

CAR-PARKING TASK & FINISH GROUP

Considerations for the Future (extract from the Operational Car-Parking Plan March 2024)

The areas below are not in a prioritised order

5) Purpose of the Car-Parks

- The Council needs to have increased dialogue with employers to understand their parking requirements and to work towards viable and effective options for them and if parking facilities are changed to ensure there is not an unreasonable impact on their business needs.
- In addition to this we need to try and ensure where possible that there is some parking available for residents who do not have parking with their properties.
- Enhanced liaison with User Groups e.g. Towns and Parishes need to be developed. The resources required to undertake this work need further consideration.

9a) Our Customers

- Overnight Motor Home Currently there is no official parking provision for campers in the car parks managed by Teignbridge District Council however this is something that could be considered in future, however there are things to take into account i.e. waste disposal, locations and how this might affect local businesses who offer that facility.
- Enhancing parking for parent and child bays

9b) Fees and Charges

- Review fees in car parks where there are currently no charges
- Historic concessionary arrangements to be reviewed
- Review free parking in all Council owned car parks after 6.00pm
- Review the charging structure in car parks on a Sunday
- Use data analysis regarding usage and income levels to influence future charging decisions

9c) To provide well-maintained car park facilities which meet the needs of customers

- Identify proposals for the creation of a funding stream to pay for enhancement works.
- Devise a maintenance plan based on the individual car park condition survey recommendations
- Look at whether information boards within the car parks with maps would be a good idea
- Provide cycle racks in relevant car parks
- Create charging points for Electric Bicycles

- Provision of adequate levels of good quality CCTV to ensure that customers feel safe and secure
- Consideration is given to other safety measures e.g. enhanced lighting to encourage usage

9d) Parking enforcement

- Ensure that we take enforcement action (including bailiffs) for any PCN not paid

9e) Our Car-Parks

- Ensure that our permits provide value for money, particularly in underused car parks
- Work with the Communications team and webmasters to ensure that online information about car parks is up to date and easy for the customer to understand
- Work with Devon County Council and other bodies to improve highway signage/directional signage of the Council's car parks
- Consider alternative uses for car parks if a broader benefit can be demonstrated e.g. town centre regeneration or redevelopment having due regard to potential future demand for parking spaces
- Review all car parks that are free (both managed by parking and those managed by other departments) with a view to either implementing charges or identifying an alternative use for the space through the asset review.
- All car parks, regardless of their function, should come under the Parking Services Department for consistency
- Explore ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) options where appropriate

9f) Costs and income

- Monitor and report on revenues and costs to ensure ongoing full cost recovery and include a rolling programme of work within the Council's Asset Management programme.
- Liaise with the Finance Department to review current and forecasted reserve balances to ensure sufficient resources to cover the rolling programme of works
- Economical factors should be considered on any future assessment of fees and charges, costs and usage of car parks and any proposals to amend these.
- Ensure that we are delivering value for money
- Seek further opportunities for raising revenue from advertising

10) Climate Change and Air Quality

- The Council has registered its intention to be part of a Devon wide funding opportunity through the Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Fund (LEVI).

When the Electric Vehicle Strategy is completed, this will identify opportunities for sites to be included in a future bid.

- Consider alternative fee structure based on emissions from vehicles for our fee charging car parks. This would look to incentivise low emissions vehicles using our car parks.
- Through the Depot Master Plan and Fleet Decarbonisation Project, we will replace parking warden vans with electric vehicles in 2024.
- As part of the fleet decarbonisation project, we will replace fluorescent lighting at the Newton Abbot Multi Storey with energy efficient LED lighting.
- We will continue to deliver measures to increase the efficiency of amenity lighting through LED lighting upgrades and improvements to lighting controls.
- We will explore how our car parks can become energy self-sufficient and support wider district decarbonisation initiatives through onsite renewable energy generation.
- We will pursue opportunities to diversify car parking services through by establishing low carbon transport hubs in our car parks offering healthy and sustainable alternatives to private car ownership.
- We will explore how grants, car parking charges, and other incentives can be used to support the business case of measures contained within our Air Quality Action Plan and District Carbon Action Plan.