

BROXTOWE CONSOLIDATION PARKING PLACES ORDER 2020

1. Purpose of the report

To report back on the outcome of the recent Publication of Notice of Proposals (i.e. any objections received), to make recommendations accordingly and to recommend that the Council proceeds to the next stage of the process to make the Order.

2. Background and detail

Committee will recall the reports of 25 September and 13 November 2019 which explained that Broxtowe's off-street car parks are currently regulated through a range of off-street car parking orders. It also gave a number of reasons as to why a Consolidation parking places order is now considered appropriate. These related to:

- Vehicles made or specifically adapted for wheelchairs / mobility scooters.
- The two Beeston Square service yards.
- Electric vehicles and virtual payment methods.
- Simplifying the process for changing long stay to short stay and vice versa.
- Consolidating all the current diverse orders.

Committee is asked to note that no changes to current car parking charges or current car parking charging concessions are proposed as part of this process – any such would require separate Committee approval.

The second stage of the process is statutory consultation and this has recently been completed – full details of the consultation process were given in the report of 13 November. Two responses were received as detailed in appendix 1; along with an officer response to these. It is recommended to make the Order as per the timescales given in appendix 2.

The proposed schedule, which will form part of the statutory advertising was given in the report of 25 September.

3. Financial considerations

The cost associated with the various stages of public advertising of the off-street car parking order (c£5,000) will be absorbed within existing approved budgets.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that the Broxtowe Consolidation Parking Places Order 2020 is made.

Background papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

Consultation responses received and suggested response

Response received	Suggested response
<p>DB – Stapleford Resident</p> <p><i>“I object most strongly to the changes in parking regulations for Halls Road car park. We have lived at (redacted) Derby Road since 1995 and have no off street parking at our house.</i></p> <p><i>Since we bought the house the council has placed a number of additional restrictions on parking in our area with no consideration whatsoever for long term residents. The council has brought in residents parking for nearby roads,</i></p> <p><i>... introduced parking charges at Halls Road car park, ...</i></p> <p><i>... has reduced the number of parking bays available, has increased the residential properties on Derby Road resulting in an increasing demand for those parking bays remaining and have placed more stringent time limits on the parking bays close to our house.</i></p> <p><i>A couple of years ago the council removed charges for Saturday parking at Halls Road which we felt was a very positive move for the local residents. To go back on this move now, and to also introduce further restrictions to the amount of time a car can be parked there seems inappropriate. The car park is used on a Friday evening for overnight parking, your proposed parking restrictions would imply that cars could only be parked for a maximum of 12 hours, implying that if I park my car there on a Friday evening at 5.30pm I would have to move my car in the early hours of Saturday morning. Surely this would result in cars being</i></p>	<p>Please see more detailed responses below, in terms of the resident's more detailed comments no changes in off-street parking regulations are proposed.</p> <p>On-street restrictions are a matter for the County Council as highway authority.</p> <p>It is correct that charges were introduced by the Borough Council in 2010. Since then, however, the all-day charge has been reduced from £3 to £1 and charges have been waived after 4pm Mondays to Fridays and all weekend / bank holidays at Halls Road. No change to this is proposed as part of this Order process</p> <p>On-street restrictions are a matter for the County Council as highway authority.</p> <p>The resident is correct in that the advertised Order would appear to reverse some of the gains they have experienced in recent years. However, it is a “worst case” Order, virtually identical to the current one in terms of Halls Road, which allows the Council to introduce controls and charges should it need to in the future, without having to undertake a fresh 6 to 9-month Order process. However, in terms of the current concessionary arrangements whereby charges have been waived after 4pm Mondays to Fridays and all weekend / bank holidays at Halls Road, no change is proposed as part of this Order process. Any loss of these</p>

parked on Halls Road in the evenings rather than the car park. As in my experience, the car park is rarely full, implementing these restrictions, would not seem to free up much needed car parking spaces but would increase off (on?) street parking on Halls Road and other roads nearby which would not be beneficial for road users or local residents. I fail to see the benefit to local businesses or residents of a 12-hour restriction on all days, the majority of local businesses being shut on Sundays.

The only good part of your proposal is that the quarterly parking permit is free and I assume I would be able to apply for that."

concessions would require Committee approval and is not delegated to officers.

