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**Part A – Items considered in public**

A4	Fields in Trust dedication for Topfield, Kings Worthy (DD69)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the council agrees to dedicate the land (“the Land”) shown edged red on the attached plan (Appendix 1) as a “Field in Trust” in perpetuity in order to secure the use of the land for biodiversity, access and recreation.</li> <li>2. That the Service Lead - Legal be authorised to liaise with and to enter into a deed of dedication with Fields in Trust in respect of the Land.</li> </ol>	<p>Topfield, Kings Worthy was used to meet the planning requirement for open space provision for the adjacent housing development and was purchased by the council from the developer in 2020/21 along with the site’s 35 new affordable housing units. Its status as public open space was secured by a s106 planning agreement.</p> <p>Topfield is approximately 5 hectares of open space consisting of wildflower meadow grassland, amenity grassland and woodland with footpath provision and site furniture including benches, picnic tables and interpretation boards. It is</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1.1 The council could decide not to dedicate the land. This has been rejected as the dedication of the land by FIT emerged as an important consideration for local people during the public consultation so not to dedicate would mean that we would not be responding to local aspirations.</li> <li>1.2 Other options of securing the land were considered, such as a local nature reserve or wildlife site but these have been discounted as they did not afford</li> </ol>
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			<p>owned and managed by the city council.</p> <p>The community has been consulted on options for the protection method for the open space and Fields In Trust is the preferred option. Fields in Trust protection is a legal agreement (a deed of dedication) between Fields in Trust and a landowner that they will retain it for use as a green space, usually a public park, playing field or recreation ground, in perpetuity.</p>	<p>the enhanced protection in perpetuity under FIT and which is preferred by the community. Local Nature Reserves are protected by the National Policy Framework. There is no explicit recommendation against development of these sites. Fields in Trust affords more protection as it is for in perpetuity and consultation events led to the feeling that FIT offers a more suitable protection for this site which includes access and recreation aspects of open space as well as</p>
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				<p>nature benefits.</p> <p>1.3 As highlighted in section 4, significant consultation and communication with the community and members was undertaken in relation to the management of Topfield and the conclusion was that FIT is the preferable dedication to secure the needs of the community.</p> <p>1.4 Previously (before the planning permission for 35 affordable houses was granted) there was a community group that was pushing for the land to be a village</p>
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				<p>green. This was prior to the council taking on ownership of the land and prior to discussions and consultation with the community &amp; TFAG. The village green application was rejected by Hampshire County Council.</p>
<b>A5</b>	Car Parking - Evening and overnight charges (DD72)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the introduction of an additional parking tariff for up to 1 hour between 7pm and 8am to be charged in line with the daytime rate (currently £1.80) be agreed in the zone 1 central car parks.</li> <li>2. That a virtual</li> </ol>	<p>The Winchester Parking and Access strategy aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Manage parking through charging to ensure efficient parking and traffic management</li> <li>• Use parking assets to the best advantage through pricing, promotion and</li> </ul>	<p>The removal of any evening charge, or the extension of daytime charging further into the evening was considered and rejected as this would not align with the council's desire to maintain accessibility into the city centre, whilst reducing emissions and improve air quality within the city centre nor would it meet policy</p>

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		<p>volunteer parking permit system as set out in paragraphs 11.2 and 11.3 of report <a href="#">DD72</a> be agreed for organisations that rely on volunteers to provide services to the community within the city centre.</p>	<p>information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maintain investment in parking and traffic management in order to support an efficient, effective and modern service</li> <li>• Actively promote alternatives to driving into the centre – such as cycling, walking and bus services.</li> </ul> <p>Charging is an important mechanism to achieving those ends – encouraging a continued reduction in carbon emissions through reducing city centre traffic and supporting healthier lifestyle choices – especially walking and cycling, while protecting sustainable growth.</p>	<p>objectives.</p>

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			<p>To support these aims, overnight charging was part of a number of tariff changes introduced within the zone 1 city centre car parks in July 2023. This report summarises the results of targeted engagement undertaken to fine tune the charging options available to better support specific businesses and voluntary organisations in the city centre while still ensuring the overall purposes outlined above are achieved.</p>	
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