



COUNCIL

3RD JULY 2019

AGENDA ITEM (9)

TEMPORARY DECKED CAR PARKING IN CIRENCESTER

Accountable Member	Councillor Mark Harris Cabinet Member for Car Parks and Town & Parish Councils
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Purpose of Report	To decide whether or not to progress the temporary decked parking project.
Recommendation(s)	That Council considers and agrees: (a) that, due to receipt of pre-application planning advice, a scheme to construct temporary decked parking is no longer pursued; (b) that, subject to approval of recommendation (a) above, the funding allocated for this purpose be released and reallocated as necessary.
Reason(s) for Recommendation(s)	To formally cease work on the temporary decked parking proposal.

Ward(s) Affected	All Cirencester Wards but potentially impacts on all Wards.
Key Decision	N/A
Recommendations to Council	N/A

Financial Implications	(i) Allocation of one off revenue funding from Council Priorities Fund of £95,000 will no longer be required for this project - spend to date £775. (ii) Funding of up to £155,000 per annum from surplus New Homes Bonus allocated to Council Priorities Fund for the next three years is no longer required for this project. (iii) Allocations for funding taken from Waterloo budget allocation are no longer required for this project.
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Legal and Human Rights Implications	No legal implications as a direct result of this decision.
Environmental and Sustainability Implications	None
Human Resource Implications	None
Key Risks	Risk of abortive costs if the project for temporary decked parking is progressed in spite of pre-application planning advice.
Equalities Analysis	N/A

Related Decisions	Decision taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 14 th February 2019 under agenda item (7) Temporary Decked Parking in Cirencester.
Background Documents	Previous reports
Appendices	Appendix 'A' - Pre-application advice on the Old Station site

Performance Management Follow Up	Implement Council decision(s)
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Options for Joint Working	None
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<p>Background Information</p> <p>1. At its Meeting on 14th February 2019, Cabinet agreed to progress of a scheme to provide temporary decked parking - this was proposed to meet a current established shortfall in parking provision in Cirencester and to provide alternative decant parking during the proposed construction of a decked car park at the Waterloo.</p> <p>2. Officers progressed with pre-application planning advice for the Old Station site. Officers had to select a site for this purpose and identified the Old Station as it was on the preferred side of town and due to the current application to demolish the Old Memorial Hospital Site. Officers are currently awaiting the planning decision for the demolition and additional parking on the Old Memorial Hospital site which is currently being considered.</p> <p>3. Officers have now received the pre-application advice on the Old Station site. The full advice is attached at Appendix 'A'. As the applicant, Officers have confirmed that this can be made public in the interests of transparency. This does not contain any commercially sensitive information. Highlighted below is the conclusion that states:</p> <p><i>It is the conclusion of officers that, for the reasons explained, the harm identified under the heading of Built Heritage Impact would be likely to outweigh any public benefit of the delivery, on a temporary basis, of replacement public parking.</i></p>

4. If the Council continues to prepare a planning application for a temporary decked car park, contrary to planning pre-app advice, costs will be incurred and it is likely that any application will be refused as the grounds for the pre-app objection cannot be mitigated due to the nature of the area.

5. The Council, as Local Planning Authority, is currently considering an application submitted for the construction of 250 car parking spaces within the Bathurst Estate, at the site of the Old Kennels. One of the stated aims included within the application is to 'Help alleviate parking congestion in the town centre by providing dedicated car parking facilities for the employees of St James's Place on weekdays'. Subject to the application obtaining approval, this additional parking provision would support the town centre parking capacity by providing alternative parking arrangement for St James Place employees who currently occupy spaces in public pay and display car parks.

6. The planning application for the additional parking at the Rugby Club site has now been submitted which, subject to approval, will provide in the region of 153 spaces for permit holders during the 10 year lease period.

7. Officers will continue to consider the need and options for temporary and decant parking.

8. A decision is currently awaited from the Secretary of State on consent to demolish the Old Memorial hospital. If granted, this site would provide 36 additional car parking spaces in the short to medium term before more strategic redevelopment of that site takes place.

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