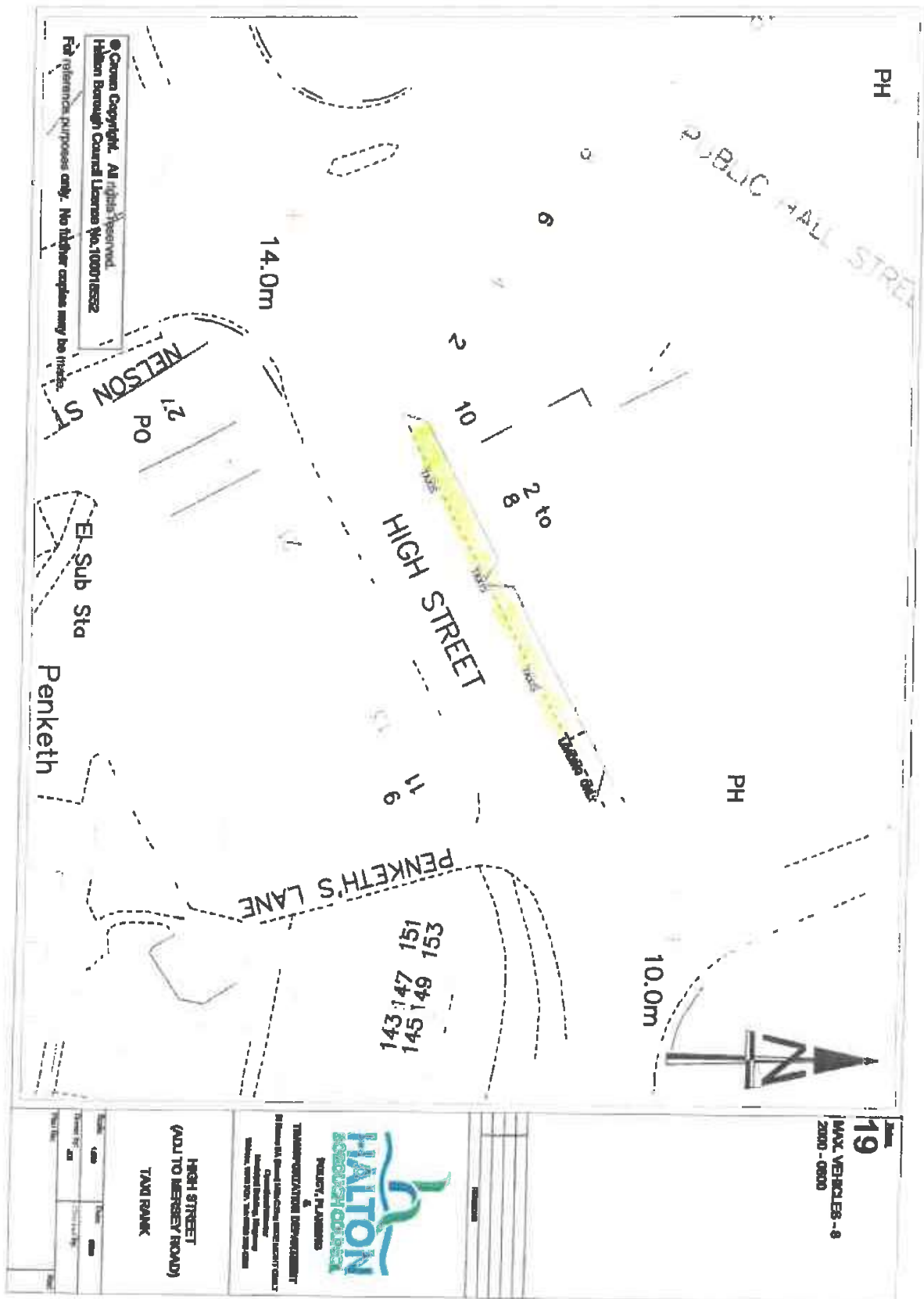
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ALBERT ROAD  
(OUTSIDE 716)  
TAXI RANK

