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LETTER NO.2

Dear 

NOTTINGHAM CITY COUNCIL (THE VICTORIA EMBANKMENT, NOTTINGHAM) (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES AND RESTRICTED PARKING AREA) ORDER 2015 (OSP 8017).

Can I just thank you for your Letter dated 10th September 2015. I would like to apologise for the delay in getting back to you. However I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and I would like try and answer any of your concerns.

The proposals at the present time are at the request of the Parks and Leisure team who are responsible for the day to day running of the Embankment. As the Client, they have asked for permission to have this Off-Street parking Order. However, through this exercise of consultation, the Authority can get a sense of what the general public as well as elected Councillors would like to see. It will be down to the Parks team regarding Permits and Season tickets.

With regards to parking in the Meadows area, this issue has been highlighted by the Local Councillors and requests for Traffic Regulation Order can and are being investigated by the Area Focus team. With the construction of the Tram, this too could have an effect of creating an unofficial Park and Ride site. Which also could have concerns for local residents? In the event that these issue arising on the Highway, the Local Authority can look to make this Traffic Regulation Order. This type of Order can implement parking prohibitions and provisions (Double, Single Yellow Lines and On-Street parking places such as residents parking bays). There are a number of existing Orders within the Meadows as it is. However, there could be the need, to give priority to local residents, in places where there are no Orders. With the addition of an Off-Street Order, this does give an alternative for commuters during the week. In some cases, divers like to leave their cars in places where they know. In addition, the distance from their car to the place of work is not too unreasonable. In certain cases, drivers do not like to leave their vehicles is residential areas they are not familiar with. I do recognise that these points I have made, at times, will not stop drivers from deciding to park in your area. But the Authority can take steps to mitigate this.

As there is indiscriminate parking has led to damage on grassed verge areas. It is hoped, that this Order, could resolve that problem by making sure that drivers only park on the road. Again the approach is not to put down massive amounts of painted parking bays, but to be more subtle with just signing where parking is permitted. Therefore areas around the war memorial will not allow parking and as a result, this should improve the visual aspect of that part of the Embankment.

At this time, the Authority has amended the proposals to give 2 hours free parking and only operate Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm, please see attached advertising Notice. This will allow free parking on the weekend as there is little commuter parking. Again to improve visibility, the bends at Bunbury Street within the limits of Victoria Embankment, the Authority will be looking to restrict parking at that point and as such the plans will be amended to reflect that during the Public Advert. The intention was never to allow parking close to a junction or a sharp bend and this has safety issues for both drivers and vulnerable road users.

I hope that this explains the situation, as it stands at the present time? I have noted that you have not objected to the proposed scheme.

Thank you again, for your letter you made some interesting comments. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on the number below.

Yours faithfully,

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