

ITEM 15 – APPENDIX J

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE – 3RD DECEMBER 2013

Title:

FARNHAM LEISURE CENTRE - AMENDMENT TO PARKING ORDER

[Portfolio Holder: Cllr Carole King]

[Wards Affected: Farnham Moor Park]

Summary and purpose:

This report seeks authority to proceed with the making of a new Off-Street Parking Order to enable the introduction of a new tariff structure and charging regime for public parking at the refurbished car park at Farnham Leisure Centre.

How this report relates to the Council's Corporate Priorities:

This report relates to the following Corporate Priorities:

Value for Money- through providing customer-focused services at the best value for money

Leisure & Lives- through the provision of improved, and more proximate public parking for leisure centre users

Financial Implications:

Given that, in the short term, the new Leisure Centre Car Park will simply be providing a more convenient parking option for leisure centre users, it is not anticipated that the additional capacity created will generate additional income.

However, in the medium term the availability of this new public parking area will certainly help to provide additional local spaces throughout the upcoming decommissioning of Dogflud Car Park for the facilitation of the Brightwells Development.

Public notices will need to be posted in local newspapers and in the car park giving Notice of Amendment to the Waverley Borough Council Off-Street Parking Places Order. There will be resource implications in the publishing of these notices, which will be met from the existing Car Park Revenue Budget.

Legal Implications:

An amendment to the tariff structure, or a change to the footprint of a car park requires the making of a new Off-Street Parking Order. This involves a Notice of Proposals being published giving the public a minimum of 21 days to lodge any written objections. The results of which must be brought back to Members for

consideration before deciding whether to proceed with the Order. If it is decided to make the Order, then the Order is placed on deposit with the publication of a Notice of Making giving 6 weeks for anyone to apply to the High Court if they question the validity of the Order or procedures used.

Introduction

1. At Executive on 2 July 2013 a contract was awarded and an order placed to carry out the ground works for improvements to the Farnham Leisure Centre car park.
2. The current car park is unmarked, and used solely by DC Leisure for staff parking; it has capacity for approximately 20 cars.
3. The improvement work is intended to address the concerns of local residents and users of the Leisure Centre, and the centre operators, over the potential impact of the loss of Dogflud Car Park during the Brightwells build. The new car park- a plan of which is at Annexe 1 of this report- will have a larger footprint, and the capacity to accommodate 50 cars - 3 of which will be for use by blue badge holders. In addition, it is proposed, in mitigation for the loss of their staff car park, to issue DC Leisure with 20 staff parking permits for this new car park.
4. It is currently anticipated that construction works will have concluded by the end of the calendar year.

Off Street Parking Places Order

5. In order for a pay and display regime to be introduced and parking enforcement to take place it will be necessary to make a new Parking Order to show the boundary of the new car park, and at the same time to advertise the proposal to make this car park pay and display and set the charges.
6. As it is intended that the public spaces in this car park provide a more convenient and proximate alternative to Dogflud and St James' Car Parks for users of the Leisure Centre, it is proposed to broadly replicate the current charging regime at St James' (encouraging short stay parking with a low initial charge, but discouraging, through an escalating tariff structure, any long-stay parking).
7. In summary the proposed approach is as follows:
 - Charging period- 8am-7pm Monday to Saturday
 - Maximum wait- 24 hours
 - Parking charges as per the following schedule:

Duration of stay	Proposed charge
Up to 2 hours	60p
3 hours	£1.50
4 hours	£3.00

5 hours	£4.00
6 hours	£6.00
7 hours	£8.00
8 hours	£10.00
9 hours	£12.00
10 hours	£14.00
11 hours	£16.00

8. Given the desire to keep spaces free for centre users, it is not at this time proposed to offer the option to purchase a season ticket for this site.

Recommendation

That the Executive:-

1. Agrees the proposed tariff structure for the refurbished Farnham Leisure Centre Car Park set out in Paragraph 7; and
2. Agrees to the Making of a new Off Street Parking Places Order and instructs Officers to commence work on this immediately in order that the new charging and enforcement regime can commence as soon as possible after construction is completed.

Background Papers

There are no background papers (as defined by Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) relating to this report.

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