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3rd 15 min	\$5.00
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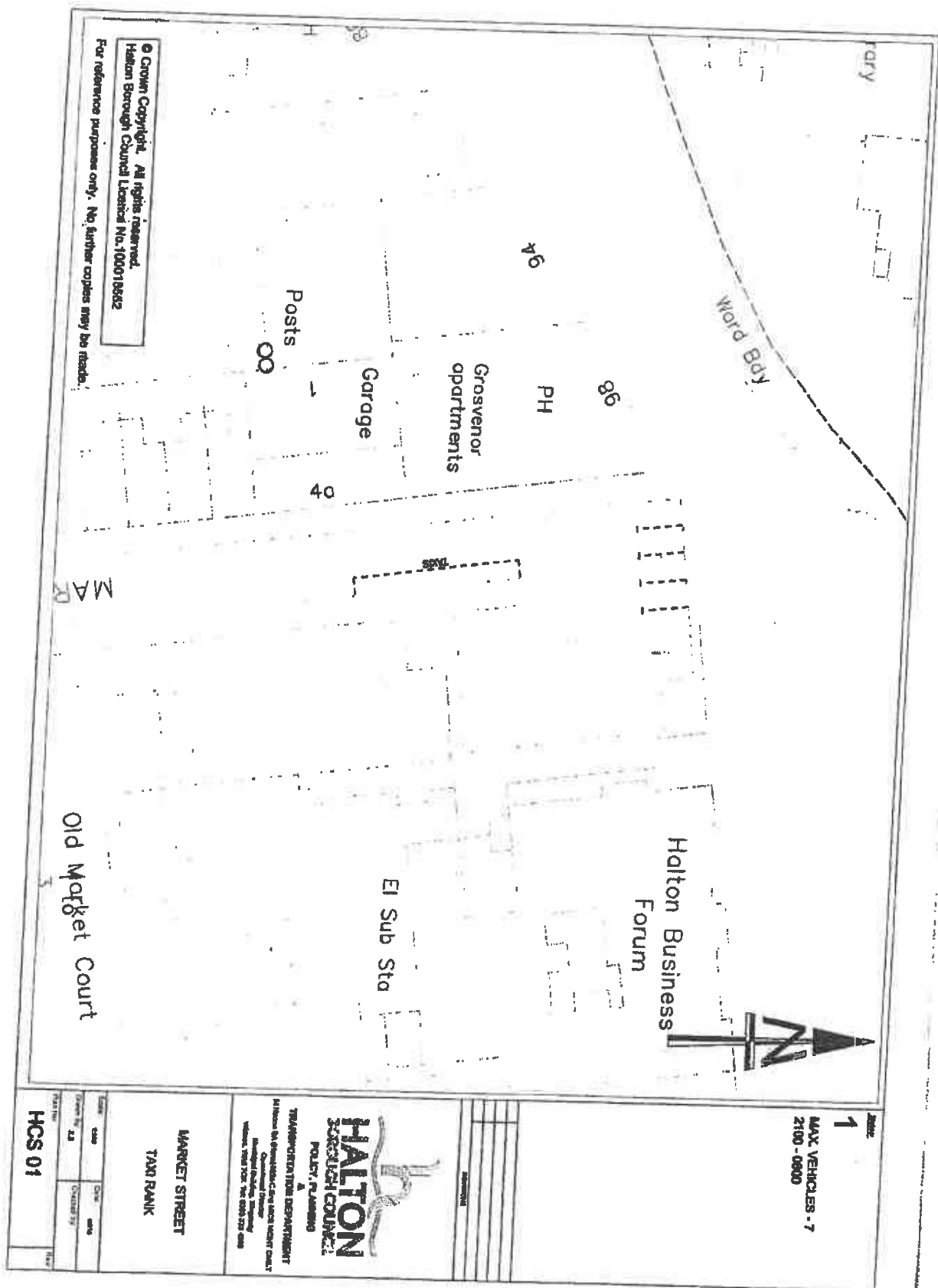
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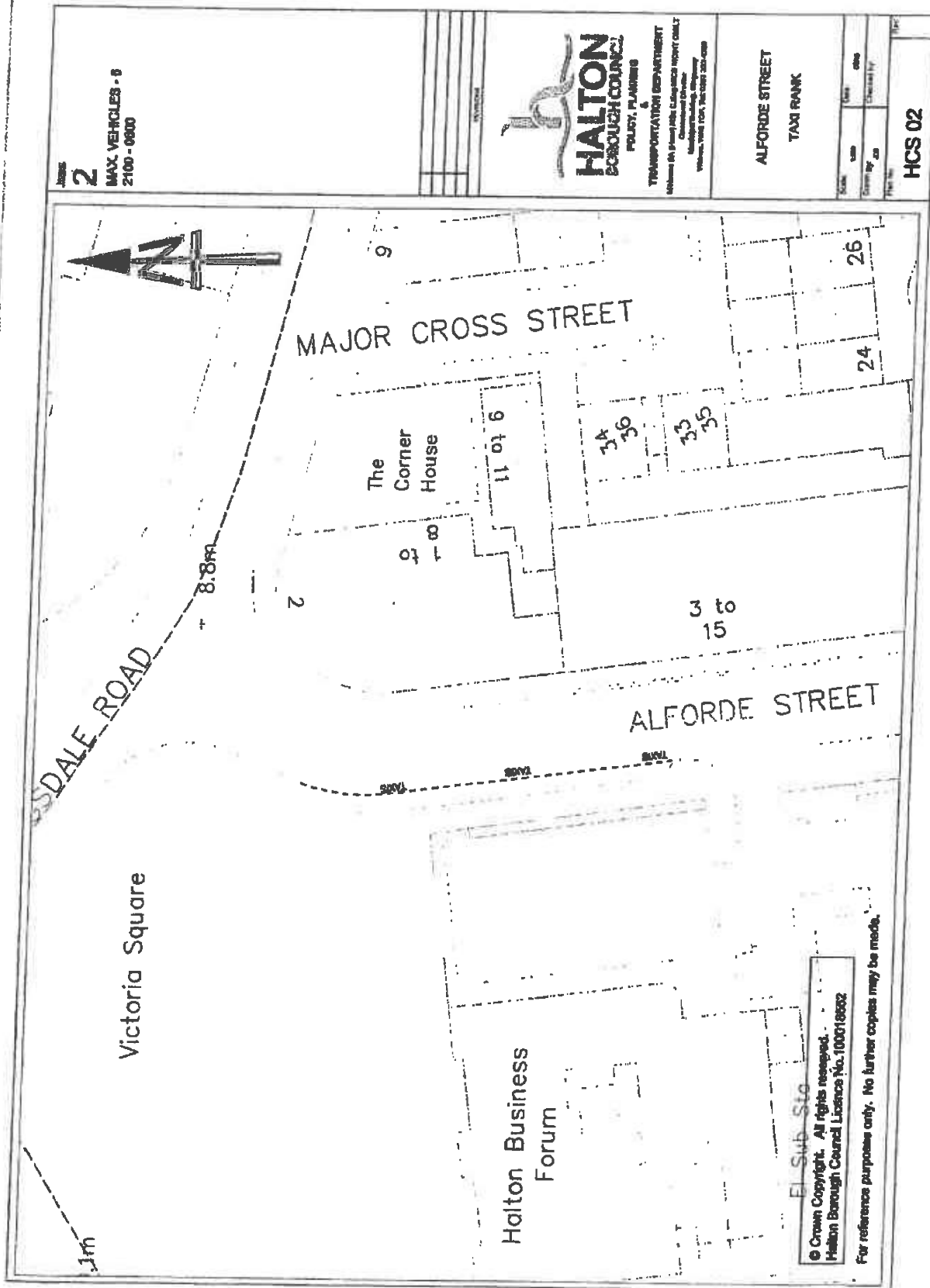
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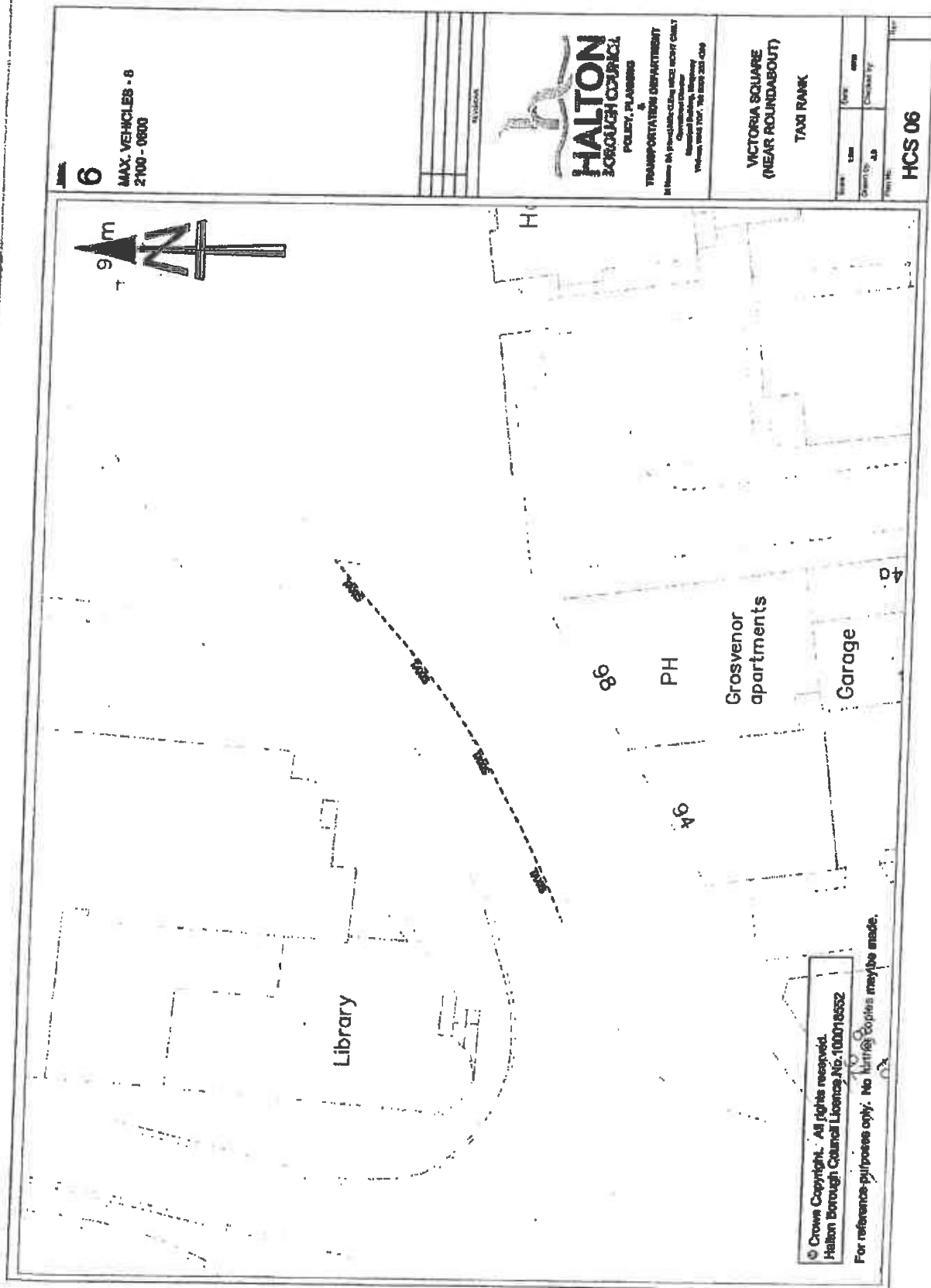


