

Item 16 – Car Parking Charges – Response to Consultation

Supplementary report for consideration

The Cabinet report submitted to Members includes one comment which was received during the consultation process on the proposed parking charges.

After the consultation closed, two members of the public have made contact to submit their feedback on the proposed charges. Members are asked to consider this feedback in conjunction with the report already submitted.

The feedback provided is as follows:

'I am a current season ticket holder at Bosham Car Park

I saw a notice published in the local paper in December which worried me and called your office to inquire about it.

I was informed that CDC is proposing, effective March 2016, to:

- (a) limit the number of vehicles able to use each Bosham Car Park permit to one, and*
- (b) increase the monthly charge for a permit to £15 with a consequence that the annual season ticket charge would be £180 - a 50% increase.*

I am sure that CDC understands the importance of the car park at Bosham to those who, by the nature of the location of the property where they live or work, have no option but to use the car park.

In previous years the reliance on the facility by those living or working (Council Tax or Business rate payers) in Bosham who cannot use any street parking because of the tide was recognised, through price concessions. These seem to have been ignored since CDC recovered the management of the car park from the Harbour Conservancy.

I request that you give consideration to the provision of special terms for those living or working in the shore side part of Bosham who use such permits so that this essential facility continues to be available at a reasonable rate (no more than annual inflation increase) and for more than one vehicle (after all one permit has always only allowed one car at a time to be parked even if up to 4 cars are registered against it'.

and

'In my opinion the steep rise in season ticket price is completely unjustifiable. As a resident my family and I rely on this carpark as, like many others in the close vicinity, have nowhere else to park. Parking in the area of the foreshore is a real problem with visitors and tradesman continually parking illegally making access a real issue. I suggest that if you are required to increase your revenues you have to look no further than policing the area.

I understand that historically the car park area was donated to the village for the use of residence and visitors to Bosham, it maybe that the council feels that the visitors parking fee is not in line with other car parks but residence (season ticket holders)who already contribute through their council tax should continue to have a discounted rate.

I am sure I will not be alone in contacting you but I look forward to a response’.

As a reminder to Cabinet, the following charges were approved for consultation in October 2016 for the rural season tickets:

Parking Place	Amendment to the Scheme	Days & Hours of Validity	Present Charge	Proposed Charge
Bosham Lane, Bosham	Removal of the facility for four vehicles registrations	All days All hours	£10 per month 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance	£15.00 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance
Marine Drive, East Wittering	-	Only available 1 April to 31 October -9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive	£10 per month 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance	£12.50 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance
Pound Street, Petworth	-	9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive	£10 per month 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance	£12.50 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance
Grange Road, Midhurst	-	9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive	£10 per month 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance	£12.50 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance
Post Office, Midhurst	-	9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive	£10 per month 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance	£12.50 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance
North Street, Midhurst	-	9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive	£10 per month 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance	£12.50 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance
East Street, Selsey	-	9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive	£10 per month 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance	£12.50 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance
East Beach, Selsey	-	9.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Saturday inclusive	£10 per month 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance	£12.50 1 - 12 months can be purchased in advance

In response to the comments received, Cabinet are reminded that the proposal for removal of the facility for four vehicle registrations from the Bosham season ticket provides consistency across the rural season tickets. The price for the season ticket is reflective of the cost of parking within Bosham car park itself which reflects the demand and special nature of Bosham.