

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

**NEIGHBOURHOODS
CABINET MEMBER**

CAR PARKING IN BARTON UPON HUMBER

1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT

- 1.1 To seek views on the future of public car parking in Barton upon Humber.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1. There are four public car parks located in the town, all of which are non fee paying (See Appendix 1 for further details). Two of the car parks currently have an advisory two hour time limit, which is not enforceable. One of these car parks is located adjacent to the Heron Food store, and is heavily used by their customers.
- 2.2. Unlike all other public car parks (pay and display and non fee paying), the car parks are not included in the off street car parking legal order. Inclusion in the order allows the council to enforce blue badge abuse, inconsiderate parking etc.
- 2.3. Complaints have been received in the past with regard to vehicles parking all day in the car parks, thereby restricting their use by visitors/shoppers to the town.
- 2.4. Changes to on street parking restrictions in the town have recently been made to encourage visitors to stay for longer. The time limit on all the limited waiting bays has been increased from one hour to two hours. The council has received complaints from Heron Food store with regard to problems with long term parkers, and more recently they have indicated that they would like to take over enforcement of the car park themselves.

3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 3.1. Include, or not, the four car parks in the off street parking order, thereby allowing enforcement action to be taken.

- 3.2. Limit, or not, the maximum parking time to two or three hours in two or more of the car parks. This would prohibit all day parking and would be enforceable by the Community Warden team.
- 3.3. Advise, or not, Heron Food store that following the introduction of the maximum period of parking, the council will enforce the car park.
- 3.4. To maintain the status quo to allow time for North Lincolnshire Council to investigate the feasibility of providing additional car parking spaces in the vicinity.

4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS

- 4.1. By including the four car parks in the off street legal order, this would allow enforcement of blue badge bays and inappropriate parking. This would benefit the disabled and improve traffic flow/prevent obstruction within the car parks. Following advertisement, this could be implemented within two to three months, providing no objections were received.
- 4.2. Introducing a two or three hour limit on two or more of the car parks would ensure that long stay parkers/commuters did not fill up the spaces to the detriment of local shoppers/businesses.
- 4.3. Barton is currently visited by the Community Warden team regularly to enforce both on street waiting regulations and also in their community role. Enforcement of the car parks could therefore easily be incorporated into their current schedule, and the council would retain control of the car park adjacent to the Heron Food store.
- 4.4. Maintaining the status quo for the time being will allow North Lincolnshire Council the opportunity to investigate the feasibility and timing of providing additional car parking spaces when the opportunity arises.

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

- 5.1. Costs associated with advertising changes to the off street legal order and the purchase and erection of suitable signage will be managed within existing resources.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS (STATUTORY, ENVIRONMENTAL, DIVERSITY, SECTION 17 - CRIME AND DISORDER, RISK AND OTHER)

- 6.1. There are no other implications associated with this report.

7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION

- 7.1. The town council has been consulted and they would support inclusion of the four car parks in the off street legal order. With regard to the time limit, they have suggested a three hour limit on some of the car parks, but that there is also provision made to accommodate long stay parkers on at least one of the car parks. They would also like additional car parking to be provided in the town.
- 7.2. The local community/businesses would have the opportunity to object to changes to the off street legal order.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 8.1. That consideration is given to the options suggested.

DIRECTOR OF PLACES

Church Square House
SCUNTHORPE
North Lincolnshire
DN15 6XQ
Author: Sally Walker
Date: 14 January 2016

Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - None

Appendix A

Car Park	Number of Spaces	Current Advisory Two Hour Limit	Proposed Two/Three Hour Limit
Chapel Lane/Vestry Lane*	31	Yes	Yes
Cottage Lane	40	Yes	Yes
Market Lane	13	No	Yes
Castledyke West	21	No	No

* Adjacent to Heron Food Store