

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**HIGHWAYS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS
CABINET MEMBER**

THE SCUNTHORPE EASTER FAIR

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To approve the use of the Carlton Street car park for the Easter Fair.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 For a number of years a travelling pleasure fair has visited Scunthorpe each Easter. On most occasions it has been sited on the surface car park in Carlton Street.
- 2.2 On these occasions the council has suspended use of the car park. We have put in place a legal agreement and the layout of the fair has been approved by the council's health and safety section.
- 2.3 The council has received a request to allow the use of the car park once again between 22 March 2015 and 7 April 2015.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1 It is proposed to seek approval once again for the closure of part of the Carlton Street pay and display car park site to allow for siting of the travelling pleasure fair.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1 Approving the partial closure would allow the travelling pleasure fair to once again come to Scunthorpe.
- 4.2 Since there are no other suitable sites available in the town centre, not approving the closure would mean the Easter Fair could not take place.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)

- 5.1 The showman operating the fair compensates the council for the loss of car parking income.
- 5.2 There are no further resource implications.

6. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 Not applicable.

7. **OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 Following receipt of a noise complaint last year about the fair, local residents were consulted about the proposals. One comment was received (see Appendix 1).

7.2 There are no known conflicts of interest.

8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That permission is given to temporarily close part of the Carlton Street pay and display car park, from 22 March to 7 April 2015, for the purpose of accommodating the Easter Fair.

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Background Papers used in the preparation of this report: None

APPENDIX 1

Comments received :-

'I live [REDACTED] and when the fairground comes the vibration in my flat gets on my nerves and I can't stand it. The fair is here for 2 weeks and for me it's 2 weeks of hell and annoyance. The fair sets up so many days and the noise from setting up is bad enough but then when it starts up loads of cheeky kids come to it. I never go out while the fair is on because of them and I feel trapped in my own home. We don't need it in this area on top of everything else (the new building going up and the shopping area around Asda). It is busy enough with traffic noise anyway. I've nothing against the fairground people and I know some of them anyway, but the fair needs to be on soft ground so we don't get the vibrations. It is just so upsetting for days on end. The fair is already too near my flat and I am nearly 80. The noise and vibration is bad enough when it's down the road but across the road – it's just too much and I don't need it. It needs to be in a field, not near residential housing.'