



COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council name	COTSWOLD DISTRICT COUNCIL
Name and date of Committee	CABINET - 1 JUNE 2020
Report Number	AGENDA ITEM (13)
Subject	NEW OFF STREET PARKING ORDER – CIRENCESTER RUGBY CLUB
Wards affected	Abbey
Accountable member	Cllr. Mark Harris - Cabinet Member for Car Parks and Town & Parish Councils Email: mark.harris@cotswold.gov.uk
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Summary/Purpose	To consider establishing a new Cotswold District Council (Whiteway Car Park) (off-street parking places) Order 2020, to enable the regulation, charging and enforcement of the new car park in the grounds of the Cirencester Rugby Football Club.
Annexes	Annex A - Equality and Rurality Impact Assessment Form
Recommendation/s	That Cabinet agrees: <i>a) That a new off-street parking order is established to enable the regulation, charging and enforcement of the new car park in the grounds of Cirencester Rugby Football Club; and</i> <i>b) delegated authority is given to the Group Manager (Commissioning), in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Car Parks and Town and Parish Councils, to review and make a final decision following consultation feedback on the new order.</i>
Corporate priorities	Respond to the challenges presented by the climate change emergency - this project is proactive and responsive to the needs of our residents and businesses and includes green technologies
Key Decision	NO
Exempt	NO
Consultees/ Consultation	Public consultation was carried out for the planning permission. There is a legal requirement for Statutory and public consultation to be carried out for a new Parking Order.

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1. Cotswold District Council has entered into a lease agreement with Cirencester Rugby Football Club to for the provision of additional parking to serve Cirencester.
- 1.2. The new car park will provide decant parking during the construction phase of the proposed Waterloo decked car park and for longer term permit-holder parking.
- 1.3. The Council has no statutory obligation to provide car parking. The Council is delivering additional parking capacity in response to the needs of all motorists but the Whiteway Car Park will specifically address the needs of businesses and workers who drive in to the town and need to park all day. The Car Park will provide 151 standard bays, 4 electrical vehicle charging bays, 3 wider bays for blue badge holders, and 5 motor cycle bays.

2. MAIN POINTS

- 2.1. The Council needs to establish a new Cotswold District Council off-street parking places Order, to enable the regulation, charging and enforcement of the new car park. It is anticipated that development work to provide the new car park will be completed at the end of May/beginning of June 2020 and, therefore, a Parking Order must be obtained to enable regulation of the car park once it opens to permit holders.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. Approximately £600 is required for advertising the Parking Order in the local press to meet with legal requirements, which will be met from within the existing parking budget. A season ticket charge will be payable by the users in line with the Council's fees and charges for parking.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1. Making a new Parking Order requires the Council to advertise the proposed Order in the location(s) affected and the local press.

5. RISK ASSESSMENT

- 5.1. Failure to regulate and enforce the car park would result in abuse of the space and loss of income to the Council.

6. EQUALITIES IMPACT

- 6.1. An equality impact assessment is attached at Annex A.

7. CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1. The new car park will include electrical vehicle charging points to encourage use of electrically powered vehicles.

- 7.2.** The Council will only allocate permits for the number of spaces in the car park; this will guarantee that spaces will be available for users. This will reduce carbon impact of commuter travel as motorists will not drive into the town centre and drive around to find a vacant car parking space.

8. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 8.1.** A range of sites were considered for Park and Stride parking but this site was the only location deemed viable at the time.
- 8.2.** There is no option not to obtain a Parking Order. Failure to put a Parking Order in place would mean that the Council could not enforce parking in this car park, which could lead to mis-use and would result in lost income with motorists parking for free and without a permit. Planning permission has been obtained for a permit holder's car park, so failure to enforce this could result in a breach of the Lease and Planning Consent.

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1.** The following documents have been identified by the author of the report in accordance with section 100D.5(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 and are listed in accordance with section 100 D.1(a) for inspection by members of the public:
- Additional Funds for the Construction Phase of the Rugby Club Car Park to Cabinet dated 2nd December 2019 and Council 22nd January 2020 and associated minutes.

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