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**OFF STREET PARKING PLACES ORDER FOR THE  
VALE COMMUNITY CAMPUS, PEWSEY**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To:
  - (i) Consider responses to the advertised proposals for the introduction of The Vale Community Campus to the Off-Street Parking Places Order applicable to Pewsey.
  - (ii) Recommend the making of the Order.

**Relevance to the Council's Business Plan**

2. The Off-Street Order can help deliver many of the Business Plan outcomes that are relevant to the Wiltshire Local Transport Plan (LTP) Car Parking Strategy:

Outcome 1: Wiltshire has a thriving and growing local economy

  - Support the local economy (e.g. by making it easy for shoppers and visitors to park)
  - Improve journey time reliability for road users (e.g. by managing on-street parking facilities to reduce traffic conflicts and delays).

Outcome 3: Everyone in Wiltshire lives in a high quality environment

  - Enhance the built and natural environment (e.g. by reducing the amount of land required for parking and by improving the look of streetscenes through the appropriate enforcement of parking contraventions).

Outcome 4: Wiltshire has inclusive communities where everyone can achieve their potential

  - Provide access to key services and facilities for special needs groups and mobility impaired (e.g. by providing appropriate Blue Badge spaces).

Outcome 5: People in Wiltshire have healthy, active and high-quality lives

  - Encourage the use of sustainable travel modes and reduce reliance on the private car (e.g. by setting parking charges at appropriate levels).

## **Background**

3. The Council is currently building a new campus in Pewsey, The Vale Community Campus; the campus is due to open in Autumn 2018. The site will offer a mix of leisure and community facilities. The site has 35 car parking spaces, including three electric car charging points and two accessible spaces; the expectation is that these spaces will be used by users of the campus.
4. The campus is being built on the old leisure site. Historically, there was no Order on the car park that served this site. The car park has been shut for 18 months to allow for the construction of the new car park.
5. A consultation via the Off-Street Order process was carried out from 14 June 2018 to 9 July 2018. This traffic order would restrict the stay in the car park to 3 hours between the hours of 8am – 6pm, Monday to Friday and ensure that people park within marked bays.
6. The purpose of the proposal is to allow Wiltshire Council to ensure there is parking provision for users of the campus. Restricting the length of stay should minimise the risk of the car parking being used for other purposes; this is particularly pertinent in this case because the site is located close to the local train station that provides a direct link to London.

## **Summary of Responses**

7. One response was received in response to the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) consultation; this was an objection from a local resident. The resident lives in a property near the site and does not have access to off-street parking; the resident would therefore like access to the campus car park.

## **Council's Response to the Objections**

8. The Council does not have a duty to provide residents' parking within the campus car park. The car park is there to ensure the community can access the campus facilities; allowing the car park to be used for other purposes may inhibit this.

## **Main Considerations for the Council**

9. Consideration needs to be given to the response received during the consultation and a decision made on the most appropriate response.
10. It is important that the car park is managed to ensure it is available for members of the community wishing to access the campus facilities.

## **Overview and Scrutiny Engagement**

11. None.

## **Safeguarding Implications**

12. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

### **Public Health Implications**

13. There are none in this proposal.

### **Corporate Procurement Implications**

14. There are none in this proposal.

### **Environment and Climate Change Considerations**

15. There are none in this proposal.

### **Equalities Impact of the Proposal**

16. There are none in this proposal.

### **Risk Assessment**

17. There is no risk to the Council as a result of these proposals.

### **Financial Implications**

18. The cost of implementation, including the TRO and signage.

### **Legal Implications**

19. The introduction of charges within the car park requires an amendment to the Off-Street Parking Places Order; this is carried out under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and the Traffic Management Act 2004. Failure to adhere to this statutory process could result in the proposals being challenged in the High Court.

### **Options Considered**

20. To:
- (i) Implement the proposals as advertised.
  - (ii) Not implement the proposals.

### **Reason for Proposal**

21. It is considered that the responses provided in **Appendix 1** adequately address the objections and comments made.

### **Proposal**

22. That the decision to proceed with the proposals be made.

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**The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:**

None