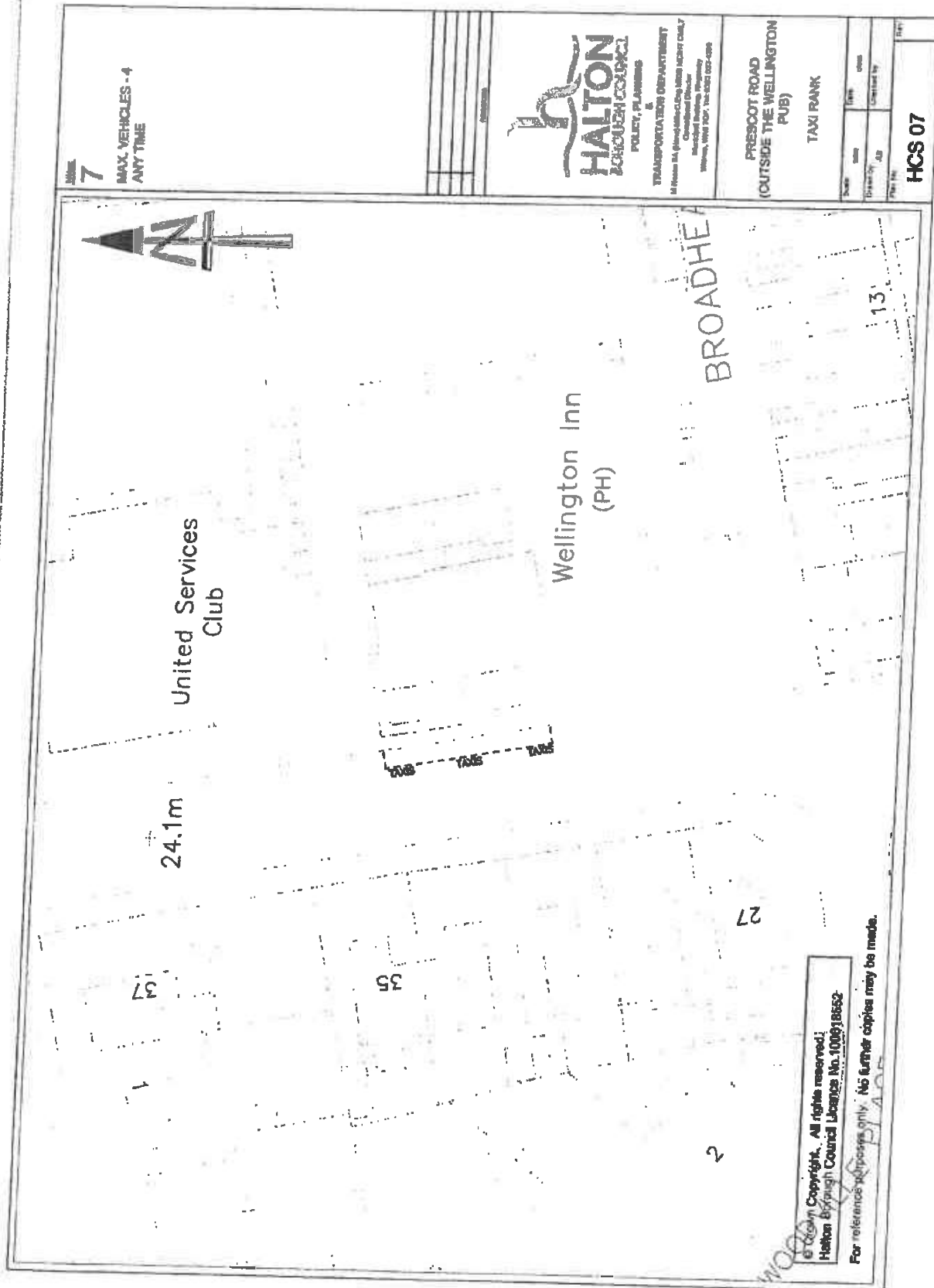












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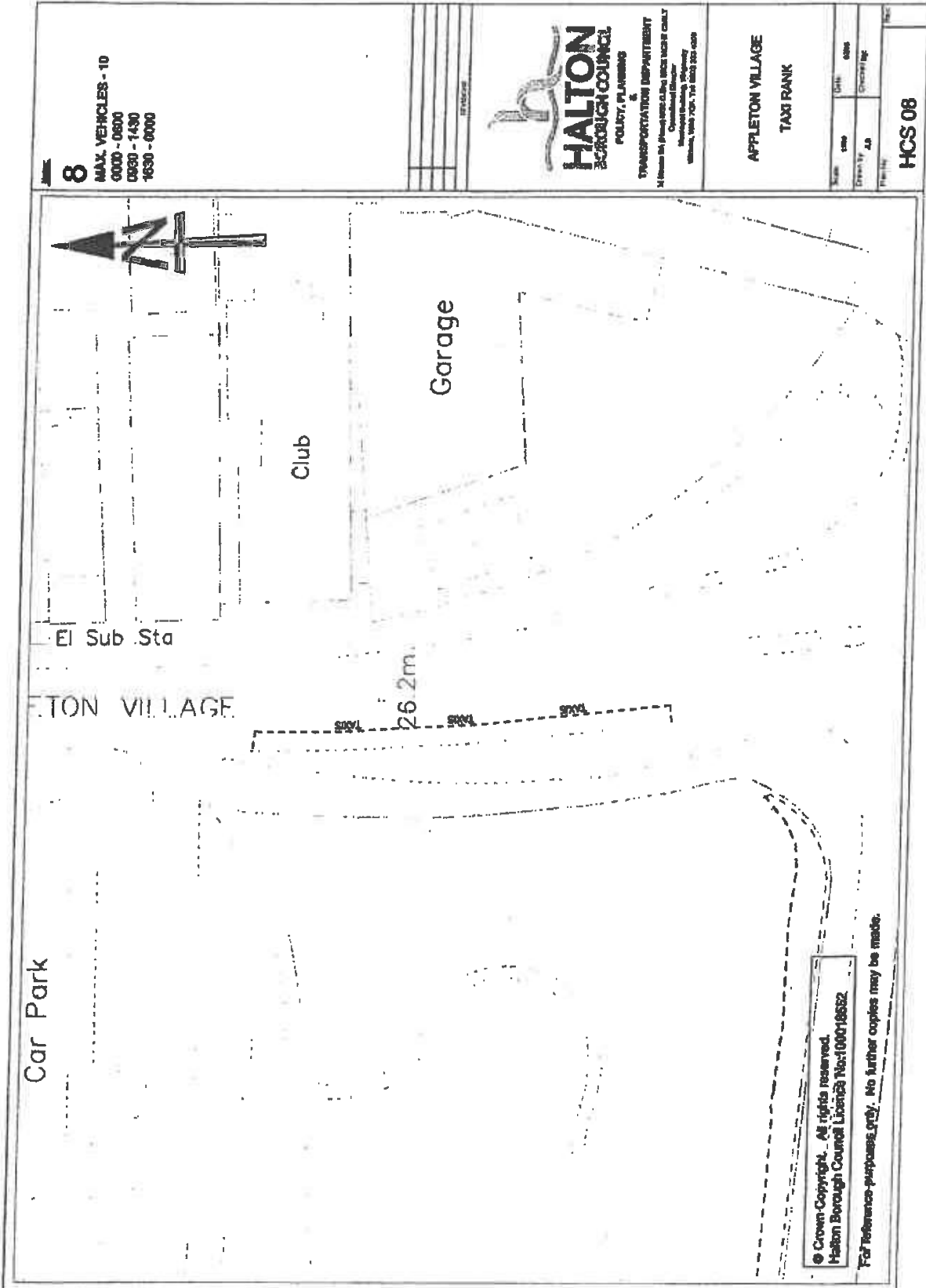
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