

REPORT TO CABINET

REPORT OF: Councillor Mike Taylor – Portfolio Holder for Resources and Assets

REPORT NO: AFM0160

DATE: 4th October 2010

TITLE:	CAR PARKS PROPOSED CHANGES TO CLASSIFICATION	
KEY DECISION OR POLICY FRAMEWORK PROPOSAL:	Key Decision	
PORTFOLIO HOLDER: NAME AND DESIGNATION:	CLLR MIKE TAYLOR – RESOURCES AND ASSETS	
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INITIAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT:	Carried out and Referred to in paragraph (7) below:	Full impact assessment Required:
Equality and Diversity		
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT:	This report is publicly available via the Local Democracy link on the Council’s website: www.southkesteven.gov.uk	
BACKGROUND PAPERS	South Kesteven Car Parking Order 2002 (as varied in 2006) Report no. AFM0146	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that Cabinet, following the decision made at their meeting on the 5th July 2010 relating to the reclassification of car parks and pay on exit.

- Note the current position relating to proposals for pay on exit at car parks at Welham Street and Wharf Road Grantham and Wharf Road Stamford as detailed in this report
- Approve the content of the draft South Kesteven (off-Street Parking Places)(Pay and Display) Order 2010 relating to the reclassification of car parks at Wharf road Stamford and Welham Street Grantham
- Give approval to commence consultation on the reclassification from Long Stay to Short Stay at Levels 1 and 2 at Welham Street Car Park, Grantham and Wharf Road Car Park, Stamford under the provision of the Order detailed above.
- To grant delegated authority to the Portfolio Holder for Resources and Assets to approve proposals, subject to further work on viability, and the terms of the draft Order for the introduction of pay on exit at Wharf Road Stamford.

2. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT/DECISION REQUIRED

The purpose of the report is to update Cabinet on the feasibility of implementing pay on exit in The Council's pay and display car parks and to seek approval for consultation on the content of the attached draft Car Parking Order relating to reclassification.

3. DETAILS OF REPORT (SUMMARY – USE APPENDICES FOR DETAILED INFORMATION)

It was recommended to Cabinet on the 5th July 2010, that they approve the statutory consultation required for the reclassification of car parks at both Welham Street, Grantham and Wharf Road, Stamford. This reclassification was to change the designation of the car park at Wharf Road, Stamford to short stay and the designation of levels one and two of Welham Street car park, Grantham to short stay with levels three to six (inclusive) remaining designated as long stay. In addition, Cabinet requested and authorised consultation, if viable, for pay on exit to these car parks and, Wharf Road car park, Grantham. Cabinet also delegated to the Portfolio Holder Assets and Resources the approval of the draft Car Parking Orders on the 5th July.

With regards to the proposals for reclassification of car parks, an order has been drafted and is enclosed with this report.

The issue of pay on exit has been examined and evaluated in detail for the car parks at Wharf Road, Grantham, Welham Street, Grantham and Wharf Road, Stamford and it has been determined that this would require permanent staffing of each car park in order to facilitate this service, as it is necessary to provide a service to people who are able to use the parking facility free of charge owing to disability. In addition it has been identified that there would be a number of structural and technical changes which would be necessary in order to facilitate 'pay on exit', including the need for additional barriers.

The additional staffing would cost in the region of £18,000 per annum and the cost of the necessary alterations to the car parks including the barriers is estimated at approximately £75,000. It is necessary to undertake further feasibility studies that supports the business case for the introduction of pay on exit at Council operated car parks.

Consultation on the reclassification of the car parks will commence subject to Cabinet approval on the 4th October 2010. The process for this is to consult with the regulatory authorities for a period of 28 days. Providing there are no objections to the proposed Car Parking Order, this can then be advertised in the local press for a period of 21 days, with notices also placed in all the car parks detailed in the report. A copy of the draft order will be made available for inspection in the Council Offices. The notices will stipulate the days and times that the Order is available for inspection. Subject to the results of the consultation process, the introduction of the reclassification of the specific car parks is proposed for April 2011.

4. OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

No other options have been considered as this is a follow on from the previous report.

5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

There will be potential loss of permit holders and consequently loss of income due to the revised Long Stay allocation being unsuitable for some customers.

6. RISK AND MITIGATION (INCLUDING HEALTH AND SAFETY AND DATA QUALITY)

Risk

Permit holders will have to be relocated to other levels other than levels 1 and 2, this could result in the reduction of permit holders

7. ISSUES ARISING FROM EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

This process has been assessed for equality impact.

8. CRIME AND DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

N/A

9. COMMENTS OF SECTION 151 OFFICER

This report confirms the current position with regard to the proposed reclassification of the two car parks referred to and provides details of the feasibility of introducing pay on exit. The classification changes supports the demand for higher levels of short stay car parking in each town and complements the car parking infrastructure. Customer analysis shows that there will be sufficient capacity at the Welham Street car park to meet all customer car parking needs by careful monitoring of demand and usage. Should the reclassification proceed then future revenue budgets will reflect this change.

Further work is necessary to determine the financial outlay necessary to implement a pay on exit infrastructure to ensure it is financially viable and meets the needs of the customers.

10. COMMENTS OF MONITORING OFFICER

The process for making a new order is set out in the Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. Cabinet is asked to note the current position and approve the draft order for consultation. Any comments received as a result of consultation must be considered and reported to Council for decision as to whether or not the variation of the Order can be adopted.

A previous decision by Cabinet provided delegation to the Portfolio Holder to approve the draft order for consultation. This report is required to update all Members of the amended proposals.