

REPORT TO: Cabinet

MEETING DATE: 10 March 2015

BY: Depute Chief Executive (Partnership and Community Services)

SUBJECT: North Berwick Parking Strategy Update

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To advise Cabinet of the consultation exercise undertaken to establish public support for additional parking provision in North Berwick and introduce or amend Traffic Regulation Orders necessary to deliver the North Berwick Parking Management Strategy.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That Cabinet approve a 3 year strategy to amend or make the necessary Traffic Orders to purchase the requisite land, to obtain the necessary consents and construct new car park provision as detailed in Appendix 1.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 There have been a number of parking, traffic and environmental studies undertaken in North Berwick since 2000: Halcrow Fox – North Berwick Town Centre Improvement Study July 2000; Setting Strategic Direction - East Lothian Parking Strategy 2009; Delivering Strategies – North Berwick Car Park Site Appraisal 2012 all of which to some degree have highlighted the need to increase parking provision by various methods such as maximising the efficiency and the operation of parking, improving control and turn-over, increasing supply and demand management techniques.
- 3.2 MVA Consultancy was commissioned in 2011 to undertake an appraisal of a number of potential sites for the provision of new car parking capacity in North Berwick. In addition they were asked to assess the current status of parking and identify problems and conflict.

- 3.3 A report presented to Cabinet on 9th April 2013 recommended new parking provision at a number of locations including Recreation Park Rugby Club – long stay car park (107 spaces – now completed); extending Glebe car park – short stay (26 spaces); Law Road/St. Margaret's Road – medium stay car park (99 spaces) Tantallon Terrace – seasonal car park available (114 spaces) subject to a further consultation period.
- 3.4 A questionnaire was placed on the Council's Consultation Hub between 24th March – 5th May 2014, seeking a consensus of opinion on various parking and traffic related issues. A summary of the outcome of this questionnaire has been lodged in the Members Library (Ref: 28/15, March 15 bulletin).
- 3.5 A total of 658 responses were received, 97 paper and 561 via the Consultation Hub. Eight paper copies were removed from the count as being obvious duplicates.
- 3.6 A petition was heard on 12th June 2014, PET **1404**: Calling on East Lothian Council to maintain Coo's Green indefinitely as a green space for the enjoyment of residents and visitors to North Berwick. The Committee agreed that the petition did have merit and they therefore referred the matter to the Cabinet Spokesperson for Environment for further consideration. However, in discussion with the Cabinet Spokesperson it was agreed the matter would be better served being referred to Cabinet for full and detailed consideration.
- 3.7 The main findings of the questionnaire are:
- Support for the provision of:
- additional parking provision at the Upper Glebe;
 - agreement on short, medium and long term off street length of stay parking proposals;
 - support to upgrade and increase the capacity of beach front car parks;
 - a majority want to increase the scope of the resident parking scheme;
 - that the seasonal restriction should be retained and run from **1st June - 30th September**;
 - that a drop off point be formed on West End Place to facilitate the golf club;
 - that School Road be kept as one way;
 - that waiting, loading and unloading restrictions be placed on Lochbridge Road to address indiscriminate parking problems;

- that loading bays be designated on the High Street;
 - that restrictions be introduced to restrict overnight parking by campervans;
 - that formal designated places be made available for ice cream vans
- 3.8 The public did not support the introduction of off street parking at Coo's Green nor St. Margaret Road. These proposals should no longer be pursued. Furthermore, no support was registered for creating a taxi rank in the town.
- 3.9 A 3 year programme of short term recommendations is detailed in Appendix 1. An indicative cost for each proposal and delivery risks is highlighted.

4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 These proposals are expected to contribute towards East Lothian's Single Outcome Agreement Outcome 7 – *Providing a Safer Environment* – a key priority for East Lothian Council.
- 4.2 These proposals are expected to contribute towards East Lothian's Single Outcome Agreement *Outcome 3 – Communities in East Lothian are able to adapt to climate change and reduced natural finite resources. People walk, cycle and use public and community transport more often, and travel less in cars.*
- 4.3 These proposals are expected to contribute towards East Lothian's Single Outcome Agreement Outcome 8 – *East Lothian has high quality natural environments.*

5 EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 5.1 This report is not applicable to the well being of equalities groups and an Equalities Impact Assessment is not required.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Financial – Financial provision of £350,000 has been made available in the Capital Budget 2015/16 for parking improvements and provision will be made within the Road Services Revenue budget for amending the Traffic Regulation Orders.
- 6.2 Other – None

7 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 North Berwick Parking Strategy – Summary of Questionnaire has been lodged in the Members Library (Ref: 28/15, March 15 bulletin).

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Appendix1 - Summary of Proposed Parking Improvement Recommendations.

| No | Location | Description | Target Date | Delivery Risks | Estimated Cost |
|-------|---|---|-------------|---|-----------------|
| 1 | Upper Glebe, | Construct new car parking (1400 sq.m) potential for 58 Spaces | March 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land ownership • Planning permission • Level differences | £200,000 |
| 2&3 | All Off Street Car park excluding Tantallon Terrace, St. Margarets Road | Introduce maximum length of stay restrictions - 90 mins (short) , 4 hours (medium) and 12 hours (Long stay) | June 2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objections to Order. • Review, design and fabricate of appropriate directional car parks signing | £12,000 |
| 4 | Castle Hill – Marine Parade and Sewage Works Haugh road | Upgrade and increase capacity of car parks. | March 2016 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scottish Natural Heritage consultation • Planning permission. | £350,000 |
| 5 | Core town centre | Review residents parking permits and amend the TRO to increase scope to include outlying areas, if appropriate. | August 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objections to Order. | £5,000 |
| 6 & 7 | North Berwick | No change to TRO required. | | none | £0 |
| 8 | North Berwick | No change to TRO required. | | none | £0 |
| 9 | West End Place | Formation of coach drop off point and amend TRO | August 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objections to Order. | £15,000 |
| 10. | School road | Promote permanent TRO | August 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection • Direction of flow | £500 |

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| 11. | Station Court, Abbey Court and May Terrace | Monitor and review on street parking provision. Amend TRO, if appropriate | August 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to order. • Further displacement • Community support | £1500 |
| 12. | Lochbridge Road and Dundas Road | Amend TRO to prohibit waiting on street. | August 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to order. • Further displacement | £2000 |
| 13. | High Street | Review loading bay requirements, discuss with business community and amend TRO, if appropriate | August 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objection to order. • Disagreement with traders | £1000 |
| 14. | Castle Hill – Marine Parade and Sewage Works Haugh road | Introduce TRO to ban overnight parking following 18 month experimental order to establish effectiveness and operational practicalities. | Dec 2015 and August 2017(permanent) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Significant objections • Adoption of car parks • Completion of physical improvements | £1500 |
| 15. | Core town centre | Monitor and review ice cream vans sites and designate on street locations. Amend TRO, if appropriate | August 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Licensing committee agreement • Permit holder control • Objections to Order. | £500 |
| 16. | Core town centre | No change to TRO required. Taxi ranks not supported | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • none | £0 |
| 17. | Royal Appartments, Station Road | Amend TRO to prohibit waiting, loading and unloading on street. | August 2017 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Objections to Order. • | £500 |

