
TITLE: Draft East Cambridgeshire (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017

Committee: Commercial Services

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To approve the draft East Cambridgeshire (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017 as set out in Appendix 1, in order to:

- i) Update the Car Parking Map for Barton Road
- ii) Include The Dock, Ely as a new car park
- iii) Include Cashless Parking as an alternative method of payment at Angel Drove Car Park and The Dock Car Park
- iv) Increase the Fixed Penalty Notice to £70
- v) Extend the waiting time at The Grange Visitors Car Park during office hours to 1 hour.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are requested to approve the draft East Cambridgeshire (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017 for consultation.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 Due to the recent re-development of Barton Road Car Park, the site map shown in Plan A of the order reflects the re-designation of parking areas. Namely, the re-location of the Market Traders Parking area and the removal of the coach parking bays (now provided at Lancaster Way Business Park) and the provision of a new 15 minute drop off/collection point for one coach.

3.2 Due to increase usage, Angel Drove Car Park is now up to full capacity and the provision of additional spaces has been needed for some time. Land has been acquired and planning obtained to create a new car park, "The Dock", which will link to Angel Drove via a pedestrian route. The car park is due to open late summer of 2017 and will operate in the same way as Angel Drove Car Park.

- 3.3 As part of the annual Fees and Charges Review, approved by Full Council on 26th February 2015, Members agreed to increase the fee for a Fixed Penalty Notice not paid within 14 days from £60 to £70. In order to implement this increase a revision of the Off-Street Car Parking Order is required.
- 3.4 In March 2015 a new Cashless Parking system, providing by Bemrose Mobile, was introduced into Angel Drove Car Park. The purpose of this was to provide users with an alternative method of payment (via their mobile phones) and offer a service in line with many other car parks nationally. After an initial three month free transaction period, the user is now charged 8p per parking transaction and this is paid to the company. Currently 50% of users are now using the new system and we would expect this number to increase. Less usage of the ticket machines, will over a period of time, result in a reduction in the maintenance cost of the machines and the number of cash collections required.
- 3.5 Due to an increase in services provided by the Grange Reception, the Visitors Parking area within the Grange Car Park of 30 minutes does not provide sufficient time for visitors to carry out their business. Therefore, it is proposed to increase the time limit to 1 hour.

4.0 CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1 The East Cambridgeshire (Off Street Car Parking Places) Order has been revised to incorporate these changes and will now require a statutory 21 day period for consultation. As part of the consultation, an advertisement will need to be placed in a local newspaper (“Notice of Proposals”) and the Council will also place the Notice of Proposals on its website and in all the car parks. A letter will also be sent out to the Highways department, Police, Fire, Ambulance, local Members and local consultee groups including for example the City of Ely Council.
- 4.2 At the end of the consultation period, the Council is required to consider any objections made and it is therefore proposed that the consultation responses will be collated and a further report brought to the Community Services Committee before the final Order is made.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 Some changes to the car parking signage will be required but this will be met within the current Car Parking Budget.
- 5.2 No Impact and Needs Risk Assessment required.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1 - Draft East Cambridgeshire (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2017

Background Documents

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