

Wilton Road Car Park – Consideration of Objection to the introduction of proposed Parking Places Order

Summary:

Following agreement at the Executive meeting of 12 July 2016 the Council is proposing to reduce the maximum stay on Wilton Road car park to 5 hours except permit holders, providing free permits for members of Camberley Indoor Bowling Club and charging £300 for an annual permit for other car park users.

As is required, an Off-Street Parking Places Order (PPO) was advertised on 7 September 2016 which, if made and implemented, will enable Civil Enforcement officers to enforce the new 5 hour maximum stay, except for permit holders, and to issue Penalty Charge Notices to any vehicles parked in contravention of the restrictions.

Following the advertising of this Order one objection was received.

Portfolio: Business – Cllr Craig Fennell

Date Portfolio Holder signed off report: 24 November 2016

Wards Affected: Watchetts Ward

Recommendation

The Executive is advised to RESOLVE that the maximum stay on Wilton Road Car Park be reduced to 5 hours, except for permit holder and no return, except for permit holders for all days.

1. Key Issues

- 1.1 Wilton Road Car Park is a free car park with a maximum stay of 18 hours and has 80 spaces with 5 disabled spaces.
- 1.2 Several commercial businesses use Wilton Road Car Park for all day parking to support their own business interests. These vehicles are not parked to support local trade or facilities, but use the car park for free all day parking which often conflicts with short stay visitors who wish to use local facilities.
- 1.3 Consultation has taken place with the Camberley Indoor Bowling Club who agreed that the proposed changes meet their requirements as much as possible within the limitations of the car park.
- 1.4 The introduction of a Maximum Stay 5 Hours, No Return, except permit holders, will stop all day parking and will ensure that parking for short stay visits up to 5 hours is maximised.

- 1.5 Sufficient permits will be provided to the Camberley Indoor Bowling Club free of charge, and commuter permits will be available at a cost of £300 per annum, where as in other pay and display car parks the commuter fee is £375 per annum.
- 1.6 An objection is unresolved and is included in the Appendix to this report for consideration by the Executive.

2. Resource Implications

- 2.1 Advertising costs will be approximately £800, with amendments to existing signage at £100. These costs will be met from existing budgets.

3. Options

- 3.1 The Executive has the option to:
 - (i) Overrule the objection and give authority to make the Order as it stands.
 - (ii) Amend the proposed changes to the Order, length of time or cost of permits.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 Note the content of this report.
- 4.2 Consider and over-rule the objection to Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places)(Order) 2003 Amendment No. 10 Wilton Road car park Reduction in Maximum Stay Order 2016 which if made will enable Civil Enforcement officers enforce the new 5 hour maximum stay except permit holder, permits to be free for Camberley Indoor Bowls Club and £300 for commuter, and to issue Penalty Charge Notices to any vehicles parked in contravention of the restriction.
- 4.3 Instruct the Head of Legal to make, seal and implement Borough of Surrey Heath (Off-Street Parking Places)(Order) 2003 Amendment No. 10 Wilton Road car park Reduction in Maximum Stay Order 2016.
- 4.4 Request the Head of Legal to write to the objector informing the objector of the Committees decision.

5. Supporting Information

- 5.1 A Notice of Making will be advertised in the local paper and within Wilton Road car park to inform the public that the Order has been made.

6. Corporate Objectives And Key Priorities

- 6.1 Key Priority 2: To assist with the improvement of economic growth for Surrey Heath.
- 6.2 Key Priority 4: Working with partners and the community to keep Surrey Heath a clean, green and safe place for the continued wellbeing of our borough.

7. Policy Framework

- 7.1 The Council reviews the management of the car parks and tariffs on an annual basis.

8. Legal Issues

- 8.1 The decision to introduce a PPO is an administrative decision and is not subject to call in.

9. Governance

- 9.1 All unresolved objections to the advertisement of any changes will be referred back to the Executive.

10. Consultation

- 10.1 Camberley Indoor Bowling Club has been asked for their views on their customers' requirements.

11. Officer Comments

- 11.1 The introduction of a 5 hour limit with no return will improve access to a sports and social club which provides specific sporting and leisure activities for a wide age group, especially older people.

Annexes	Appendix – Summary of Objections
Background Papers	Nil
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Consultations, Implications and Issues Addressed

Resources	Required	Consulted
Revenue	✓	✓
Capital		
Human Resources		
Asset Management		

Resources	Required	Consulted
IT		
Other Issues	Required	Consulted
Corporate Objectives & Key Priorities	✓	✓
Policy Framework		
Legal	✓	✓
Governance		
Sustainability		
Risk Management		
Equalities Impact Assessment	✓	✓
Community Safety		
Human Rights		
Consultation		
P R & Marketing	✓	✓

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Appendix

Summary of the Objection and Response.

Summary of Objections	Initial Response by Officer
<p>I am writing to you regarding the proposed changes to free parking times at the Wilton Road car park.</p> <p>I use this car park daily, for just over 5 hours, as I work for a small business on the Helix Business Park. The loss of the free parking is going to be a huge inconvenience as paying £300 for an annual parking permit on my part time income is not going to be practical and parking in the area is already getting more and more difficult, largely due to the misuse of the car park and local roads by the car dealership in our vicinity.</p> <p>I feel that it is very unfair that the members of Camberley Bowling Club will be issued with free permits to park enabling them to enjoy local leisure and business facilities when those of us who rely on this parking in order to earn a living are expected to pay. Surely it would be much fairer to treat all of the small businesses in the area in the same way as the Bowling Club members and issue them with a number of free permits for staff?</p> <p>I look forward to hearing from you with your response to my objection to this change.</p>	<p>Thank you for your email below regarding the 5 hour max stay and the £300 charge for a permit.</p> <p>The demands on this car park have been increasing for some time. The primary purpose of this car park is to provide access to local leisure and business facilities in the area; however, the current 18 hour restriction does not make this possible, as a lot of vehicles are parked on this car park for alternative purposes. The 5 hour restriction will enable the vast majority of members of the bowling club to park in the car park, play their matches and leave the car park. In circumstances where a team has to play 2 consecutive matches there will be times where members will legitimately need to park for periods in excess of 5 hours and only then should they use a permit.</p> <p>This was reported to the Executive Committee and I have attached a link to the minutes of their meeting on 12 July 2016: http://surreyheath.moderngov.co.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=4190</p> <p>An alternative to paying an annual fee of £300 would be to use Watchetts Road car park, which is located just off the Frimley Road: Charges are Up to 6 Hours £1.60 or £2.50 all day, annual permit £375.</p> <p>To help spread the cost of the permit at £300 per annum, customers are able to pay by direct debit.</p> <p>If you feel that this does not fully resolve your objection, please let me know by 14 October 2016 and I will be obliged to report</p>

	<p>your objection to our Executive Committee for their further consideration. Kind regards</p>
Second correspondence for Consideration	
<p>Thank you for your response to my comments regarding the changes to the Wilton Road car park. Sadly the response is exactly as I anticipated, I do not feel that it is at all satisfactory as it seems to me that people trying to earn a living are being penalised whilst members of the bowling club (who already seem to believe that the car park is purely for their benefit) are being given preferential treatment in order to pursue a leisure activity. The Watchetts Road car park will become busier and will still add further strain on my income, even though it can be paid daily. Monthly direct debit payments do not help a great deal either as it is still a further outgoing on my limited income. I am very disappointed and feel that our council should be supporting local business and not just leisure facilities and their members.</p>	