

# PLACES SCRUTINY PANEL

25<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2013

## PARKING REVIEW 2013

### Report of the Operational Director for Places

STRATEGIC AIM:	Creating a safer community for all
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#### 1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To consider amendments and additions to on-street parking restrictions.
- 1.2 To consider changes to parking and permit charges.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 2.1 **That the Places Scrutiny Panel comment on the recommendations to Cabinet listed in Section 3 below.**

#### 3. PROPOSED CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the variations to parking restrictions at Appendix 1 be approved.
- 3.2 That proposals for on-street parking restrictions on Stamford Road and roads off should not progress at this time.
- 3.3 That the changes to parking charges at Appendix 2 be approved.
- 3.4 That the request of Uppingham Town Council to extend the current subsidy agreement to the end of June 2013 be approved.
- 3.5 That introducing limited waiting, between 10am and 3pm, to the resident's permit holder bays in Oakham be approved.
- 3.6 That the administration charge increase, to £40, for issuing a resident's parking permit be approved.

#### 4. BACKGROUND

- 4.1 The Strategic Parking Review (SPaR) was approved by Council in March 2012. The objective of the review was to devise a set of parking policies and principles that would set the basis of all future parking reviews. The 25 policies within the SPaR are key to managing the effects of parking on our growing market towns.

## **5. ON-STREET VARIATIONS**

- 5.1 Section 3, parking policies 1-11 of the SPaR cover on-street parking principles. Section 9 and figure 5 shows us how on-street parking restrictions are made with traffic regulation orders (TROs). The Operational Director (formally the Head of Operations) has delegated authority to make minor amendments to TROs which are defined as extensions or deletions of less than 10m.
- 5.2 Section 9, policy 23 states that requests for new or modified parking restrictions will be considered by Cabinet as part of an annual review of parking restrictions and policies. Requests come in through the year from Town Councils, residents, business owners and Officers of the Council.
- 5.3 The changes requested are listed in Appendix 1. These have been recommended for approval where there appears to be evidence of a problem and the change complies with the policies set out in the SPaR.

## **6. CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 The town centre changes at Appendix 1 have been discussed by Town Councils with the following responses:
- Oakham Town Council comments that it broadly welcomes the proposals but still expresses its concern over the parking situation on Stamford Road.
  - Uppingham Town Council supports the proposals with the exception of the changes to the High Street East Limited Waiting Bays.
- 6.2 Anglian Water and the Police have submitted that when a barrier system of car park entry is in place at Normanton Park Road car park at Rutland Water the verge parking and parking in Edith Weston will increase.
- Edith Weston Parish Council is of the opinion that yellow lining is not the most appropriate solution to this parking issue. They also feel that yellow lining would spoil the rural appearance of the village and may have a tendency to snowball as a panacea of all parking issues. The Parish Council feel that ditches would be their option of choice and would wish Members to consider this.
- 6.3 Restrictions in Langham are not being recommended. Consultation would be carried out with the Parish Council if its approval was recommended.
- 6.4 Statutory consultation involving press notices and notices posted in the relevant streets is required prior to making the TROs. Refer to 5.1 and the SPaR for TRO making details.

## **7. STAMFORD ROAD, OAKHAM**

- 7.1 Within the SPaR, Stamford Road is defined as a major arterial route into Oakham. The Road is also marked as Town Centre within the SPaR parking

area definition. Currently about 30 cars are regularly parked on Stamford Rd during the working day and about 10 on Edmonton Way, off Stamford Road.

- 7.2 Statutory consultation has been carried out on the introduction of single yellow lines, no waiting Monday to Saturday 8am to 6pm restrictions on Stamford Rd. A parking scheme incorporating 2 hour limited waiting for the side roads was also included in the proposals. Objections to the proposals were received and considered by the Operational Director for Places in consultation with the Portfolio Holder and Ward Members. On reviewing the objections it was agreed that the proposed restrictions did not provide an acceptable solution for the Town and that the matter should be referred back to Cabinet.