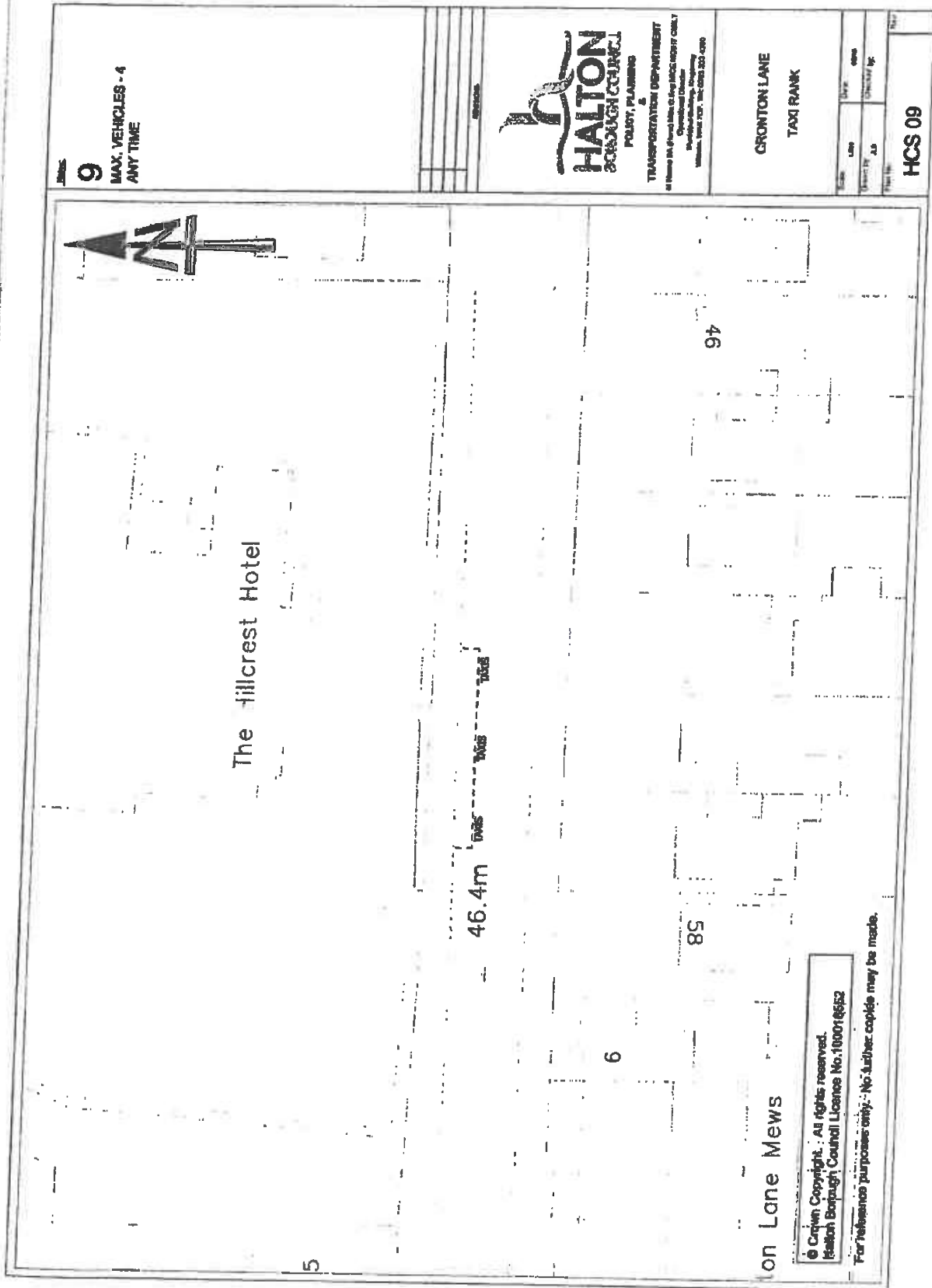
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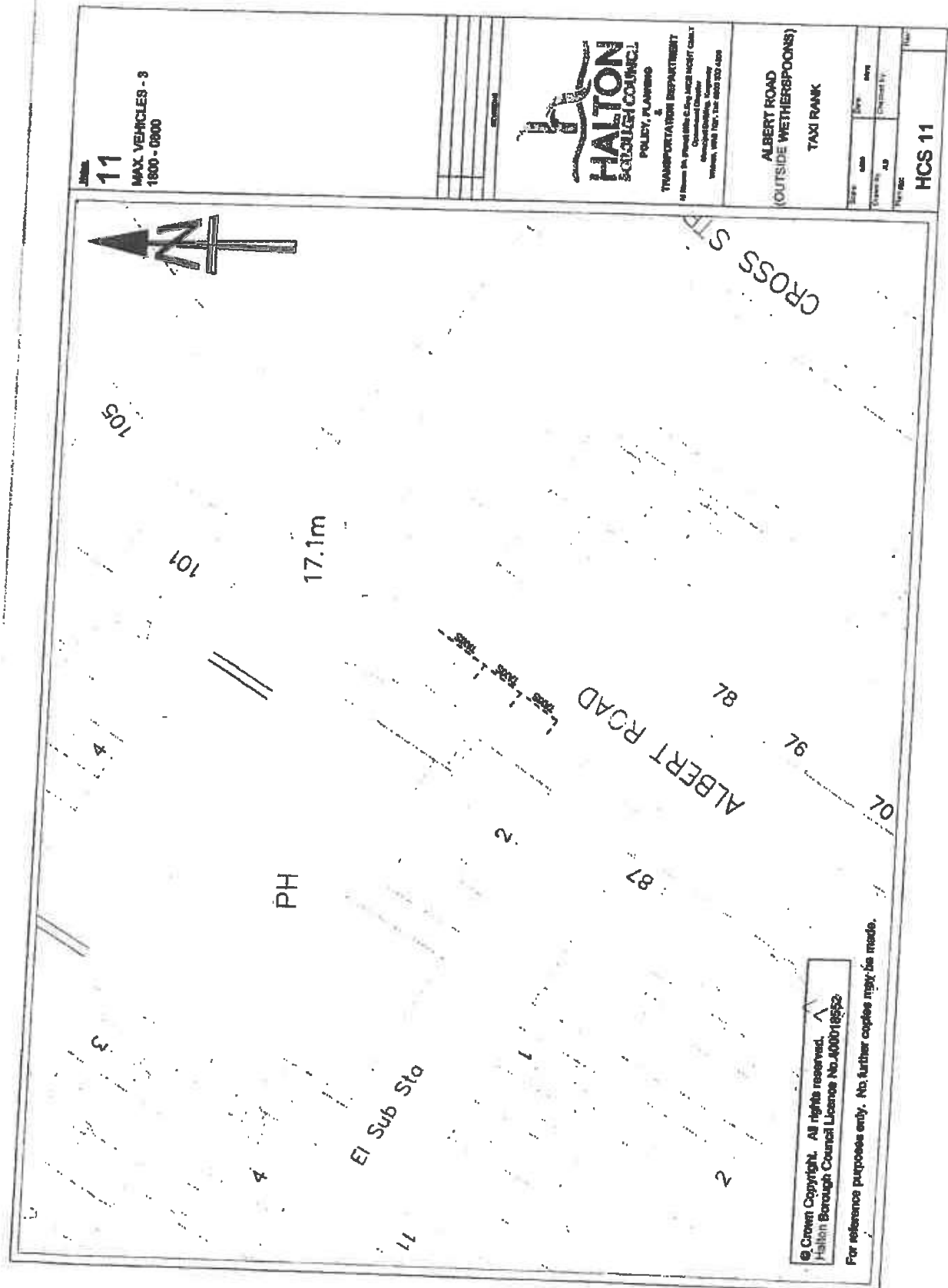
