

CABINET (TRAFFIC AND PARKING) COMMITTEE

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PAY AND DISPLAY PARKING ARLEBURY PARK, NEW ALRESFORD

REPORT OF HEAD OF ACCESS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

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RECENT REFERENCES

None.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

This report seeks authority to advertise a Parking Places Order to enable pay and display parking to be introduced at Arlebury Park car park in New Alresford.

The car park is owned and managed by the Town Council. The Town Council has asked the City Council to take on the management and enforcement of the car park. The ownership and maintenance of the car park will continue to rest with the Town Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Head of Legal Services be authorised to:-
 - a) make arrangements with New Alresford Town Council to provide Arlebury Park Car Park, New Alresford as a parking place under Section 33(4) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984;
 - b) advertise a Parking Places Order, incorporating the provisions summarised at Paragraph 2 of the Report, to enable pay and display parking and associated enforcement to be introduced at Arlebury Park

Car Park in New Alresford; and

- c) subject to no objections being received, make the Parking Places Order.
2. That the Head of Access and Infrastructure be authorised to install pay and display charging equipment and undertake the management and enforcement of the car park following the completion of the necessary legal advertisement and approvals.

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DETAIL:

1. Introduction

- 1.1. This report seeks authority to advertise a Parking Places Order to enable pay and display parking to be introduced at Arlebury Park car park in New Alresford.
- 1.2. The car park is owned and managed by the Town Council. The Town Council has asked the City Council to take on the management and enforcement of the car park. The ownership and maintenance of the car park will continue to rest with the Town Council.
- 1.3. The strong local economy, popular shops and tourist attractions in New Alresford means that car parking demand in the Town is high. In recent years parking management measures have been deployed in partnership with the Town Council to try to manage these pressures and a new car park was constructed at Perins School. These pressures however continue and as a result a growing number of all day parkers are parking in Arlebury Park. The Town Council would like to impose some controls both in order to ensure that their car park is used for its intended purpose and to help to manage car parking within the Town.

2. Detail

- 2.1. It is proposed to advertise for comment a Parking Places Order which would introduce the following at Arlebury Park Car Park:
 - Parking restrictions would apply and charging provisions would be in place between 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday;
 - Parking permits would be issued for staff of NATC at no charge;
 - The first two hours would be free to all users;
 - Up to 3 hours would cost 80p;
 - Up to 4 hours £1.20p;
 - Over 4 hours £1.50p;
 - There would be an allowance within the order for up to 10 days closure of the car park per year to accommodate special events;
 - An annual Season ticket purchased from the City Council to be used at all 3 Alresford town car parks (ie Arlebury Park, Perins School and at the Station car park) is proposed at a cost of £275 (same as the current price for Alresford Station.).

2.2. The Town Council may decide to extend the car park in the future, subject to all the necessary approvals and consultations. The Plan attached to this report shows the total potential area of car parking including the possible future extension. The Parking Places Order will cover the whole area should an extension to the car park be agreed in the future.

3. Legal Issues

3.1. The regulation of parking is governed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) and the Traffic Management Act 2004.

3.2. Under the 1984 Act, the City Council and the County Council may provide parking places and (Section 35) make traffic regulation orders to control their use. The City Council uses these powers to provide and control its own car parks, including charging and enforcement.

3.3. In addition, either authority can make arrangements with any other person to provide a parking place on land of which that person is the owner (section 33(4)). Section 35 of the 1984 Act allows the City Council to make an order to control parking in any parking place provided by arrangements under Section 33(4).

3.4. These powers therefore allow the City Council to make arrangements with the Parish Council to make the Arlebury Park Car Park available as a parking place, and then make an order to control parking on the site, in the same way as the City Council does for car parks which it owns.

3.5. The procedure for making an order is for public notice to be given on the intention to make the order, and for the order to then be made, taking account of any objections made. Any objections received will be considered in accordance with the Portfolio Holder Decision Notice scheme, and the recommendation provides for the order to be made if no objections are received.

4. Consultation on proposed changes

4.1. The City Council has the authority to manage a car park on behalf of a third party as long as the County Council supports the scheme.

4.2. Hampshire County Council has given its support to these measures.

4.3. In order to introduce the management arrangements proposed in this report a Parking Places Order will need to be advertised. Any comments received will be reported back to the Portfolio Holder for consideration and approval in accordance with the Portfolio Holder Decision Notice scheme.

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

5. SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND CORPORATE BUSINESS PLAN (RELEVANCE TO):

- 5.1. The proposals accord with the Community Strategy outcome of safeguarding our high quality environment, and our economic prosperity outcome in terms of making the best use of car parking capacity within New Alresford.

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS:

- 6.1. The City Council will retain any income received from the introduction of car parking charges and penalty charge notices. It is very difficult to predict likely income levels as this scheme is being implemented mainly as a management measure. Based on an estimate of 10 paying customers a day it could generate between £2,000 and 3,000 pa.
- 6.2. The additional cost of cash collection resulting from the introduction of car park charges and maintenance of the payment machine will be c£800 per annum.
- 6.3. The enforcement of this car park can be undertaken alongside the enforcement of the other two Town Car parks and on street restrictions. This will impose an extra demand but this will be offset by the received income.
- 6.4. The installation of the car park payment machine can be found from within existing resources. By using an existing spare machine the total one off cost will be around £300.
- 6.5. The maintenance and inspection responsibilities for the car park will remain with the Town Council.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES:

- 7.1. Any amendments to the City Councils Insurance arrangements will be undertaken as necessary.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS: None

APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 Plan of car parking area:

