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LETTER NO.3

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 24th August 2015. I would like to apologise for the delay in getting back to you. However I would like to take this opportunity to 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.

You are correct that the area need to be preserved, as 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, there has been request, to give 2 and in your case 3 hours free for genuine visitor parking and for the Order to only operate on week days. This will allow free parking on the weekend as there is little commuter parking. This is something that I am putting back to the client and if they are happy for these suggestion. When it comes to the Public Advertising of the Order, one of these time frames could be includes.

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.

On the point you raise about the charge of £2 for all day. This was discussed and the focus was not one of income generation. But more about, any income raised would go into maintaining the Parks and still attract visitors. Therefore, this nominal charge was seen as being reasonable, for those visitors wanting to stay longer who are not commuters. The Authority was not looking to penalise them for their visit. For a commuter £2 a day for 5 days and let's say 47 weeks a year is equal to £470. However, again I will put your option of £10 to the client.

I hope that this explains the situation, as it stands at the present time? I recognise that you have not raised any objections to the proposals. However, your letter will remain within the Order file for future reference.

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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