## **8. OFF STREET PARKING CHARGES**

- 8.1 The current parking charges were introduced in April 2010. Section 7, parking policies 14–17 of the SPaR cover off street parking charges. Parking charges will be reviewed each year as part of the budget setting process. There is a budget setting assumption that all fees and charges should be increased in line with the Council tax increase for the previous year. Therefore parking charges are due to be increased. Appendix 2 contains a proposal for increases which is weighted towards longer duration tickets to avoid any impact on short stays.
- 8.2 RCC will take account of parking charges in neighbouring authorities when setting parking charges. The latest comparison table is attached at Appendix 3.
- 8.3 In support of localism, Town Councils may subsidise the cost of reduced parking charges. Uppingham Town Council's latest arrangement was for £6,400 for 9 months subsidised tariffs ending April 2013. The Town Council have decided that they wish to extend this arrangement until the end of June 2013.

## **9. RESIDENTS PERMIT SCHEME**

- 9.1 Section 8, parking policies 18-22 of the SPaR cover residents parking schemes. To ensure the efficient use of parking areas the need for limited waiting (L/W) in residents parking bays will be reviewed as parking demand changes.
- 9.2 The current scheme in Uppingham works well with no suggestion that parking demand on- street is greater than supply. Oakham residents have consistently opposed any previous proposals of limited waiting in the current residents permit holder parking bays.
- 9.3 There are requests for access to the bays for visitors (Appendix 1). Should L/W be introduced in some residents parking bays it would not only benefit visitors and shoppers to the town but assist residents with their visitor parking requirement.
- 9.4 A recommendation for 1 hour (no return within 2 hours) between the hours of 10am and 3pm would support the shopping vitality of the town while bays would remain prioritised for long stay residents parking.

- 9.5 Charges for permits have been £15 for a number of years and no longer cover the costs of administration for the scheme. These costs include the costs involved in the provision of enforcement for the resident's bays. It is proposed to increase the permit costs to be more in line with neighbouring authorities' charges and the cost of administration and enforcement.
- 9.6 Approximately 300 permits are issued annually and an increase to £40 per permit would generate an estimated £7,500.
- 9.7 If second permits were increased to £100 then this would generate a further £3,000 income on 62 permits. This could be introduced as a phased increase over 2 years.

## 8. RISK MANAGEMENT

RISK	IMPACT	COMMENTS
Time	Medium	There is a 4-6 week lead in time for software changes and advertising if new tariffs. Due to the legal processes involved, on-street changes to TROs can take several months.
Viability	Medium	Objections to the statutory consultation can delay the process of making the TROs.
Finance	Medium	A total of £33,500 savings (increased income) are identified. Changes to TROs, tariff software and signs and lines would be met from the Parking Services budget.
Profile	High	TRO changes are likely to generate significant public and press interests.
Equality and Diversity	Medium	Disabled badge holders continue to park for free on pay and display car parks but will not be able to park on any no loading restrictions introduced. The screening for the Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been completed. The result showed an impact and therefore a full EIA will be carried out should the restrictions be approved.

