

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection for Decision 22 February 2022

Portfolio:	Health and Public Protection
Subject:	Fareham Borough Car Parks Traffic Regulation Order – consideration of consultation responses
Report of:	Director of Leisure and Community
Corporate Priorities:	Strong, Safe, Inclusive and Healthy Communities. Dynamic, Prudent and Progressive Council.

Purpose:

This report sets out the results of the recent Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation for the following car parks: - Portchester Precinct, Holly Hill car park Barnes Lane Sarisbury, Barnes Close car park Sarisbury, Broadcut Retail Park Fareham, Cams Alders car park Fareham, Passage Lane car park Warsash, Burridge Village Hall car park (Main) Botley Road Burridge. The Executive Member for Health and Public Protection is requested to consider the consultation responses and make a decision on the adoption of an updated Off-Street Parking Order.

Executive summary:

There are a number Off-Street Car Parks in the Borough which have not seen their terms of parking amended since 2017. Over the period from then until now a number of issues have arisen and there is a need to amend the terms for a number of the car parks. These issues have been brought to the Council's Notice, by its own Property & Enforcement Teams, members of the public and Elected Members. The affected car parks are Portchester Precinct car park, Holly Hill, Barnes Close, Broadcut Retail Park, Burridge Village Hall Car Park (Main) and Cams Alders Car Park. In addition, a small amendment is required to Passage Lane Car park, following the recent introduction of charging there.

The following amendments to the Traffic Regulation Order were consulted upon between 21st January 2022 and 4th February 2022.

Portchester Precinct

In July 2017, the Executive approved a Regeneration Vision for Portchester Village Centre entitled 'Putting the Village Back in Portchester' (the Vision). After extensive

consultation, the Vision was finalised and set out a future strategy to help regenerate Portchester Village Centre. Following the approval of the Vision in January 2018 an Executive Report was presented giving details of opportunities to change parking arrangements in the Council's car parks to the south of the village centre.

The Vision for Portchester identified potential changes to the car park, which reflected the views of local people to have free and accessible parking that meets the needs of local residents and village centre users, including young families.

The effects of this proposed amendment are: -

- The proposed car park improvements would provide more short stay spaces (maximum stay 3 hours) closer to the pedestrian precinct, with fewer long stay spaces but well orientated to the surrounding community uses. Overall, there will be no net loss of public car parking spaces, whilst facilitating the redevelopment of Assheton Court and maintaining the existing Long Stay East car park for future short-term parking.
- It would introduce parent and child parking bays, conveniently located to the smaller Short Stay car park close to the pedestrian precinct.
- Relocate and increase the number of disabled parking bays, again to the smaller Short Stay car park close to the pedestrian precinct.
- It would remove the Lorry Park, but then provide spaces for smaller Light Goods Vehicles that are to be accommodated in part of the new Short Stay South car park, allowing small goods vehicle to utilise the car park. The existing lorry park would then be converted into car parking spaces to increase the capacity. It is envisaged that Light Goods Vehicles will be allowed to park overnight (24 hours) to deter parking in residential streets.
- The former Lorry Park and the smaller Long Stay car park (south of the Lorry Park) would be combined to provide a single Long Stay car park.

Holly Hill Park Car Park Barnes Lane Sarisbury

Currently parking is allowed for 24 hours, this needs to be amended to 4 hours maximum stay with no return for 4 hours.

Complaints from customers and children's nursery nearby that work vans working in the area are staying in the carpark all day taking up valuable parking bays for other customers visiting the location and country park.

Barnes Close Car Park Sarisbury

Introduce 4 hours with no return for 4 hours restriction.

This car park is located on the other side from Holly Hill Park with 4 disabled bays and 6 normal parking bays, if we enforce Holly Hill with limited wait it will push vehicles into this carpark where there are currently no restrictions.

Broadcut Retail Park

Introduce a 3 hours limited wait with a no return of 5 hours.

This is a new car park for the TRO to cover, complaints have been received from retailers including Pure Gym that lease the units and customers that vehicles are being left in the carpark all day and vehicles are parking in disabled parking bays with no valid Blue Badge.

Cams Alders Car Park

Introduce a 4-hour limited wait with no return for 4 hours

This is by the Rainbow Centre in Cams Alders; it is a new location for the TRO to cover. Complaints have been received from residents in Highfield Avenue that vehicles are being stored in the small section of the carpark, we have evidence of vehicles without Tax frequently being stored there. This will also support the Football Club, the Rainbow Centre and other visitors to the car park.

Passage Lane Warsash

To permit motorcycles if parked in a designated motorcycled bay.

Prior to the recent introduction of charging, there was no provision for motorcycle parking, following a complaint from a member of the public, provision of motorcycle parking has been introduced.

Burridge Village Hall Car Park (Main)

Complaints have been received from users of this car park, that it is used by non-Village Hall users for long periods of time. To reduce the opportunity for this it is proposed to introduce a maximum period of stay of 2 hours with a no return to the car park within 2 hours.

Consultation Results

There were only 3 responses received from residents. Two of the responses related to concern about the proposed changes to the lorry park, in that there would be nowhere for them to park and one was concerned that the car park would be developed for housing.

The final proposed Order

Appendix A contains the proposed Off-Street Parking Places (Amendment 5) Order 2022 for approval. The main provisions are detailed above.

Conclusion

Public consultation results are summarised above and presented for consideration alongside an updated Off-Street Parking Order.

Recommendation/Recommended Option:

It is recommended that the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection:

- (a) considers the representations made; and
- (b) resolves whether to adopt the updated Off-Street Parking Places (Amendment 5) Order found at Appendix A to this report.

Reason:

As detailed within the above.

Cost of Proposals:

The costs of amended signage at the affected car parks and any additional publicity can be met from existing budgets.

Appendices: A: Off Street Parking Places (Amendment 5) Order 2022

Background papers: TRO Consultation Representations

Reference Papers: None.