

REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE

Report No. 13

Date of Meeting	19 April 2007
Title of Report	Amendments to Car Parking Order
Portfolio	Equality & Diversity
Link to Corporate Priorities	Car Parking & Decriminalisation
Key Decision	No
Executive Workplan Ref	B136
Public Report	Yes

Summary of Report

To consider representations received in response to proposals to amend the current Off-Street Parking Places Order.

Officer Recommendations

1. It is recommended that the alterations to the current Off-Street Parking Places Order, approved at the meeting of the Executive on 8th February, be confirmed, following consideration of representations received.
2. That the Team Leader Legal Services be authorised to make the new Order, as previously approved.

Other than those implications agreed with the relevant Officers and referred to below, there are no other implications associated with this report.

Financial Implications	Legal Implications	Community & Environmental Implications	Human Resources Implications	Equality & Diversity Implications
YES	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE

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1. Introduction

- 1.1. At its meeting on 8 February, the Executive approved a number of changes to the North Wiltshire District Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2006. These changes have now been advertised and the Council are required to consider any comments received, before the Order can be made.

2. Options and Options Appraisal

- 2.1 Option 1: To make the changes to the Off-Street Parking Places Order as originally proposed
- 2.2 Option 2: To make the changes to the Off-Street Parking Places Order as originally proposed

3. Background Information

- 3.1. The changes to the Off-Street Parking Places Order approved at the meeting of the Executive in February involved the following:-
- The addition of an extra area of land for parking at Station Road, Malmesbury, to be used as an overflow parking area, in times of high demand. The inclusion of this additional area in the Parking Places Order would mean that it would be regulated in the same way as the rest of the Station Road car park and that the same level of charges would apply.
 - The inclusion in the Order of the parking area at Bristol Road, Chippenham, adjacent to the Football Club;
 - The inclusion in the Order of the coach parking area at Dunns Lane car park, Castle Combe. This would allow enforcement action to be taken under the Order against other vehicles using the area designated for coaches.
- 3.2. These proposals were advertised in the local paper and copies were also sent to interested parties, including local authorities and the Police.
- 3.3. Consent to the changes has been received from Wiltshire County Council.

4. Representations Received

- 4.1. Three representations have been received to the proposed changes.
- 4.2. Firstly, Castle Combe Parish Council were concerned that, if charges were introduced for coach parking at Dunns Lane, this could lead to them parking elsewhere in the village, causing traffic problems. However, as members will be aware, all charges at Dunns Lane car park are currently suspended.
- 4.3. Secondly, an objection was received from a resident of Malmesbury regarding the proposed inclusion within the order of the additional grassed parking area at Station Road. The objector felt that there should be an area for parking where there are no charges. However, this additional area is intended as an overflow parking area, to be available when the main car park is busy. Clearly, if there were to be free parking in

this additional area, then it would be out of step with the rest of the Station Road car park.

- 4.4. Thirdly, an objection was received from Chippenham Town Football Club to the proposed inclusion of the Bristol Road parking area within the Order. One of the effects of including this area in the Order is that there would be a weight limit on vehicles parking there. This would mean that coaches could not use the car park. Currently, this area is used for the parking of the visiting team coach on match days. However, although this area has been used for the parking of football coaches for some time, your officers feel that this practice is unsafe, as there is insufficient room for coaches to safely manoeuvre within the parking area. Furthermore, the use of this parking area by coaches would cause more damage the surface, which creates further safety risks.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 The Council are required to give consideration to representations received during the consultation process, before the new Order can be made.

6. Financial Implications

- 6.1 There will be a cost in implementing the changes to the Parking Order, which can be met from existing budgets. The inclusion of the additional area at Station Road, Malmesbury should lead to increased income from parking charges at peak times of use.

7. Risk Analysis

- 7.1 Failure to amend the Parking Places Order will mean that the Council will not be able to regulate parking on the areas of land concerned as effectively.

Appendices:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter from E. Whatton – 8 March 2007

Previous Decisions Connected with this Report

Report	Committee & Date	Minute Reference
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amendments to Car Parking Order 	Executive 8 February 2007	E.176