**Background Papers**  
Strategic Parking Review  
(Report 22/2012 Cabinet 7<sup>th</sup> February 2012)

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<b>APPENDIX 1</b>		
<b>Town and Road</b>	<b>Request</b>	<b>Recommended</b>
<b>Oakham</b>		
Pillings Road	Double (no waiting at any time) or single (no parking 8am - 6pm) yellow lines across driveway accesses to businesses	No
Brooke Road and South Street	Visitor permits within the residents permit scheme	No
Brooke Road at Brooke Hill Academy and Nursery	Extend the School Keep Clear markings over the speed humps (request from Police)	Yes
Brooke Road at Brooke Hill Academy and Nursery	Double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) or single (no parking 8am - 6pm) yellow lines to the eastern side	No
Westgate	Disabled badge holder bay to be given limited waiting restriction (bay is in permanent use by a single motorist)	Yes
The Dell/The Vale	Single yellow lines restrictions to stop long stay parking by non-residents	No
Vicarage Road and neighbouring roads off	2 hour limited waiting restrictions to stop long stay parking by non-residents	No
Church Street	No loading restrictions to double yellow lines at entrance from High Street both sides	Yes
Market Street	No loading restrictions to double yellow lines at entrance from High Street both sides	Yes
Market Street	Suspend double yellow lines outside Murrays Estate Agents on market days to accommodate the market while easing vehicular and emergency access to Oakham Castle	Yes
Lands End Way	No Loading Restrictions along lengths of double yellow lines to the south of Pillings Road to prevent obstruction by HGVs unloading.	Yes
Lands End Way	Double yellow lines to remove 'lorry park' at blocked access.	Yes
Uppingham Road at Swooning Bridge	Single yellow lines 8am-6pm to extend from the existing double yellow lines on the east side to the point of the solid centre-line	No
Ashwell Road	1 hour limited waiting restrictions to the first section of unrestricted bay to support access to shops and school drop-offs	Yes
Woodland View	Single yellow lines (no parking 8am - 6pm) on opposite side to those placed down within 2012 review for bus access	Yes
South Street	Single yellow lines (no parking 8am-6pm) to replace existing double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) to enable residents to park after 6pm	Yes
<b>Uppingham</b>		
High Street East	No loading restrictions and double yellow lines to replace single yellow lines High Street East south side	Yes
High Street East	Change Limited Waiting bays to Disabled Badge holder only bays north side (Falcon Hotel)	No
Queens Street	No loading restrictions to existing double yellow lines west side (to allow access to entrance opposite)	Yes
South View, Mayflower Mews and Reeves Yard	Double (no waiting at any time) or single (no parking 8am - 6pm) yellow lines to keep access for emergency services clear on this unrestricted street	Yes
<b>Villages</b>		
Normanton Road, Edith Weston	Double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) at the entrance and exit to the Rutland Water car park	Yes
Normanton Road, Edith Weston	Seasonal single yellow lines to lengths of road into Edith Weston and North East of car park site	No
Normanton Road, Edith Weston	Double yellow lines (no waiting at any time) along lengths of the road near to the dam and water draw off point.	No

APPENDIX 2

Pay and Display Increases 2013/14

Period of Stay	Current Charge	New Charge	Current Charge (mid point) see note 1.	Revised Charge (mid point) see note 1.	Ticket Sales 2012/13	Revised sales volume 2013/14 due to increased charges ( -7.3%) see note 2.	Income on ticket sales 2012/13 Current Charge (mid point) see note 3.	Income on revised sales 2013/14 Revised Charge (mid point) see note 3.	Additional Income
<u>Oakham</u>	£	£	£	£	Quantity	Quantity	£	£	£
30 min	0.40 / 0.50	0.40 / 0.50	0.45	0.45	15,851	15,851	7,133	7,133	0
1hr	0.60 / 0.70	0.60 / 0.70	0.65	0.65	32,911	32,911	21,392	21,392	0
2hr	1.10 / 1.30	1.30 / 1.50	1.20	1.40	36,580	33,910	43,896	47,474	3,578
3hr	1.50 / 1.70 / 1.80	1.80 / 2.00	1.67	1.90	56,587	52,456	94,312	99,667	5,355
4hr	3.00 / 4.10	3.50 / 4.50	3.55	4.00	10,679	9,899	37,910	39,598	1,687
All Day	2.30 / 3.00 / 3.40 / 4.10	2.80 / 3.50 / 3.90 / 4.60	3.20	3.70	24,465	22,679	78,288	83,913	5,625
M-F	8.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	2,410	2,234	19,280	22,341	3,061
M-S	9.50	12.00	9.50	12.00	1,201	1,113	11,410	13,360	1,950
Season Tickets	320 / 350 / 370 / 410	370 / 400 / 420 / 460	362.50	412.50	104	96	37,700	39,768	2,068
									23,324 gros
									<b>19,436 net</b>
<u>Uppingham</u>	£	£	£	£	Quantity	Quantity	£	£	£
1hr	0.20	0.20	0.20	0.20	44,423	44,423	8,885	8,885	0
2hr	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	13,183	13,183	13,183	13,183	0
3hr	1.50	1.80	1.50	1.80	9,544	8,847	14,316	15,925	1,609
4hr	2.20 / 3.30	2.70 / 3.80	2.75	3.25	1,256	1,164	3,454	3,784	330
All Day	2.20 / 3.30	2.70 / 3.80	2.75	3.25	6,919	6,414	19,027	20,845	1,818
									3,757 gros
									<b>3,131 net</b>
note 1:	Where charges for a period of stay differ between car parks the mid point of the ticket prices is used.								
note 2:	It is assumed that where ticket prices have not changed that sales volumes will be unaffected.								
note 3:	For the purpose of this report it is assumed that income is based on the mid point of the ticket prices.								
									<b>Total Additional Income 22,567 net</b>

APPENDIX 3 - LOCAL AUTHORITY CHARGE COMPARISONS MARCH 2013

Existing Charges	Short Stay Car Parks					Long Stay Car Parks					Permits & Season Tickets				Bank Holiday Charges	Charges for Disabled Badge Holders	Waiver / Dispensation / Permission to park	Residents Permit Charge
	1/2 hr	1hr	2hr	3hr	4 hrs & over	1/2 hr	1hr	2hr	3hr	4 hrs & over	Short St	Annual	1/2 yr	1/4 yr				
<b>Melton Borough</b>	M-S excluding Tuesdays - 70p £1.40 £2.00 -  Tuesdays Only - £1.10 £2.20 £3.30 -					M-S up to 4hrs - 70p £1.10 £2.20 £3.30 (Mill St Only)					M-F Weekly ticket (Long Stay) £7.00				Yes excl. Christmas Day	No	No	£40 per year for 1-3 permits. £30 for low emission vehicles. Visitor permits at £5 per book of 10.
<b>South Kesteven Stamford and Grantham</b>	50p	80p	£1.30	£1.80	£3.00	-	-	-	£1.80	£2.50	3mths M-F £99.00 6mths M-F £190.00 3mths M-S £120.00 6mths M-S £230.00  Stamford residents SKDC scheme £25 to £153 p.a.				No	No	No info	Stamford SKDC scheme £155 p.a. to park in ltd. Wtg. bays on street. (LincsCC enforce)
<b>Harborough District Council</b>	up to 4hrs - - 70p £1.20 £1.70  over 4 hrs £3.20					up to 4hrs £1.20  over 4hrs £2.20					3 day £281.48 5 day £465.80 6 day £557.96	£143.24 £235.40 £281.48	£143.24 £120.20 £143.24	£74.12	Yes	No	No	£40 per year for 1-3 permits. £30 for low emission vehicles. Visitor permits at £5 per book of 10.
<b>Corby Borough Council</b>	50p £1.00 £2.00 4-6hrs £4.00 6+hrs £10.00					50p £1.00 £2.00 4-6hrs £4.00 6+hrs £10.00					No				No	No	Free (NorthantsCC)	No
<b>Anglian Water Rutland Water</b>	To change once barrier system in place All Sites All Stays £3.00 peak times £2.00 off peak times					To change once barrier system in place All Sites All Stays £3.00 peak times £2.00 off peak times					Annual permits £35				Yes	No	No	n/a
<b>East Northants</b>	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	free	No				No	No	Free (NorthantsCC)	No (Northants CC enforce)
<b>Oadby &amp; Wigston</b>	free	free	free	free	12hrs £2.70	free	free	free	free	12hrs £2.70	No				No	No	No (Adhoc arrangemt)	No (LeicsCC enforce)
<b>Blaby DC Car Parks Other car parks Other car parks</b>	free £1.00 .50/£4.50					£0.20 1.5/4.50 £3.75 £1.00					£395.00 £100.00				Yes Yes Yes	No No No	No No No	No (LeicsCC enforce)
<b>Rutland CC Oakham 30th July 2012</b>	50p	70p	£1.30	£1.80	£3.00 Wed £4.10	Burley Rd & South St £1.70 £3.00 Wed £4.10  Westgate & Catmose 40p 60p £1.10 £1.50 £2.30 Wed £3.40					Weekly discounted M-F £8.00 M-S £9.50 Season Tickets Mon-Fri All Long Stay £350 Mon-Sat All Long Stay £410 Mon-Fri Westg Only £320 Mon-Sat Westg Only £370				No	No	free on-street dispensations  off-street adhoc	£15 per permit
<b>Rutland CC Uppingham 30th July 2012</b>	-	20p	£1.00	£1.50	£2.20 Fri £3.30	NSE LS 20p £1.00 £1.50 £2.20 Fri £3.30 Queen St - - £1.50 £2.20 Fri £3.30					No				No	No	free on-street dispensations  off-street adhoc	£15 per permit