



CABINET

15TH FEBRUARY 2018

AGENDA ITEM (11)

PARKING ORDER - BOURTON-ON-THE-WATER COACH PARK

Accountable Member	Councillor C Hancock Cabinet Member for Enterprise and Partnerships
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Purpose of Report	To consider responses to the consultation undertaken in respect of the proposed Parking Order for Bourton-on-the-Water Coach Park; and to determine a way forward.
Recommendation(s)	That the Cabinet considers the consultation comments and the Officers' responses thereto, and agrees to make the Parking Order at the Coach Park, Station Road, Bourton-on-the-Water.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	To enable the continued provision of coach parking in Bourton-on-the-Water; with the Parking Order enabling effective enforcement.

Ward(s) Affected	Bourton Village
Key Decision	No
Recommendation to Council	No

Financial Implications	No new financial implications. Capital investment of £50,000 and revenue costs of £2,000 for the parking order and £5,000 for on-going enforcement costs were previously agreed by the Cabinet in February 2016.
Legal and Human Rights Implications	The proposed Parking Order is a legal document that will enable effective enforcement. There are no specific human rights implications.
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	The Parking Order will enable the Council to undertake effective enforcement in the Coach Park, and specifically deal with the idling of engines. Effective management of this issue will reduce exhaust emissions and noise.
Human Resource Implications	None

Key Risks	Failure to establish a Parking Order will result in the Council being unable to manage the coach area. The lease agreement with the land owner will cease, and provision for coach parking will be withdrawn.
Equalities Analysis	No effect on protected groups identified.

Related Decisions	Cabinet, 18 th February 2016 - Allocation of Funding for Provision of Coach Parking at Bourton-on-the-Water
Background Documents	None
Appendices	None

Performance Management Follow Up	(i) Implement Cabinet decision(s). (ii) Enforcement will be monitored monthly and reported to the Cabinet Member.
Options for Joint Working	There are no options for joint working.

Background Information	
<p>1. The future provision of coach parking in Bourton-on-the-Water was considered by the Cabinet on 18th February 2016. At that Meeting, it was agreed to enter into contractual arrangements with the freeholder of the land in question, to enable coach parking to be retained in the village, and to allocate funding for works to mitigate noise and fumes.</p> <p>2. The Council entered into a lease agreement with the freeholder of the land in 2017, and is required to make a Parking Order to enable enforcement. Consultation on the Parking Order is a statutory requirement.</p> <p>3. No works will commence on the land by the Council until the Parking Order has been made.</p> <p>4. The Parking Order was drafted in consultation with the landowner, and provided for no changes to the existing arrangements.</p> <p>5. A number of comments/objections were received to the formal consultation on the Order, and Cabinet is required to consider the consultation feedback before deciding whether to proceed with the Parking Order.</p> <p>6. In summary, five responses have been received - these are all from neighbouring residents to the coach park, with each containing concerns and objections to various elements of the coach park proposals/operations. No comments or objections have been received from the general public or statutory consultees.</p> <p>7. The consultation comments/objections received, and the Officer comments thereon, are set out in the following table:-</p>	

Objection/comment	Number of comments	Officer Response
Overnight parking of coaches will cause noise and problems. Number of coaches will increase.	5	The rules relating to overnight parking have not been changed by the Council. Coaches have always had this option. The coach area has not been increased, and coach parking has been on this site for over 30 years.
Concerns relating to enforcement.	5	The Council's agents will enforce this coach area and issue penalty charge notices when appropriate. It is not feasible to have a permanent on-site attendant, as it would be very costly and would be a disproportionate approach to enforcement.
Consider alternative site within the car park, or elsewhere in the village.	5	The freeholder has agreed the Council a lease on the existing coach area only, within the car park. The Council has considered alternative sites; however, there were a number of constraints - such as planning and historical status of sites and there would be no financial business case to invest substantial capital in developing a new car park. Use of the Council's Rissington Road car park for coaches would potentially create far greater issues than the use of the existing Coach Park.
Noise and exhaust fumes, and works to current fence.	5	Initially, the Council considered the installation of an improved sound barrier; however, a noise survey was commissioned by the Council which showed that a £60,000 noise absorbent barrier would reduce noise by such a small amount that the difference would be inaudible to the human ear. There was therefore no benefit from installing a barrier. If the parking order is made, the Council will place large kerb stones several feet from the existing fence to stop the coaches reversing close to the boundary. Further consideration will be given to extending the fence towards the road, as this is a new matter.
Insufficient signs.	4	The Council will erect additional signs to ensure all coach drivers are aware of the new enforcement in place.
Traffic hazard in Station Road.	2	No objections have been received from the Police or Highways Authority. The Council's parking order has not changed any of the coach parking arrangements.

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