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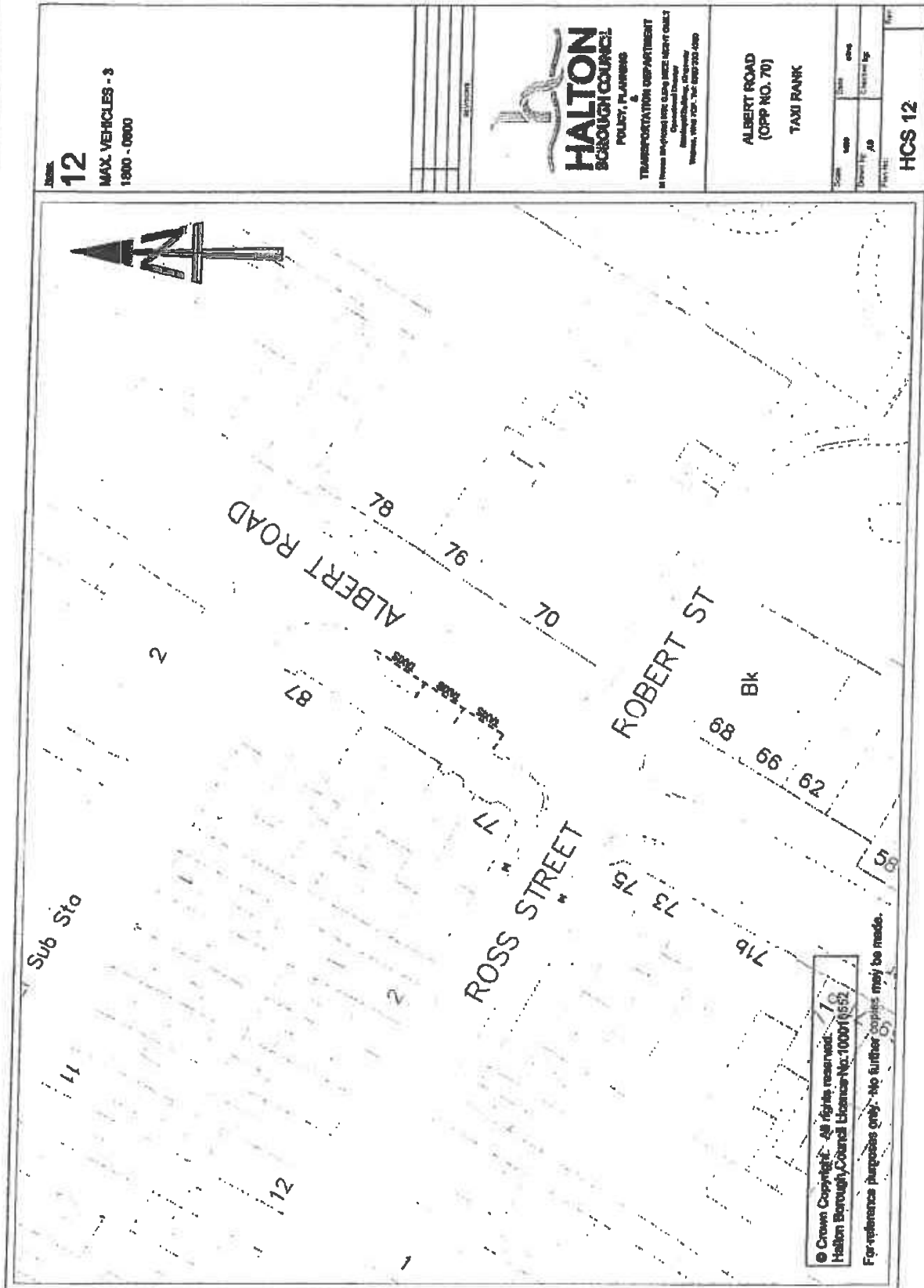
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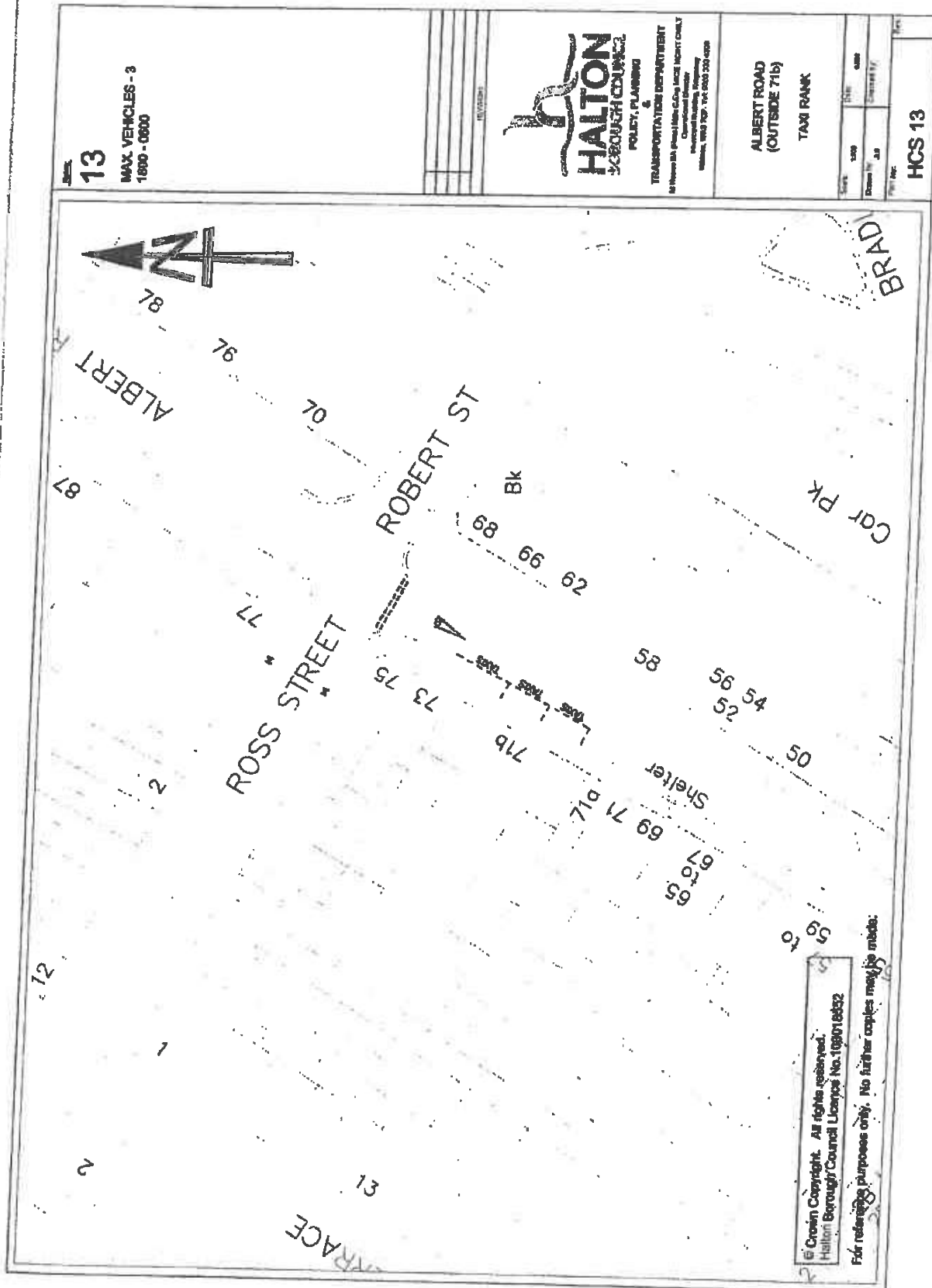













