

SUBJECT:	<i>Chiltern Car Park Review - Responses to Objections</i>
REPORT OF:	<i>Councillor Mike Smith</i>
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WARD/S AFFECTED	<i>All</i>

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To consider objections to the proposed amendment to the Off Street Parking Places Order.
- 1.2 Provide recommendations for consideration to address the concerns raised by the objectors.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **Cabinet consider amending the proposed season ticket prices to the prices as set out in the Table in paragraph 4 of the officers' report.**
- 2.2 **That subject to the above, Cabinet authorise the Order to be made and publicised with such modification as may be agreed.**

3. Reasons for recommendation

- 3.1 To comply with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the Council must consider all objections submitted during the consultation period.
- 3.2 Cabinet is required to make a decision in respect of the objections received and the recommendations above so that the amendment to the Order can be progressed or abandoned.

4. Content of the Report

- 4.1 The Council recently undertook a review of CDC's car parks, the outcome of which was a proposed amendment to CDC's Off Street Parking Places Order. Executive (Minute 171 13/12/2016).
- 4.2 During the consultation period, the Council received two objections. A synopsis of the objections are shown in Appendix A.
- 4.3 In response to the objections, a further review has been undertaken of the season ticket prices, and a new pricing regime is proposed as follows:

Business - Permit based on 9hr tariff to support local businesses/workers					
St - Standard permit					
		1mth	3mth	6mth	12mth
<u>Amersham</u>					
St	Amersham MS	99.00	293.00	580.00	972.00
St	Sycamore Road	99.00	293.00	580.00	972.00
Business	Sycamore Road	71.00	211.00	374.00	702.00
St	Amersham Old Town	64.00	191.00	355.00	655.00
<u>Chalfonts</u>					
St	Blizzards Yard	64.00	191.00	355.00	655.00
St	Church Lane	45.00	136.00	273.00	437.00
St	Snells Wood	64.00	191.00	355.00	655.00
<u>Chesham</u>					
St	Albany Place	71.00	211.00	374.00	702.00
St	East Street	71.00	211.00	374.00	702.00
St	Star Yard	71.00	211.00	374.00	702.00
St	Watermeadow	71.00	211.00	374.00	702.00
<u>Great Missenden</u>					
St	Buryfield	110.00	327.00	582.00	1092.00
Business	Buryfield	71.00	211.00	374.00	702.00
St	Link Road	110.00	327.00	582.00	1092.00
Business	Link Road	71.00	211.00	374.00	702.00
<u>Prestwood</u>					
St	High Street	64.00	191.00	355.00	655.00

- 4.4 The level of discount and the associated season ticket prices are based on the current discount variance levels between the car parks under the existing group season ticket structure.
- 4.5 This approach addresses the objection based on the grounds, that the percentage increase in price for season tickets in some car parks are considerably higher than in others. The proposed pricing regime enables the discount level variances across all standard season tickets to be similar to that which is currently in place.
- 4.6 A change has not been proposed to that which was originally proposed for Amersham multi-storey car park, as the percentage by which the charges are increasing by are in line with other CDC car parks that have similar user groups. The original proposed prices also fall within the range of car park charges across Buckinghamshire that have a similar client base.
- 4.7 It is anticipated that the new proposed regime will better serve the community to support the local economy at this time. A comparison between the existing season ticket prices and the proposed prices is provided at Appendix B.

5. Options

- 5.1 Proceed with the recommendations set out above.
- 5.2 Proceed with the original proposal of charges.
- 5.3 Retain existing charges and do not make changes to the Off Street Parking Places Order.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 Implementing the recommendations will require an modification to the proposed Off Street Parking Places Order and is subject to a statutory advertisement process

7. Financial Implications

- 7.1 There are no foreseen financial implications to the above recommendations.

8. Links to Council Policy Objectives

- 8.1 The recommendations put forward in response to objections to amendment CDC's Off Street Parking Places Order contribute towards the Council's aim to deliver value for money services that are driven by customer and community needs

9. Next Step

- 9.1 If the recommendations are agreed, the Amendment Order, as modified, will be made and published

Background Papers:	None other than those referred to in the report
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Appendix A

Objections Received

Objection	Details of Objection	Response of the Environment Head of Service
1	<p><u>Amersham Multi-Storey Car Park</u></p> <p>Objection to the proposed daily and season ticket charges on the basis the increase is in the region of 20% to 25%. This is over and above increase of bank rates and penalises commuters.</p>	<p>Daily charge proposed increase £5.00 to £6.00 Season ticket proposed increase £780 to £972</p> <p>The proposed charging regime falls within the range of charges at other car parks across Buckinghamshire, which are predominantly used by commuters.</p> <p>Aylesbury: Day tariff £6.50. S/ticket £ 960 Wycombe: " " £7.50 " £1120 Beaconsfield " £7.00 " £1040 Gerrards Cross " £7.50/£6.00 " £1120/880 Chalfont&Latimer " £4.30 " £ 880</p>
2	<p><u>Church Lane Car Park</u></p> <p>Objection to the proposed annual season ticket charge on the basis that the amount by which the charge is due to increase would have a detrimental effect on the local community</p>	<p>Current 12 month season ticket £364 Proposed 12month season ticket £674 Increase of 46%</p> <p>The original proposal provided consistency across all CDC car parks when comparing the discount level between daily charge and season ticket price. However, in doing so it meant that the percentage by which the price increased in some car parks was considerably higher than in others. A review has been undertaken and a new pricing structure put forward (please see points 4.3 to 4.7 of this report). The new structure enables the percentage by which the prices are increasing by to be more consistent across the car parks.</p>

Appendix B**Season Tickets****Comparison between existing prices and newly proposed prices**

Existing Groups	Car Park	1 month		3 months		6 months		12 months	
		Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed	Current	Proposed
A	Amersham MS	£78.00	£99.00	£234.00	£293.00	£416.00	£580.00	£780.00	£972.00
B	Sycamore Road	£68.25	£99.00	£204.75	£293.00	£364.00	£580.00	£682.50	£972.00
	Sycamore Road Business	£68.25	£71.00	£204.75	£211.00	£364.00	£374.00	£682.50	£702.00
	Albany Place	£68.25	£71.00	£204.75	£211.00	£364.00	£374.00	£682.50	£702.00
	East Street	£68.25	£71.00	£204.75	£211.00	£364.00	£374.00	£682.50	£702.00
	Star Yard	£68.25	£71.00	£204.75	£211.00	£364.00	£374.00	£682.50	£702.00
	Watermeadow	£68.25	£71.00	£204.75	£211.00	£364.00	£374.00	£682.50	£702.00
	Buryfield	£68.25	£110.00	£204.75	£327.00	£364.00	£582.00	£682.50	£1,092.00
	Buryfield Business	£68.25	£71.00	£204.75	£211.00	£364.00	£374.00	£682.50	£702.00
	Link Road	£68.25	£110.00	£204.75	£327.00	£364.00	£582.00	£682.50	£1,092.00
	Link Road Business	£68.25	£71.00	£204.75	£211.00	£364.00	£374.00	£682.50	£702.00
C	Amersham Old Town	£53.08	£64.00	£159.25	£191.00	£295.75	£355.00	£546.00	£655.00
	Blizzards Yard	£53.08	£64.00	£159.25	£191.00	£295.75	£355.00	£546.00	£655.00
	Prestwood High Street	£53.08	£64.00	£159.25	£191.00	£295.72	£355.00	£546.00	£655.00
	Snells Wood		£64.00		£191.00		£355.00		£655.00
D	Church Lane	£37.92	£45.00	£113.75	£136.00	£227.50	£273.00	£364.00	£437.00