
TITLE: PROVISION OF COACH PARKING BAYS

Committee: Commercial Services Committee

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1.0 ISSUE

1.1 To consider alternative coach parking facilities in Ely.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are requested to:

- i) Withdraw proposals to amend the Off-Street Parking Places Order 2016 (Number 1) as set out in 3.2 of this report,
- ii) Instruct the Director, Commercial, to enter into a lease to secure coach parking at Lancaster Way, Ely.

3.0 BACKGROUND/OPTIONS

3.1 At its meeting on 12 April 2016, Commercial Services Committee (Agenda Item 8) was due to consider proposals for an Off-Street Parking Order.

3.2 The purpose of the Order was to incorporate the following:

- i) Designate Cresswell's Lane as an off street parking places area for the sole use of coach parking provision, with a maximum stay of 12 hours in any 24 hour period, Monday to Sunday.
- ii) Increase the fee for a Fixed Penalty Notice not paid within 14 days from £60 to £70, as agreed by Full Council on 26th February 2015.
- iii) Incorporate the new Cashless Parking system into Angel Drove Car Park, Ely, following a successful trial. This alternative method of payment (via mobile devices) has proved popular with over 35% of users now using the new method of payment.

3.3 Late representations were received, relating to Cresswell's Lane, by the adjoining landowner which required further exploration and as such the Chairman withdrew the item.

3.4 Officers have now met with the adjoining landowner to discuss the representations that were received as part of the public consultation.

- 3.5 Concerns were raised by the adjoining landowner relating to landownership and the ability for the coaches to be able to park and turn without the need to encroach on third party land.
- 3.6 The Council was able to demonstrate full landownership and provide a swept path analysis which demonstrated that there was sufficient space for the coaches to park and turn in accordance with the proposals.
- 3.7 The adjoining landowner continued to raise concerns relating to the parking and turning of coaches and as such Officers have considered an alternative location (set out in 3.8-3.11 of this report).
- 3.8 In order to accommodate the relocation of coach parking from Barton Road, Ely Officers have secured (subject to committee approval) a temporary (until the end of 2017) alternative location at Lancaster Way, Ely (Map Appendix 1).
- 3.9 Following this period, it is proposed that coach parking is permanently relocated to Downham Road, Ely (as part of the proposed new leisure development).
- 3.10 In order to secure the proposal referred to in 3.8 above the Council will be required to enter into a licence with the landowner. The licence will provide for up to 5 coach parking bays dedicated for exclusive use by the Council.

4.0 ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSION

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Council enter into a lease to secure temporary coach parking provision at Lancaster Way, Ely and that proposals relating to coach parking at Cresswell's Lane, Ely are formally withdrawn.
- 4.2 The proposals to amend the Off-Street Parking Order to incorporate the increased fee for the fixed penalty notice and cashless payment will be brought to Commercial Services Committee at a later date.

5.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 The rent payable under the licence is £25 per space / per week, equating to £6,500 per annum. The licence can be terminated by the Council on 4 weeks written notice.

Cost of signage painting to be met by Asset Management Budget.

- 5.2 No Equality Impact Assessment is required.

6.0 APPENDICES

- 6.1 Appendix 1- Plan for coach parking at Lancaster Way

<u>Background Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact Officer</u>
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