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**PUBLIC HALL STREET**  
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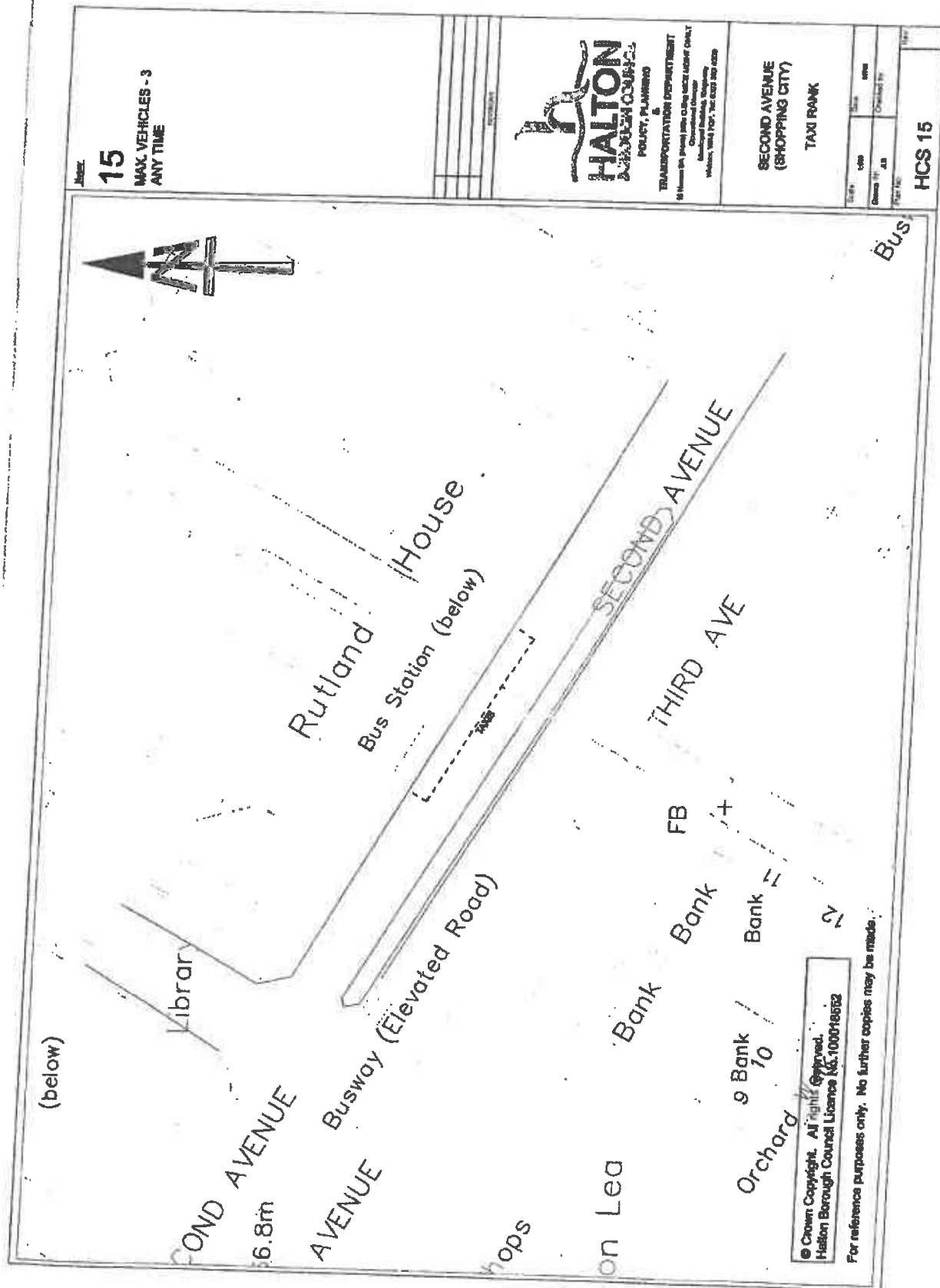
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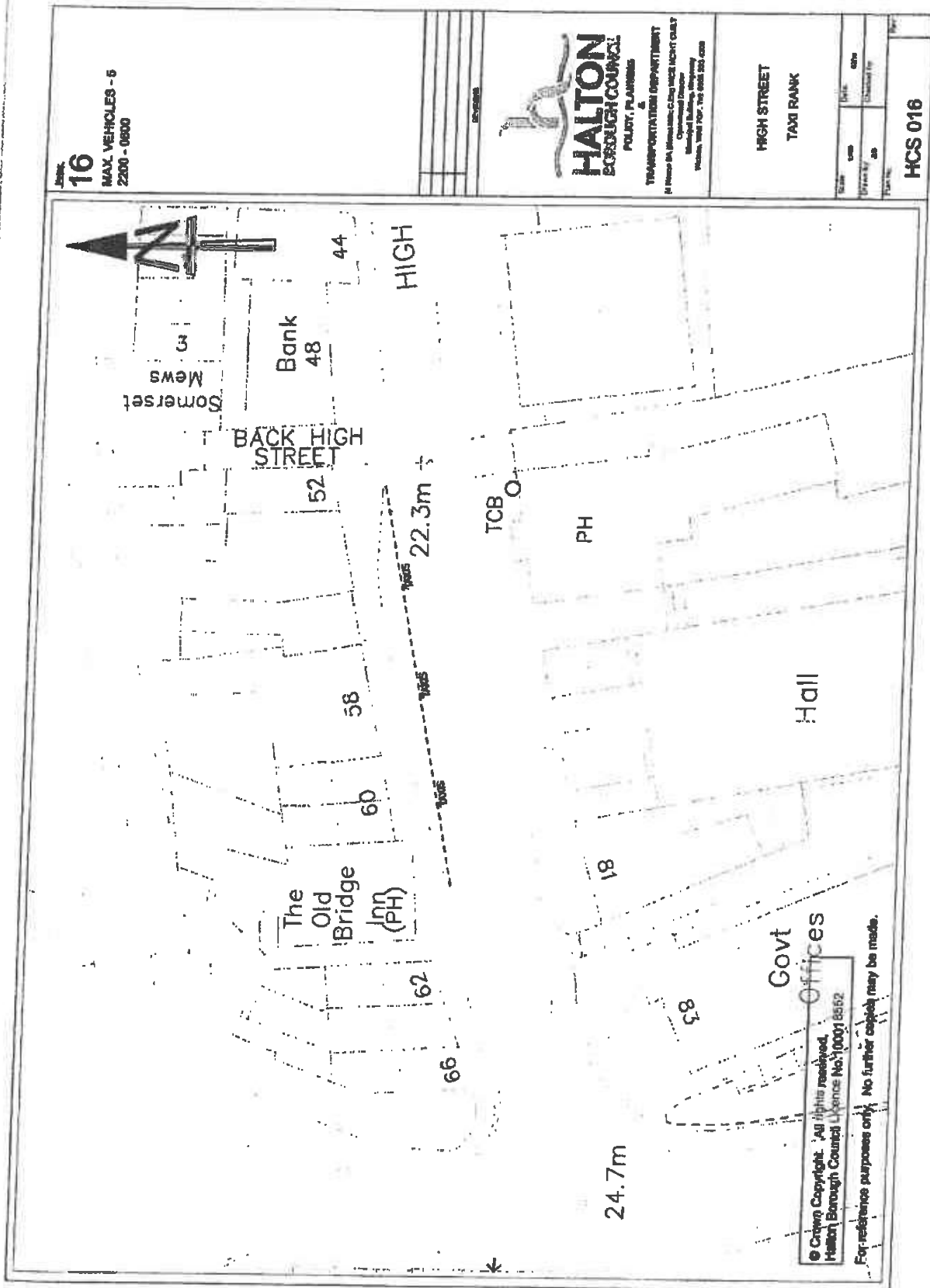
