

Nottingham City Council Delegated Decision



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Subject:

Amendments to the proposals for the Off-Street Parking Order for Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground.

Total Value:

£7,000 (Type: Capital)

Decision Being Taken:

1. That having considered the objections received, the Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport authorises the Traffic Manager to make an off street parking order in relation to the areas of the Victoria Embankment and the Meadows Recreation Ground as shown on the plan attached at Appendix A during the hours specified in the schedule attached at Appendix B.
2. That the Corporate Director for Commercial & Operations in exercise of the Area Committee Executive Powers under delegation 82(b) approves the making of the off street parking Order at 1 above;
3. That the Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport authorises the Traffic Manager to review the level of charges for parking annually at the above locations by subsequent notice.

1. In July 2015 the Portfolio Holder for Jobs, Growth and Transport and the Corporate Director for Community Services (acting under Executive Powers) authorised the making of an off street parking order for the Victoria Embankment and the Meadows Recreation Ground. This was under Delegated Decision 2092, a copy of which is attached to this report and sets out the relevant background and reasons for recommending that course of action.
2. In accordance with statutory requirements, the proposed order authorised by DD2092 was subject to a period of consultation, which ran between 06/08/2015 and 16/09/2015.
3. Once the consultation period has finished the Authority may consider changes. If major changes are proposed then additional consultation is carried out. However, if the Authority consider the changes to be minor (be less onerous) then these changes can be made before the Order is publicly advertised and any unresolved concerns arising from the consultation period can be considered alongside any formal objections raised following statutory advertisement.
4. A concern arose from the consultation that weekend leisure users of the parking facilities would be unduly affected by the measures, which was presumably an unintended consequence. Local residents of the immediate area were concerned that the proposals should be aimed at dealing with commuter drivers wishing to use the area for long term parking during the working week rather than those using the Embankment for recreational purposes. It was suggested that the proposals were not required in the evening or at weekends and that if amendments were made to reflect this the Order would not then affect local residents and genuine users of Victoria Embankment and would not lead to displacement into non restricted residential areas at these times.
5. In the light of the concerns raised, the following minor changes to the terms of the original order were suggested:

 - . Proposed Parking Order should only operate between 8am - 5pm, Monday to Friday Inclusive.
 - . Proposed Parking Restrictions - Operating all day all hours (Restricted Areas such as Double Yellow Lines would include junction protection for Bunbury Street on safety grounds).
 - . Proposed free parking period should be extended from one hour to two hours, but still require registering with the Authority's agent.
 - . Additionally it was suggested by the Parks team that drivers could still use the area adjacent to the Meadows Recreation Ground (identified on the plan at Appendix A by a green hatching), where citizens can currently park free of charge. This area is unaffected by either the original proposals or those contained in this report. The Authority is proposing to erect signs to direct traffic to this area, if the driver is looking to park longer than two hours and does not wish to pay for the parking on Victoria Embankment. This free parking area is outside the Order boundary and as such will not form part of the proposed Order.
6. The proposed amendments were discussed and agreed with the Portfolio Holder and local Councillors and the Order was amended to reflect these prior to being statutorily advertised. Those members of the public, who had raised the issues of junction protection or days and times of operation, were informed of the proposed changes and a copy of the Advert Notice showing the changes were sent to them either by post or email. The statutory advertisement period ran from 23/09/2015 to 21/10/2015.

7. Following the statutory advertisement of the (amended) Order. 26 objections (including some of the previously unresolved consultation responses) remain outstanding. These are summarised in the Table at Appendix C together with the Officer's response thereto. The Portfolio Holder is asked to consider these objections and, if agreeable authorise the making of the Order in the terms advertised.

Other Options Considered: None

Background Papers:
Appendix A proposed order plan
Appendix B proposed schedule/pricing
Appendix C table of objections and responses
Advert Notice
Letter 1; Thanking for support and confirming changes to proposals
Letter 2; Displaced Parking
Letter 3; Potential change to proposed Order
Letter 4; Covering letter sent with advert Notice
Letter 5; Changes to proposed Order and signing free parking area
Letter 6; Letter of support from a citizen.

Unpublished background papers:
Appendix A Plan.pdf, Appendix B Order Schedule.pdf, Appendix C objection report.pdf, Advert Notice.pdf, Redacted letter 1.pdf, Redacted letter 2.pdf, Redacted letter 3.pdf, Redacted Letter 4.pdf, Redacted letter 5.pdf, Redacted letter 6 support.pdf

Published Works:
DD1363 - Investment for commercial developments within Sport Culture & Parks
DD2092 - "Review of Car Parking Arrangements at the Victoria Embankment and Meadows Recreation Ground"
Area 8 Committee minute 23 dated 16/09/2016.

Affected Wards:
Bridge

Colleague / Councillor Interests:
None

Consultations:
Date: 06/08/2015
Ward Councillors: Michael Edwards, Nicola Heaton
Both local Councillors asked for the proposed changes and this had the support of the Portfolio Holder.

Date: 16/09/2015
Area Committees: Area 8: Clifton North, South and Bridge (from May 2012)
Support for the proposals.

Date: 06/08/2015
Other: Consultation with statutory consultees.
06/08/2015 to 16/09/2015: Consultation with Statutory Consultees, i.e. Police Fire Ambulance Services; Disabled persons lobbies; Nottinghamshire County Council; Over 700 local properties and drivers who parked their cars on the Embankment.
Both local councillors asked for the proposed changes and this had the support of the portfolio holder.

Those not consulted are not directly affected by the decision.

Crime and Disorder Implications:

The incidence of criminal damage to Council land and cars and occurrence of antisocial behaviour in the locations of the parking provision will be reduced by the regular patrols carried out by the CEOs and by having only cashless payment systems available.

Equality:

Please login to the system to view the EIA document: Equality Impact Assessment - Vic Emb parking DD June 105.doc

Relates to Council Property Assets:

Yes

Decision Type:

Portfolio Holder

Subject to Call In:

Yes

Call In Expiry date:

03/06/2016

Advice Sought:

Legal, Finance, Equality and Diversity, Property

Legal Advice:

The statutory procedures for making parking Orders appears to have been complied with. Subject to proper consideration of the outstanding objections the Portfolio Holder appears to have the power and discretion to authorise the making of the Order in the terms outlined. Advice provided by Ann Barrett (Team Leader) on 13/04/2016.

Finance Advice:

1.The cost of this decision is £ 7,000 (£5,000 order preparation costs and £2,000 for signage on site).These costs can be funded from the £860k approved on Delegated decision 1363 for Invest to Grow initiatives.

2.The estimate annual income from this scheme will be £10,000 and this figure has already been included in the MTFP for 2016-17.

3.Any annual maintenance costs will be financed from existing budgets held by Parks and Open Spaces.

Advice provided by Steve Ross (Finance Analyst) on 20/04/2016.

Property Advice:

This decision raises no issues from a Property perspective. Advice provided by John West (Estates Surveyor) on 08/04/2016.

Equality and Diversity Advice:

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Signatures

Nick McDonald (PH for Business, Growth and Transport)
SIGNED and Dated: 25/05/2016

Andrew Vaughan (Corporate Director Commercial and Operations)

SIGNED and Dated: 18/05/2016