

PORTFOLIO HOLDER – HOUSING, INFRASTRUCTURE AND TRANSPORT

DATE	21 October 2024
REPORT OF	Councillor Stewart Swinburn, Portfolio Holder for Housing, Infrastructure and Transport
RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	Carolina Borgstrom, Director for Environment, Economy, and Infrastructure
SUBJECT	Amendment to the Off-Street Parking Places Order 2022 to the duration of stay permitted in the High Street car park, Cleethorpes.
STATUS	Open
FORWARD PLAN REF NO.	PHHIT 10/24/01

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

A borough wide Parking Strategy directly supports both the Council’s priorities of a “stronger local economy” and “stronger communities” by ensuring that there is an effective and equitable approach to both on and off-street parking.

The Council has clear ambitions for the economic growth of North East Lincolnshire as set out in its Economic Strategy and Local Plan.

This report and the appended documents present an approach to the management of the High Street car park, Cleethorpes, as part of the aspirations within the Cleethorpes Masterplan.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek approval for an amendment to the North East Lincolnshire Borough Council Off Street Parking Places Order 2022, to remove the option of long stay public parking at the High Street car park, Cleethorpes and introduce a maximum short stay of two hours.

To follow with consultation in accordance with statutory requirements and proceed with the making of the amendment Order if no objections are received.

Full details of the parking provision to be included in the ‘The Borough of North East Lincolnshire Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2022’ are scheduled in Appendix 1 to 2 to this report.

Appendix 1 – Details of current and proposed parking provision

Appendix 2 – Map of parking place location

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Portfolio Holder

1. Approves the commencement of 'The Borough of North East Lincolnshire Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2022 (Amendment No.7 2024)', for consultation in accordance with statutory requirements. Exercising its powers under Sections 32, 35, and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) ("the Act") and of all other enabling power and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act.
2. Subject to no objections being received, the Portfolio Holder approves the making of the Parking Places Order, as detailed in attached appendices.
3. In the event that there are unresolved objections to the Order, these are referred to the Portfolio Holder for determination and decision as to whether the Parking Places Order be confirmed.

REASONS FOR DECISION

To support businesses within Cleethorpes Market Place and St Peter's Avenue, it is proposed to introduce short-stay only parking within the existing High Street Car Park.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

- 1.1 There are changes proposed to car parking within the centre of the resort.
- 1.2 The High Street Car Park has fifty-three parking spaces and is currently subject to the North East Lincolnshire Council car parking tariffs that exist within the resort (2024/25 tariff is £2 for 1 hour, £3 for 2 hours, £4.50 for four hours, and £6 for ten hours).
- 1.3 It is proposed that the tariffs for up to 2 hours parking remain as per the current arrangements, but that the maximum stay be limited to two hours only.
- 1.4 Annual car parking income for 2023-24 indicated that approximately 51% was generated by stays of two hours or less, within the Cleethorpes High Street Car Park. It is anticipated that users of High Street who stay for longer than two hours would migrate to the new Old Vic (Victoria) Car Park, ensuring the provision is still consistent and there is no loss of revenue to the Council.
- 1.5 Disabled Person's Badges may be used for unlimited time in the car park. This will remain the same. Parking is free for vehicles displaying a Disabled Person's Badge and there is no way of measuring the length of stay. In addition, we accept that badge holders may need longer to complete certain tasks.
- 1.6 Season Tickets are currently available for use for unlimited periods of time in

the High Street car park. They are proposed to no longer be eligible for use in this car park but will be able to be used on the Old Vic (Victoria) car park.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- 2.1 The legal process involved in making Orders requires that a formal consultation process be undertaken to allow stakeholders to express their views towards the proposal. Should the correct procedures for formal consultation not be adhered to, those consulted upon may have the right of appeal through application to the High Court.
- 2.2 The proposed introduction of a short-stay only provision within the High Street car park, plus the introduction of additional parking at the Old Vic (Victoria) car park, will mean that there is no discernible change in the car parking capacity within Cleethorpes.
- 2.3 The proposed changes to car parking outlined in this report would support implementation of the proposed concept design for Market Place and are in line with the vision derived from the Cleethorpes Masterplan.

3. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1. Do nothing – and risk the ability to meet the ambition outlined within the Cleethorpes Masterplan.

4. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1. The amendment Order will be formally advertised in accordance with legislation. A public notice will be published in the local press and erected in the relevant Off-Street Parking Place to give advice on the Council's intention to make any order. This provides an opportunity for anyone to engage with the making of the order. The process is designed to ensure transparency for the approval and subsequent publication of the North East Lincolnshire Borough Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2022 (Amendment No.7 2024).
- 4.2. Communication regarding the progress and delivery of any order will be through:
 - Publication of the relevant public notices in the local press and in all relevant parking places
 - Portfolio Holder updates
 - Email to Ward Councillors and Town/Parish Councils on commencement of each stage of the process
- 4.3. There is a potential negative reputational risk for the Council if objections to a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) are received where a resolution is not possible. Should this occur the Portfolio Holder will resolve.
- 4.4. The Council will be responsible for the development and management of communications for the project.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1. Informational signage would be required to inform the public of the charges and the terms and conditions of the car park. This would be estimated at £700 and is proposed to be funded from the Council's car parking income budget.
- 5.2. It is proposed that the car park at the rear of the Old Vic (Victoria) car park will accommodate any demand for durations longer than two hours.

6. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1. The proposals have limited implications for children and young people but deliver improvements to road safety by encouraging vehicle road users to utilise properly designated off road parking facilities.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. The proposals are not expected to impact on climate change.

8. CONSULTATION WITH SCRUTINY

- 8.1. The Economy, Culture, and Tourism Scrutiny Panel received a report and presentation regarding the design proposals for the scheme on Monday 15th July 2024.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1. The cost associated with the change of informational signage will be met from within existing revenue budget provision for car parks.
- 9.2. It is anticipated that demand for parking exceeding the proposed 2 hour duration will be accommodated within other car parks in the resort.

10. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1. Under section 32 and 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 traffic authorities are entitled to make off street parking orders.
- 10.2. The procedure for making orders is set out in Schedule 9 Part III of the 1984 Act and the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 and provides for advertisement and consideration of any objections before making a final decision on the proposed Order.
- 10.3. Regulation 8 makes provision for objections and regulation 14 allows the Council to modify an Order before it is made.
- 10.4. If it is decided to make the TRO notwithstanding any objections made it can only be challenged by Judicial Review in the Administrative Court.

11. HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1. There are no direct HR implications arising from the contents of this report.

12. WARD IMPLICATIONS

12.1. The proposals affect the Croft Baker Ward.

13. BACKGROUND PAPERS

13.1. Cleethorpes Masterplan - https://nelincsrecruitment.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/07/Cleethorpes-Masterplan-Report_PUBLIC-FINAL_2022.pdf

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Appendix 1

SCHEDULE 3 - PARKING PLACES, TARIFFS, TIMES, AND CHARGES OF USE UNDER THIS ORDER

Current schedule

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
NAME OF PARKING PLACE	CLASSES OF VEHICLE	POSITION IN WHICH VEHICLE MAY WAIT	DAYS AND HOURS OF OPERATION OF PARKING PLACE	CHARGING PERIOD	MAXIMUM PERIOD FOR WHICH VEHICLES MAY WAIT	PARKING CHARGES	SCALE OF CHARGES AS SHOWN IN SCHEDULE 4.1, 4.2 and 4.3
26 High Street, Cleethorpes	Motor Vehicles licensed as private or private/light goods, vehicles not exceeding 2.5 tons in weight and or two metres in height, Camper Vans, Motor solo motorcycles, and Disabled Person's Vehicles. No Caravans, Caravans or Quad Bikes permitted.	Within one of the Parking Bays indicated by surface markings and clear of the driveways, entrances and exits.	Monday to Sunday inclusive.	Charges apply Monday to Sunday 8am – 6pm including Bank Holidays	All day	Up to 1 hour £2.00 1 to 2 hours £3.00 2 to 4 hours £4.50 4 to 10 hours £6.00	General Use Season Ticket Single Use Season Ticket

Proposed schedule

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Appendix 2

Map of parking place location. (26)