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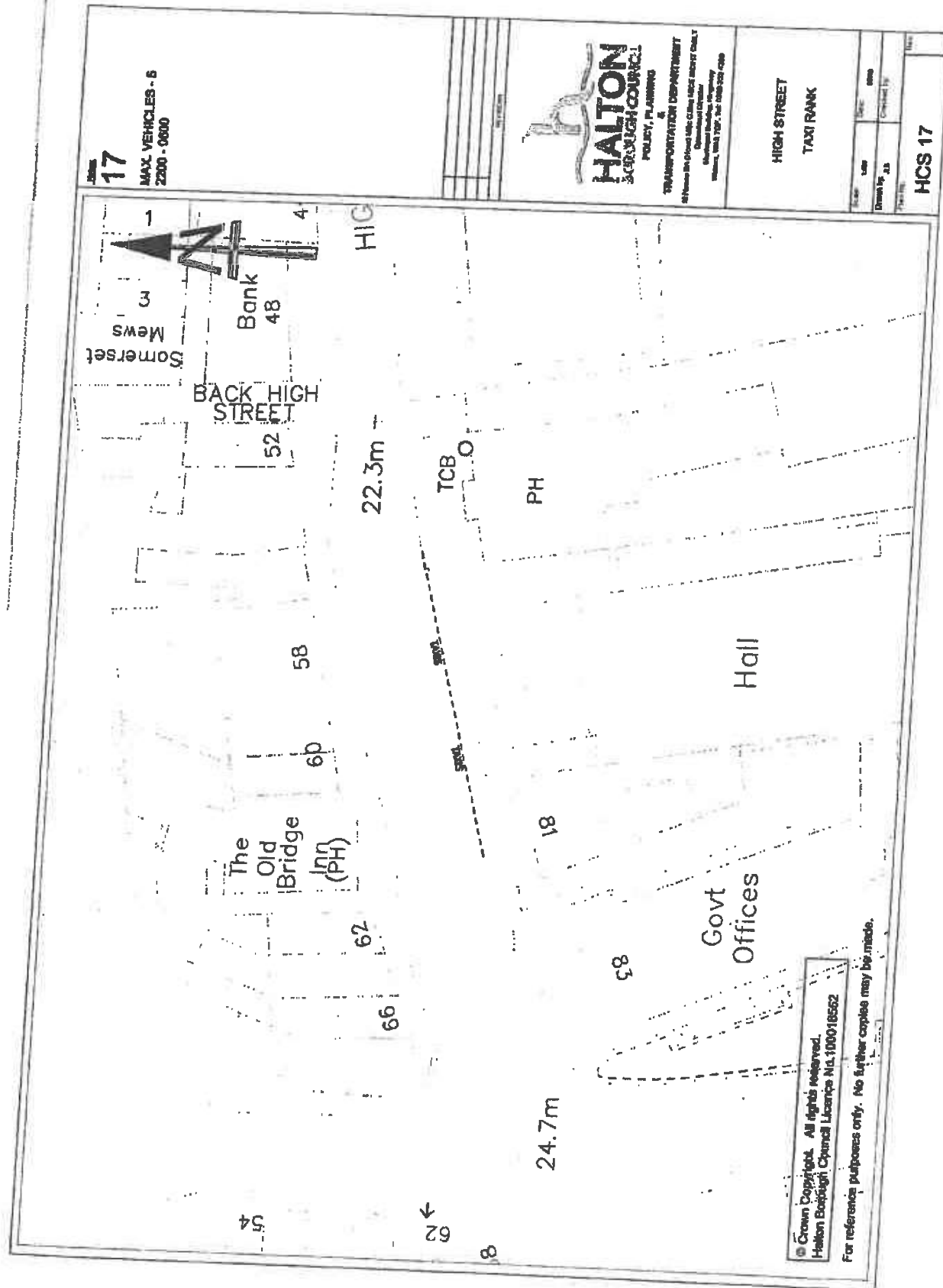
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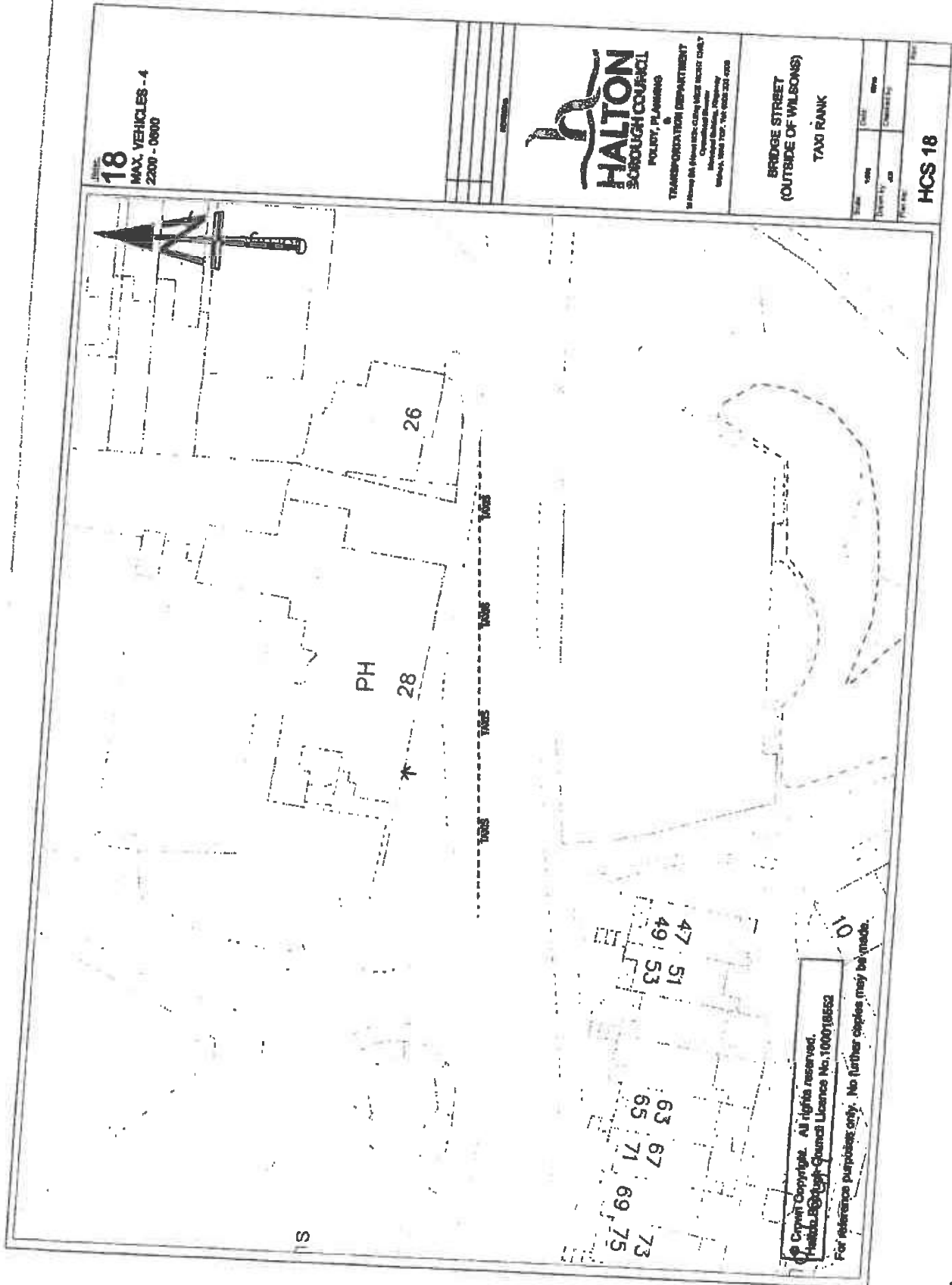
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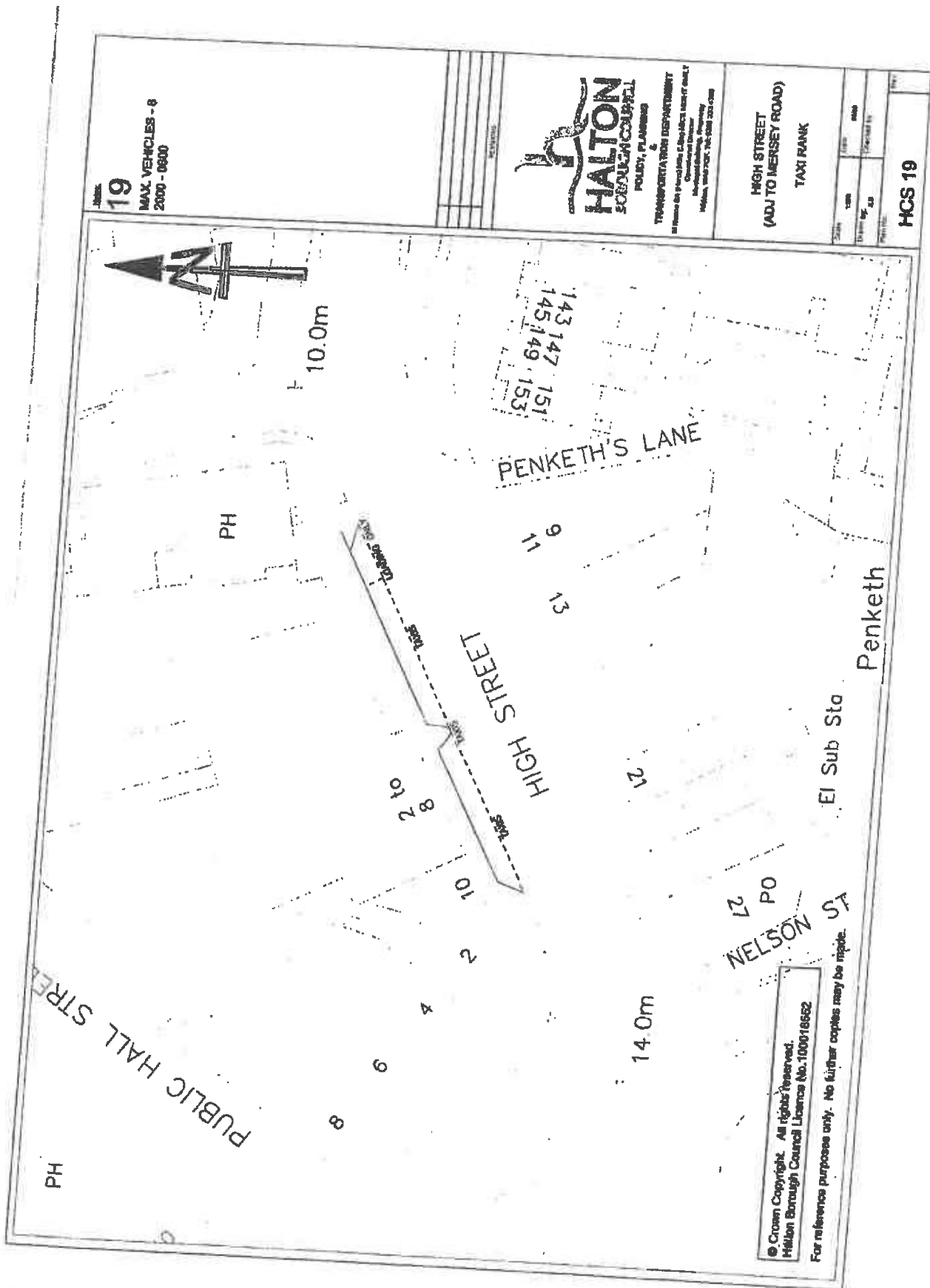


