

Adur County Local Committee	Ref No: A02(18/19)
21 June 2018	Key Decision: No
Adur & Worthing Council application for Permission to formalise Brighton Road Car Park in Southwick	Part I
Report by Executive Director Economy, Infrastructure & Environment and Director of Highways & Transport	Electoral Division: Southwick Green

<p>Summary Adur & Worthing Council seeks permission to designate the residents' car park at 60 Brighton Road in Southwick as a public car park and to operate it as a car park for residents' permit holders only.</p> <p>Recommendation a) That the land at No. 60 Brighton Road be designated as a public car park and included in the off-street parking order, and b) that permission be granted to continue to charge for the use of the car park at the rates set out in sections 1.2 of the report.</p>
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Proposal

1. Background and Context

- 1.1 Adur & Worthing Council own the land at 60 Brighton Road in Southwick. This land is presently used as a 'Permit Holders Only' car park for local residents.
- 1.2 Local residents are able to buy permits for the car park on a first come first served basis. Permits cost £100 for 12 months, or a book of 10 'Resident Visitor' permits can be bought for £10.00.
- 1.3 Until recently, the land was operated as a private car park on the council's behalf by a company called Ethical Parking Management. This contract has now expired, leaving no arrangements for the administration or enforcement of the car park in place.
- 1.4 The operation of privately owned car parks is carried out under different legislation to the operation of public car parks. All car parks owned by local authorities should ideally be designated as Public Car Parks. This designation standardises enforcement procedures and the cost of Penalty Charge Notices, and provides a standardised independent appeals process.
- 1.5 By designating the land as a public car park, Adur & Worthing Council will be able to administer and enforce it via their current contractor for public

parking enforcement, in the same way as all other public car parks in the area.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed to designate the car park as a public car park, with terms of use set out by the current Adur District Off-Street Parking Order. This requires formal consent from the County Council under Section 59 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Power to grant such consent is delegated to the County Local Committee.
- 2.2 Permit charges are not being changed as part of this proposal but may be reviewed in future in line with standard practice.

3. Resources

- 3.1 There are no financial implications to WSCC in granting consent to designate the car park as a public car park.

Factors taken into account

4. Consultation

- 4.1 The Local Member, Mr Simmons has been consulted on this proposal and has no objection to consent being granted.
- 4.2 The West Sussex County Council Parking Strategy Team has also been consulted on this proposal and has no objection to consent being granted.

5. Risk Management Implications

- 5.1 It is considered that there are no adverse risks to WSCC in granting consent as requested. The land in question is already in use as a public car park, it is not proposed to alter the existing parking charges, and the designation will have the positive effect of regularising operation of the car park in line with other public car parks in Adur District.

6. Other Options Considered

- 6.1 The decision to request consent to introduce this change has originated from Adur & Worthing Council. As such there is no further option for WSCC to consider at this point.

7. Equality Duty

- 7.1 There are no foreseeable implications under the Equality Act caused by WSCC granting consent as requested.
- 7.2 As owner and operator of the car park, Adur and Worthing Council are solely responsible for the formal assessment of all Equality Act issues associated with the decision to request consent to designate the car park as a public car park. They are also responsible for ensuring the day-to-day operation of the car park complies with the requirements of the Equality Act.

7.3 Bearing in mind the above points, it is not necessary for WSCC to carry out a further formal assessment under the Equality Act.

8. Social Value

8.1 The use of this land as a parking place for local residents is a useful local amenity and does not conflict with any WSCC policy on social value.

9. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

9.1 There are no Crime and Disorder Act implications likely to arise from this decision.

10. Human Rights Implications

10.1 There are no foreseeable Human Rights implications likely to arise from this decision.

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