

WAVERLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL

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Title:

Brightwells Regeneration: temporary facilitation measures.

**[Portfolio Holders: Andrew Bolton]
[Wards Affected: All Farnham]**

Summary and purpose:

To make a temporary change in the parking tariff for Riverside 2 and 3 car parks, following the closure of Dogflud Car Park from 28 May 2018, to facilitate the progress of the Brightwells scheme and reduce the impact on traffic in Farnham.

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

This will contribute to the council's Community Wellbeing priority, by ensuring customers and residents are treated fairly and the council's Value for Money priority by reducing the impact of parking displacement.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

The proposed changes impact customers equally.

Financial Implications:

It is not anticipated that there will be a material financial impact arising from the tariff changes. The council will monitor the effect of the changes within the monthly budgeting management reports.

Legal Implications:

The off-street parking charging regime is set out within the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and secondary legislation (Orders and Regulations) containing implementing details. Waverley is obliged to publish any change to the charge levels.

The tariff changes can be implemented by giving 14 days' notice of the changes by publishing a Notice of Variation in the local press and in the car parks. Other conditions relating to the use of car parks remain unchanged.

Background

1. The Brightwells Farnham Regeneration Scheme will bring a vibrant new dimension to Farnham. New shops, restaurants, leisure and community facilities, including a cinema, will provide attractions for all age groups within the town. The scheme will bring major community benefits to residents, visitors and local businesses and an ongoing income stream for the council once complete.
2. An unconditional agreement between Waverley Borough Council and Crest Nicholson was signed on 16 February 2018 and work has begun.
3. To enable progress of the scheme, as planned, Dogflud Car Park will close from 28 May 2018. Signage has been placed in the car park, informing users about the closure and promoting Riverside 2 and 3 as alternatives. Directional signage will also be put up.
4. There are currently seven disabled parking spaces in Dogflud Car Park. To mitigate the loss of these spaces, two disabled parking spaces will be added to the Leisure Centre Car Park and five will be added to South Street Car Park.
5. Communication has been sent to the Farnham Chamber of Commerce and Places for People for dissemination to local businesses and leisure centre users. All season ticket holders have been contacted and been provided with alternatives.
6. There are 395 parking spaces in Riverside 2 and 3, which are currently underused. While the longer stay parking charges are currently lower than the Dogflud Car Park charges; short stay charges are higher.
7. Therefore, an amendment to the charging structure in Riverside 2 and 3 is necessary, with an aim to maintain customer satisfaction and balance the demand for both short and long stay parking for shoppers, workers and visitors.
8. The following table shows the current tariffs for car parks and the proposed tariffs for Riverside 2 and 3 car parks:

Car Park	Charging Days	Tariff										
		1hr	2hrs	3hrs	4hrs	5hrs	6hrs	7hrs	8hrs	9hrs	10hrs	10½ hrs
Dogflud – current	Mon - Sat	£0.60	£1.20	£1.80	£2.40	£3.00	£3.60	£4.20	£4.80	£5.40	£6.00	£6.30
Riverside 2 and 3 – current	Mon - Sat	£0.70	£1.00	£3.50	£3.50	£3.50	£4.00	£4.00	£4.00	£4.00	£4.00	£4.00
PROPOSED Riverside 2 and 3 (temporary)	Mon - Sat	£0.60	£1.00	£1.80	£2.40	£3.00	£3.60	£4.00	£4.00	£4.00	£4.00	£4.00

9. There are no increases proposed in any of the temporary charges.

Recommendation

To amend the tariffs in Riverside 2 and 3 car parks to those proposed in this report.

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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