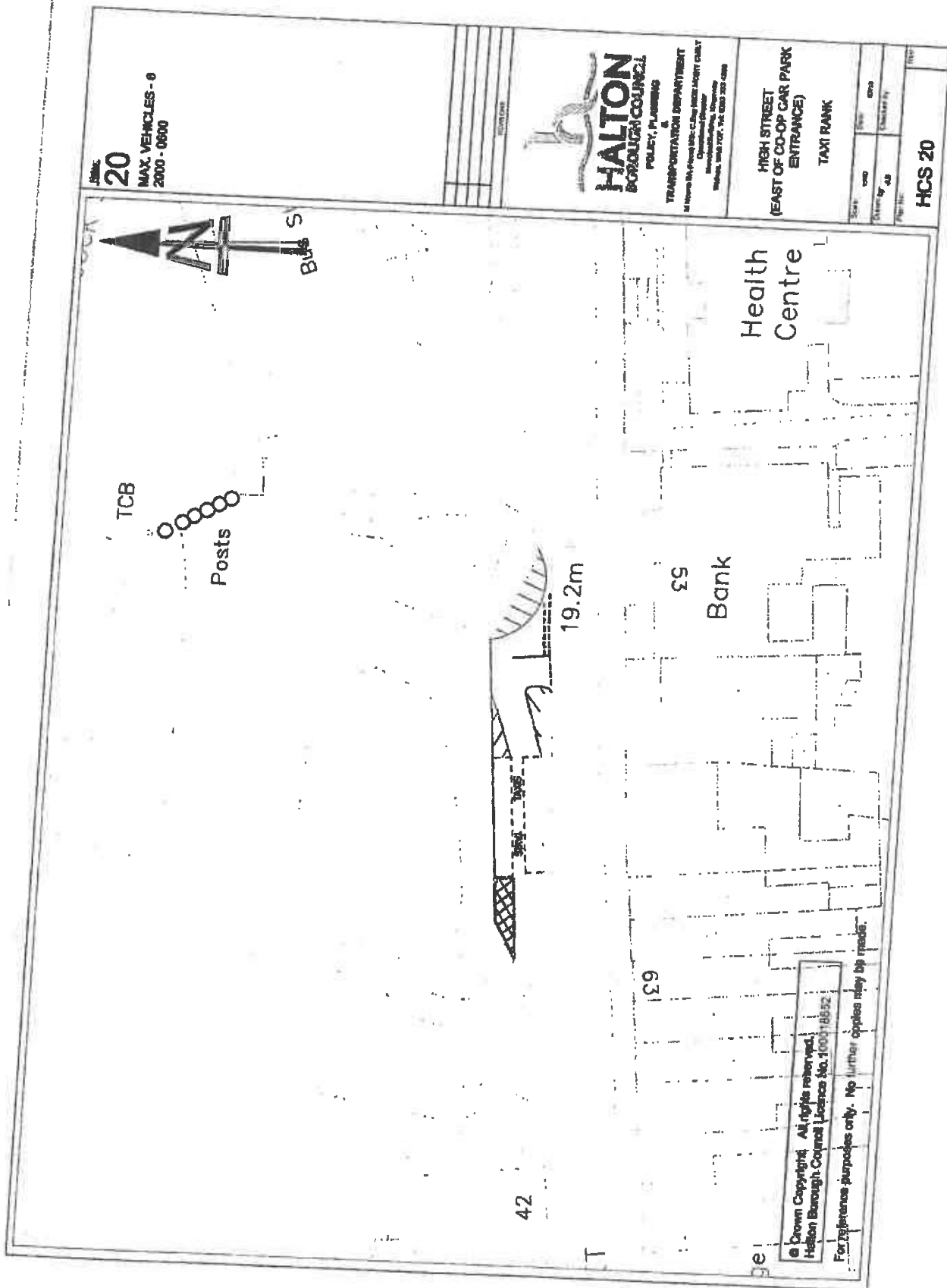


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BRIDGE STREET  
(OUTSIDE OF WILSONS)  
TAXI RANK

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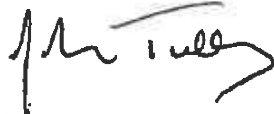
**HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**THE HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL (VARIOUS HACKNEY CARRIAGE STANDS,  
WIDNES AND RUNCORN) ORDER, 2018**

The Halton Borough Council in exercise of the powers under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Sections 63 ("the 1976 Act") and all other enabling powers, after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police hereby makes the following Order:-

1. The Order was made on 18 October 2018 shall come into operation on 1 November 2018 and may be cited as the Halton Borough Council (Various Hackney Carriage Stands, Widnes and Runcorn) Order 2018.
2. In this Order:-
  - "the Council" means the Council of the Borough of Halton
  - "hackney carriage" has the same meaning as in the 1847 Act
  - "the 1847 Act" means the provisions of the Town Police Clauses Act 1847 with respect to hackney carriages
  - "the 1984 Act" means the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 or any enactment which the 1984 Act superseded
  - "the Order Plan" means the plans attached to this Order the numbers of which are listed in the Schedule to this Order.
3. The stands described in the Schedule to this Order on the Order Plan are hereby appointed stands for hackney carriages for the whole or any part of a day as therein described and for the numbers of vehicles therein described.
4. No person shall cause or permit any vehicle other than a hackney carriage to wait on any stand for hackney carriages during any period for which that stand has been appointed, or is deemed to have been appointed by the Council under the provisions of section 63 of the 1976 Act.
5. All previous orders made by the Council under section 63 of the 1976 Act are hereby revoked.
6. Any provisions contained in any existing Order made by the Council under the 1984 Act which is inconsistent with any of the provisions contained in this Order are hereby revoked solely to that extent.

THE COMMON SEAL of THE COUNCIL  
of THE BOROUGH of HALTON was  
hereunto affixed in the presence of:



Authorised Signatory



**Consultation on Taxi Ranks replies**

**Taxi Drivers comments**

1. Yes this is what we need in Halton great work
2. Good luck with making the rank work outside Bargain Booze in High Street an anytime ranks people will take no notice evenings/nighttime is a nightmare people park in the ranks at Runcorn stn and outside the wilsons pub and opp the old natwest bank in high street all the times evenings and nights are a joke most nights but a good idea if we can keep people off them maybe a fine instead of a warning word would soon get round good luck with it.

**Police comments**

1. Widnes Police – no objections good to see they are being maintained.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025 WEEKLY NEWS



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**The Planning (Hazardous Substances) Act 1990  
The Planning (Hazardous Substances) Regulations 2015  
Notice of Application for Hazardous Substances Consent**

I give notice that Suttons International Storage Limited is applying to Halton Borough Council for Hazardous Substances Consent at Gateway 100, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 0WB. Members of the public may inspect a copy of the application at Gateway Lane, Widnes, Cheshire, WA8 0GG between reasonable hours, Monday to Friday, until 31/01/2025. Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to Halton Borough Council, Municipal Building, Kingway, Widnes, WA8 7QE within 21 days of the publication of this notice. Signed: H. Parker on behalf of Suttons International Storage Limited dated 10th January 2025.

**APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**  
A list of all current applications of public interest can be found at: [www.halton.gov.uk/publicnotice](http://www.halton.gov.uk/publicnotice)  
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**Traffic & Roads**

**Halton Borough Council  
Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976  
Section 15  
NOTICE**

The Council intends to amend the existing Hackney carriage stands order which applies in the Borough. Full details can be found at the Halton Direct Link Offices at Halton Lea, Runcorn and at Halton Direct Link Offices at Brook Street, Widnes during normal office hours. Any person may object to these proposals by writing to the Licensing Manager, Legal Services, Municipal Buildings, Kingway, Widnes, WA8 7QE or by email at [licensing@halton.gov.uk](mailto:licensing@halton.gov.uk) provided that the objection is received within 28 days from the date of the publication of this notice.  
Dated: 20 January 2025

**Good Vehicle Operator's Licence**

ADRIANS COURIERS 24 LTD of 1A Langton Green, Woodson, Warrington WA1 4BU is applying to change its existing licence as follows: To add an operating centre to keep 5 good vehicles and 4 trailers at Premier Point, Wash Lane, Preston Brook, Runcorn, WA7 3GG. Owners or occupiers of land (including buildings) near the operating centre(s) who believe that their use or enjoyment of that land would be affected, should make written representations to the Traffic Commissioner at Quarry House, Quarry Hill, Leeds, LS2 7UE stating their reasons, within 21 days of this notice. Representations must at the same time send a copy of their representations to the applicant at the address given at the top of this notice. A Guide to Making Representations is available from the Traffic Commissioner's Office.

**Statutory**

**HALTON BOROUGH COUNCIL  
Notice of the Proposed Disposal of Land at  
Chester Road, Mordishaw, Runcorn**

Notice is hereby given that the Halton Borough Council (the Council) in pursuance of the powers vested in it by virtue of Section 123 of the Local Government Act 1972, intends to dispose of a parcel of land situated on the North East side of Chester Road, Mordishaw, Runcorn containing in the whole 5 acres or thereabouts (the Land). A plan showing the Land is available for inspection at: Halton Direct Link, 7 Brook Street, Widnes - between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or Halton Direct Link, Halton Lea, Runcorn - between the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Any person wishing to object to the disposal of the Land by the Council should do so in writing to the undersigned by 6th March 2025.  
Dated this 23rd January 2025

Mark Raftery  
Licensing & Legal Services  
Halton Borough Council  
Municipal Building  
Kingway  
Widnes,  
Cheshire,  
WA8 7QE

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**Widnes Wild NIHL**  
can have their play-off  
over a boost with a  
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against Lions on Satur-

The first period played out  
and it remained goal-  
less until Nottingham finally  
scored the deadlock with the  
initial goal in the 28th min-

minutes later the score  
was 1-0 to the Lions, and it  
was the Wild could be  
game. However, they re-  
turned to the goal late in  
the first half with Bailey Thom-  
son scoring in contention.

The score stood at 2-1 at  
the interval.  
Nottingham edged further  
ahead in the 45th minute but a  
goal from Ben McEllan  
reduced the deficit to one.

There were on a roll by  
the time Alton fired in  
the 49th minute to level the  
game on 49 min-  
utes. A heavy en-  
counter saw McEllan  
pick up his team-  
mate and was subsequently  
sent from the game for a  
second time on the  
bench.

Spilling deep and man-  
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The first goal in the game  
came in the 50th min-  
ute.

With the score  
now 3-1 to the Lions  
the hope of salvag-  
ing from the game  
was dashed as  
the Lions scored a  
goal with 25 min-  
utes to go.

The game  
was a hard-fought  
and the Lions  
were victorious.



**Halton Borough Council**

**Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 Section 63**

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