

WARBURG MUTI-STOREY CAR PARK, ALDERSHOT

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 It is anticipated that this 600-space car park will close in January 2011, to make way for the Westgate redevelopment. Against this background we need to provide alternative parking to accommodate 157,000 visits made to this car park each year, to minimise inconvenience and to maintain confidence in the town during the period of works.
- 1.2 Cabinet is invited to approve the extension of on-street parking facilities and controls to increase parking space for displaced vehicles, and the withdrawal of 'Free after 3' at High Street multi-storey car park to increase the availability of off-street parking.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 We have sufficient capacity at High Street and Parsons Barracks car parks to accommodate all displacement from Warburg. However, the locations may not be suitable for those having business at the top end of town. Therefore, we need to offer additional parking to limit encroachment into residential areas and to deter inconsiderate parking.
- 2.2 A report to Cabinet in 2005 highlighted the need for additional parking space to maintain town centre access during the period of redevelopment. A number of long and short stay spaces have been created, but there is still potential for an additional 155 on-street spaces.

3 HIGH STREET CAR PARK

- 3.1 This 650-space car park has 250,000 visits each year. Of these visits, 173,000 are made on Monday – Friday, of which 36,000 arrivals (21%) occur between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. to take advantage of the 'Free after 3' parking concession.
- 3.2 This 'spike' is likely to be problematic. There could be frustration on top of inconvenience if drivers expect free parking but are unable to find space because of the displacement from Warburg. Equally, take-up of the concession by those displaced from Warburg will have a serious effect on parking income.
- 3.3 We therefore recommend that 'Free after 3' is withdrawn from 1 January 2011. Reinstatement can be assessed when the Westgate redevelopment is complete if considered appropriate.

4 PARSONS BARRACKS CAR PARK

4.1 This 144-space car park is almost empty during the week, but has no spare capacity on AFC match days (there is also match-day parking at High Street car park). The car park is unlikely to be convenient for Warburg users and this adds to the case for additional on-street parking.

5. POTENTIAL LOCATIONS FOR ADDITIONAL ON-STREET PARKING

5.1

Location	Estimated spaces	Anticipated use	Comments
Edward St	30-40	Long Stay	Dual use with permit-holders
Alexandra Rd	10	Long Stay	
Lime St	15	Long Stay	
Birchett Rd)		
Frederick St) 20	Short Stay	Fragmented but dual use
Heathland St)		with permit-holders
Gordon Rd)		
The Grove	20	Long Stay	
Lower High St	20	Short Stay	
Pickford St)		
Crimea Rd) 30-40	Mixed	Requests made by residents
Sebastopol Rd)		for Improved facilities

5.2 Any proposed change of use is subject to a statutory process of consultation. We have the benefit of being able to use temporary orders where the proposed change is short term, strategically important, or experimental.

6 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1

Parking Facility	Income 2010/11 (£)	Income Full Year (£)
Warburg MSCP		
Saving in operational costs (Jan 2011 closure)	(26,600)	(115,200)
Loss of income (Jan 2011 closure)	50,800	240,200
High St MSCP (and other car parks)		
Additional income from displacement (est. 70%)	(35,600)	(168,100)
Income through removal of Free after 3	(5,400)	(21,500)
Extension of On-Street parking		
Additional income from displacement (est. 15%)*	(7,600)	(36,000)
Additional income from extended use*	(10,000)**	(70,000)
Total Saving in Operating Cost	(26,600)	(115,200)
Total Projected Additional Income	(7,800)	(55,400)
Net Effect	(34,400)	(170,600)

* = VAT exempt

** = allows for lead-in

6.2 There is no requirement for capital as we have ticket machines in stock. Sign, line and permit costs will be accommodated from existing revenue budgets.

7 RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 Cabinet is recommended to approve:

- the extension of on-street parking facilities and controls to increase parking space for displaced vehicles, subject to the statutory process for implementation;
- withdrawal of the 'Free after 3' concession at High Street multi-storey car park to improve the availability of off-street parking;

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Background documents:

Cabinet 8 November 2005, Report SS16/05 – Review of Parking Charges

