

September 2012		ITEM
Delegated Decision Report		
OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES, DARNLEY ROAD, GRAYS – AMENDMENT TO OFF STREET CAR PARK, DARNLEY ROAD.		
Portfolio Holder: Councillor A Gaywood – Public Protection		
Wards and communities affected: Grays Riverside Ward	Key Decision: No	
Accountable Head of Service: Andrew Millard, Head of Planning and Transportation		
Accountable Director: David Bull, Director of Planning and Transportation		
This report is Public		
Purpose of Report: To consider an objection to a proposal to allow residents of Controlled Parking Zone C to park within Darnley Road Car Park and beneath Derby Road Bridge, Grays.		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Darnley Road Car Park currently operates as a Pay & Display car park, operational between 9am-6pm, Mon-Sat. Zone C Permit holders are not permitted to park in the car park or underneath the Derby Road Bridge, which also operates as a Pay and Display.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1.1 It is recommended that following consideration of the objections, the objections are not upheld and the amendments to the Off Street car park in Darnley Road are implemented as advertised.**
- 1.2 It is further recommended that improvement works are carried out to the car park and the objector is notified accordingly.**

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND:

- 2.1 Funding was allocated within the 2011/12 Integrated Transport Programme to implement community requests where problems have been identified and requests are received for action to resolve the issues raised.
- 2.2 A request was received for the Pay & Display Darnley Road car park and the Pay & Display parking area underneath Derby Road Bridge to be made available for permit holders of Controlled Parking Zone C.
- 2.3 There are currently insufficient parking spaces available for Zone C residents in Darnley Road, therefore the proposal is intended to create more parking places by permitting them to use the Darnley Road car park which currently operates as a 'Pay and Display' car park only.
- 2.4 The statutory consultation on the proposal to amend the pay & display parking to allow permit holders of Zone C to park was carried out between 10th February 2012 and 2nd March 2012.

3. ISSUES AND/OR OPTIONS:

- 3.1 One letter of objection was received from a resident of Stanley Road, Grays.
- 3.2 The objector feels that the area underneath Derby Road Bridge does not provide a safe environment for residents to park, and that as the spaces are often empty during the day and it would be more appropriate for it to be served for business permits only, excluding them from Darnley Road.
- 3.3 There are 5 business permit holders that currently park in Darnley Road. It would not be practical to exclude business permit holders from parking in Zone C as this would have an adverse affect on other businesses within other areas of the Zone. It is therefore preferable to create more spaces for residents of Zone C by permitting them to park in the Darnley Road car park and underneath the bridge.
- 3.4 In order to address the concern of the objector, maintenance works should be carried out to the car park area and underneath the bridge. The works should include new lighting, signing, resurfacing, and new lining.
- 3.5 There is no dis-benefit to any user in permitting Zone C permit holders to use the car park and area underneath the bridge.

4. CONSULTATION (including Overview and Scrutiny, if applicable)

Ward Members were consulted on the content of this report between 14th August 2012 and 21st August 2012. No comments were received.

5. IMPACT ON CORPORATE POLICIES, PRIORITIES, PERFORMANCE AND COMMUNITY IMPACT

- 5.1 These actions accord with the Council priorities to create a safer environment.

6. IMPLICATIONS

6.1 Financial

Implications verified by: Martin Hone
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Should the recommendations be upheld the cost would be approximately £11,000.00 and would be funded from the Capital code E1843 9881 T3453 which has been allocated to improve the environment of the car parks, to include new bollards, new lining and signing, cutting back the vegetation and general improvements. The Street lighting has already been updated.

6.2 Legal

Implications verified by: Philip Cunliffe-Jones
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The Council has wide powers within Part IV of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for the provision of off-street parking and works. The recommendations are within those powers.

6.3 Diversity and Equality

Implications verified by: Samson DeAlyn
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There are no diversity and equality implications noted in this report.

6.4 Other implications (where significant) – i.e. Section 17, Risk Assessment, Health Impact Assessment, Sustainability, IT, Environmental

None

7. CONCLUSION

7.1 As there are no dis-benefits with Zone C resident permit holders parking in the car park the recommendation is to not uphold the objection and to implement the proposal as advertised.

BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT:

- Letter of objection

APPENDICES TO THIS REPORT:

- None

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