Halls Road car park has always been a 12-hour maximum stay parking place, so no change is proposed, if that provision has worked previously then it should work now for the resident as there are no intended changes to existing enforcement regimes.

In summary, the resident's concerns are understood, but they will see no change to their current ability to park unless this Committee decides otherwise.

The Council apologises for the understandable confusion caused to the resident by the Notice of Proposal as, unfortunately, there are no current plans to introduce a free (or even a chargeable) quarterly permit at Halls Road as the free or low charge would cost more to administer than the income received.

It has to be advertised as a £0.00 charge as this is the only way the council could introduce such a permit in the future should it wish to without going through a fresh 6 to 9-month Order process. The actual level of charge would then be set by Committee without the lengthy Order process.

At present no quarterly permits are issued at Halls Road – so no change is proposed. The annual permit at Halls Road costs £150 so a quarterly permit would cost say £40, most of which cost would be taken up by the administration involved in issuing the permit.

Stapleford Town Council

"Councillors have raised concerns under Paragraph 4, Category B car parks, regarding the increase of the charge to £15.00 for people to stay over 3 hours...

...and that no return within 3 hours is

Category B car parks are the current short stay car parks where the current maximum stay is 3 hours. Currently, if a motorist exceeds the 3-hour limit then a £50 Penalty Charge can be issued (reduced to £25 if paid within 14 days). Under the new Order all car parks become long stay (for the reasons previously explained to members) but the £15 tariff is used to deter long stay parking in key car parks.

The 3 hour no return policy is to

excessive.

The main concerns are:

- *that if blue badge holders are not able to complete their business in the town within the free 3 hours period, they will then have to pay £15.00 to remain parked. It is felt that this is an excessive charge.*

- *that the no return period is counter intuitive to increasing footfall to the town*

encourage turnover of vehicles to maximise space availability by motorists using different car parks through the town to facilitate their needs rather than one specific one (closest to the shops) and to enable the council to effectively enforce this restriction. The 1 hour no return prohibited effective enforcement and encouraged misuse of the 1-hour free period, motorists just changed the free voucher to extend their stay instead of moving their vehicle. The no return encourages fair use of all the parking places several times a day by different users.

There is no change for Blue Badge Holders in the prime location current short stay car parks as they are currently restricted to 3 hours and beyond that could be liable to a £50 Penalty Charge Notice. Under the proposed Order they have the option of paying to stay all day for £15 in prime car parks or Free/£1/£2 all day (dependent on day and location) in non-prime locations. All town centre car parks will offer 3 hours' free car parking for Blue Badge Holders; but Blue Badge holders can now choose to pay £15 all day in prime location car parks where previously they were not allowed to stay for more than 3 hours without risking a Penalty Charge Notice.

By definition, most Blue Badge holders use the current prime location short stay car parks as they are the ones closest to town centre shops and businesses. The allowance for free blue badge parking mirrors that nationally for on-street provisions which is 3 hours.

Please see previous response

APPENDIX 2

Timescale and stages for the Consolidation parking places order 2020

Wednesday 25 September 2019	Committee approval to consult on proposal COMPLETE
Monday 30 September 2019	Statutory Consultation letters sent out (informal) documents online and in reception + site notice COMPLETE
Sunday 20 October 2019	Consultation deadline (21 days) Start preparing legal notices and adverts during this period. COMPLETE
Thursday 24 October 2019	Allow 3 weeks to modify documents following consultation and prepare Notice of Proposal documentation COMPLETE
Wednesday 13 November 2019	Committee consider the informal consultation responses (if any) and agree to publish formal Notice of Proposals COMPLETE
Monday 18 November 2019	Publish Notice of Proposals – site notices – mail shot letters – reception and council website publication, send letters to coincide with advert – and site notices COMPLETE
Monday 16 December 2019	Objection deadline (28 days) Start preparing legal notices and adverts to facilitate the notice of making; prepare response for committee COMPLETE
Wednesday 22 January 2020	Committee consider any objections and agree to making of the order – leave 5 working days before acting on the Committee's decisions (i.e. before making the Order) to allow for possible call-ins of the decisions.
Friday 31 January 2020	Sealing of the order
Monday 3 February 2020	Publication of Notice of Making – site notices – mail shot letters, reception and council website publication + site notices.
Monday 16 March 2020	Order comes into force (6 weeks after order is made), car park signs erected or amended accordingly