

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

2023/24  
Decision No.  
2521

### Record of Decision by Executive

Monday, 4 March 2024

<b>Portfolio</b>	Health and Public Protection
<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Petition regarding car parking at Middle Road car park, Park Gate</b>
<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Neighbourhoods
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	Promote Economic Development; Responsive, Inclusive and Innovative Council

#### **Purpose:**

To consider the appropriate maximum stay in Middle Road Car Park, Park Gate following receipt of a 357-signature petition from a local hair and beauty salon on 25 September 2023. The petition contained 357 signatures from other local businesses and customers and requested that the maximum stay within the car park be increased from two hours to three hours.

In making a deputation at the last meeting of the Health and Public Scrutiny Panel, the Lead Petitioner informed the Panel that the reason for the petition was that many of their treatments and services take longer than two hours to complete.

#### **Options Considered:**

A deputation was received in respect of this item from Claire Powell, local business owner and lead petitioner of the petition requesting that parking at Middle Road car park, Park Gate be extended to three hours.

The comments of the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel were taken into account in considering this item. In doing so, the Executive expressed concern about making further changes to the parking restrictions, given the history of amendments made, as set out from paragraph 7 of the report, which were made in response to requests from the local traders.

In presenting the item, the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection proposed a compromise of introducing a new Traffic Regulation Order of a two hour time limit (with no return) between the hours of 8am and 6pm. This would, in effect, provide unrestricted parking from 4pm to 8am.

In considering the amendment, the Executive concluded that it would not agree with the recommendation of the Scrutiny Panel on this occasion due to new information coming forward regarding the parking habits of current customers using the car park.

**Decision:**

RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:

- (a) to maintain the current two hour maximum stay period at Middle Road Car Park, Park Gate, having considered the petition and the recommendation from the Health and Public Protection Scrutiny Panel on 24 January 2024;
- (b) to authorise the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection to approve the statutory representation process and subsequent decision on an amendment to the Traffic Regulation Order of a two hour time limit (with no return within 4 hours) between the hours of 8am and 6pm.

**Reason:**

The function of short stay car parks around the Borough is to support the economic activity of local businesses. The evidence for an extension to the maximum stay is inconclusive.

**Confirmed as a true record:**

Councillor SDT Woodward (Executive Leader)

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