

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Cabinet Member for Environmental Services

Date of meeting: 19th May 2009

Report of: Head of Environmental Services

Title: Off street Parking Places Order – The Carrs Car Park, Chancel Lane, Wilmslow

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider representations and a suggested variation to the proposed car park control order.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 That

- (1) the Borough Solicitor be authorized to advertise the intention to make an order amending the Macclesfield Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2008 so as to include The Carrs (Chancel Lane) car park, Wilmslow, on the basis set out in paragraph 7.6 of the report; and
- (2) in the event that no objections to the proposed order are received within the consultation period, the Borough Solicitor be authorized to make the order.

3.0 Financial Implications for Transition Costs

- 3.1 The capital cost of installation of ticket machine and associated signage is estimated to be £3000, which can be funded from within existing budgets.

4.0 Financial Implications 2009/10 and beyond

- 4.1 The car park control scheme is intended to be self financing

5.0 Legal Implications

- 5.1 In order to amend the Macclesfield Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) (Civil Enforcement and Consolidation) Order 2008 an amendment order must be made in accordance with the procedure set out within the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England & Wales) Regulations 1996.

6.0 Risk Assessment

- 6.1 The process which must be followed in order to make the amendment order allows for representations to be made which may delay the implementation of the order. However as the initial proposal had been advertised previously and the representations received have been addressed by the current proposal, it is considered that the risk of further representations is minimal.

7.0 Background and Options

- 7.1 On 4th February 2009, the former Macclesfield Borough Council Cabinet resolved to advertise its intention to make an order in relation to The Carrs (Chancel Lane) car park, to enable the introduction of car parking control by means of charging so as to regulate the use of the car park. The intention of the proposal is to prevent long stay commuter parking and to safeguard the car park for users of The Carrs park leisure facilities and the Parish Hall. A copy of the report to Cabinet on 4th February 2009 is attached as an Appendix for information.
- 7.2 It was originally proposed to introduce car parking control on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive and to limit the maximum stay on the car park to 3 hours. The proposed charge was 0-2 hours 20p, 2 – 3 hours 50p, no return within 1 hour.
- 7.3 The proposed order was advertised on the 12th February 2009 and representations invited. Two such representations were received
- 7.4 The basis of the representations was that the 3 hour limit would unduly restrict the normal usage of the park and Parish Hall, particularly at weekends and Bank Holidays when day long activities are commonplace.
- 7.5 Discussions have taken place with the parties concerned which have concluded that the introduction of a 3 hour maximum stay during the week, Mondays to Fridays (other than Bank Holidays), is appropriate as this is when misuse of the car park by commuters is most severe and when most park and Parish Hall activities can be accommodated within a three hour period. A longer period of stay was however considered necessary to accommodate activities at weekends and Bank Holidays.
- 7.6 It is suggested therefore that the proposed order be advertised on the following basis:
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| Monday to Fridays (excluding Bank Holidays) 8am – 6pm | |
| 0-2 hours | 20p |
| 2-3 hours (maximum) | 50p |
| No return within 2 hours | |
| Saturdays and Bank Holidays 8am – 6pm | |
| 0-2 hours | 20p |
| 2-3 hours | 50p |
| 3-5 hours | 80p |

Over 5 hours £1.00
No return within 2 hours

8.0 Overview of Day One, Year One and Term One Issues

8.1 Not applicable

9.0 Reasons for Recommendation

9.1 In order to overcome the objections received and ensure that the order caters adequately for bona fide use of the Park and Parish Hall whilst still achieving the initial objectives of the proposal.

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Background Documents:

None