

Adur County Local Committee	Ref No: (A07(18/19))
Date 7 March 2019	Key Decision: No
Southwick, Impulse Leisure Centre Car Park: Permission to introduce Parking Controls	Part I or Part II: Part 1
Report by Director of Highways & Transport, and Head of Highways Engineering	Electoral Division: Southwick

Summary

Adur and Worthing Council wish to introduce a 3 hour maximum stay parking restriction on part of the car park at the Impulse Leisure Centre in Southwick. A restriction of this type cannot be introduced without the consent of West Sussex County Council.

Recommendation

- (1) The Adur County Local Committee grants consent to Adur & Worthing Council to include the Impulse Leisure Centre Car Park in Southwick, in their Off-Street Parking control Order and to introduce a 3 hour maximum stay parking restriction on the area specified in Appendix A of this report.
- (2) This consent is subject to Adur and Worthing Council seeking further consent from Adur County Local Committee if in future they wish to introduce charges for the use of this car park.

Proposal

1. Background and Context

- 1.1 The Impulse Leisure Centre is located on Old Barn Way in Southwick. The Leisure Centre is served by a large car park which also provides parking for recreation ground users, Southwick Football Club and Adur Indoor Bowling Club.
- 1.2 Most of the car parking spaces are within a part of the site protected by a height barrier, preventing access by commercial vehicles. However, an area of the car park containing 7 spaces is unprotected by this height barrier and is often used for long-stay parking by commercial vehicles. This prevents the spaces being used by users of the leisure facilities for which the spaces were intended.
- 1.3 Under Section 59 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 parking controls to manage this situation may only be introduced with the consent of the County Council. Power to grant such consent is delegated to the County Local Committee.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed to include the whole car park in the Adur & Worthing off Street Parking Order.
- 2.2 The 7 bays outside of the height barrier would be subject to a restriction limiting waiting to a maximum of 3 hours, no return within 3 hours. Yellow line markings would also be introduced to prevent obstruction of the main car park entrance.
- 2.3 The main section of the car park would also be subject to the off-street parking Order but with no restriction on waiting. This would allow enforcement against vehicles parking obstructively but would not otherwise restrict parking in the main car park.
- 2.4 If the CLC grants permission to proceed with these changes, Adur and Worthing Council will conduct a public consultation on amending their Off-Street Parking Order in a similar way to a TRO proposal.

3. Resources

- 3.1 All costs associated with implementing the changes and enforcing the new restrictions will be met by Adur & Worthing Council.

Factors taken into account

4. Consultation

- 4.1 If the CLC grants permission to proceed with these changes, Adur and Worthing Council will conduct a public consultation on amending their Off-Street Parking Order in a similar way to a TRO proposal.
- 4.2 The Area Highway Manager, Parking Strategy Team and the Local Member have been consulted on this application and have raised no objection to consent being granted.

5. Risk Management Implications

- 5.1 If consent to introduce controls in the car park is declined, the parking places outside of the car park height barrier will continue to be used for long term parking, preventing their use by users of the leisure facilities for which they were intended.
- 5.2 If consent is granted, there is a risk that the long stay parking will be displaced to other areas, most likely on the local highway network. As the restrictions apply to only 7 parking spaces it is considered that displaced parking is unlikely to result in significant issues.

6. Equality Duty

- 6.1 As this report only considers the issue of granting consent to proceed, an assessment of Equality Duty is not required here. Adur & Worthing Council will be fully responsible for considering Equality Duty if they decide to implement the proposed changes following public consultation.

7. Social Value

7.1 Granting consent to implement parking controls does not conflict with and WSCC policy on social value.

8. Crime and Disorder Act Implications

9.1 It is considered that there are no Crime and Disorder Act implications associated with this decision.

9. Human Rights Implications

10.1 It is considered that there are no Human Rights Act implications associated with this decision.

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Appendices:

Appendix A: Adur and Worthing Council Decision to apply for consent to introduce Parking Controls