



Chipping Barnet Area Committee

17 May 2017

Title	Fitzjohn Avenue Car Park, High Barnet – Review of parking layout
Report of	Commissioning Director for Environment
Wards	Underhill
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Appendix 1 – Survey Results Appendix 2 - Drawing Nos. C2016_BC00129_02-EXISTING-01 C2016_BC00129_02-PROPOSED-01 and C2016_BC00129_02-PROPOSED-02
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Summary

This report details the outcome of the review of the Fitzjohn Avenue Car Park and the recommendations to amend the layout of the Car Park.

Recommendations

1. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee note the review of the Fitzjohn Avenue Car Park outlined in this report and the Appendices to this report

containing detail of the proposed layout and parking survey results.

2. That the Chipping Barnet Area Committee, agrees to amend the layout of the parking spaces and the funding of £20,000 from the 2017/18 Parking Reserve Budget to undertake the changes.

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Chipping Barnet Residents Forum on 26 October 2016 received the following issue.

‘Fitzjohn Avenue car park has parking spaces which are particularly narrow. Even with a small car this has led to my car being blocked in because cars are parked too closely together to open the doors and door dings on my car where others have hit it trying to get in. Can Barnet reconsider the markings in the car park. This is a matter I have raised in the past but nothing has changed’.

- 1.2 The matter was escalated to the Chipping Barnet Area Committee on the same evening. The Committee resolved that CIL funding of £2,500 be agreed from the Chipping Barnet Area Budget to review the design and layout of the car park and that the findings be reported back to a future meeting of the Committee.
- 1.3 The layout of the Fitzjohn Avenue has been surveyed and drawing No. **C2016_BC00129_02-EXISTING-01** shows the existing layout with dimensions of individual spaces and the manoeuvring areas between the spaces. The existing layout shows there are currently 88 spaces including 2 disabled spaces at the entrance to the car park. The drawings are shown in Appendix B.
- 1.4 The Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) have been investigated and of the 138 PCN's issued in the car park a total of 14 (10.14%) PCN's were issued due to the contravention of parking outside a marked bay between January 2017 – March 2017 and are broken down in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Contraventions by type in the Fitzjohn Avenue Car Park Jan 2017 – Mar 2017

Contravention code description	January 2017	February 2017	March 2017	Grand total	% per contravention code
73 - Parked without payment	29	37	43	109	78.99%
82 - Parked after the expiry of paid time	1	7	2	10	7.25%
86 - out of bay	5	6	3	14	10.14%

87 - Parked in a disabled bay without valid badge	0	0	1	1	0.72%
W74 - Using a vcle to sell goods when prohibited	0	0	1	1	0.72%
WW - Warning Notice	0	2	1	3	2.17%
Grand total	35	52	51	138	100.00%

- 1.5 A parking beat occupancy survey of the car park was undertaken on Wednesday 08 February and Saturday 11 February 2017 at the following times.
- 10:00 – 11:00 am
 - 13:00 – 14:00 pm
 - 16:00 – 17:00 pm
- 1.8 The parking survey results showed that the highest car park occupancy at approximately 90% was between the hours of 13:00 – 14:00 pm on Wednesday 8 February. During this time one of the two blue badge spaces was occupied and a motorcycle was making use of one space; while the remaining 78 spaces were used by vehicles and one van. 8 parking bays were empty. On the Saturday approximately three quarters of the car park was empty, partly because the requirements for long stay car parking are likely to be less than on a weekday.
- 1.9 A breakdown of the results are shown in tables and charts attached as Appendix 1 at the back of this document.
- 1.10 This information indicates that there have been a number of occurrences where PCN's have been issued because vehicles park outside the bays marking. There is also some spare capacity in the car park to accommodate the loss of the parking bays.
- 1.11 The layout has been reviewed and Drawing Nos. **C2016_BC00129_02-PROPOSED-01** and **C2016_BC00129_02-PROPOSED-02** show the proposed layout options (with dimensions) increasing the spaces to 2.4 by 4.8 metres in size.
- 1.12 Option 1 tries to maintain the car parking bays at the entrance to the car park to maximise bay numbers, however, due the requirements for the disabled bay widths, there is insufficient manoeuvring spaces from these bays. The Option retains 77 parking bays (including 2 disabled bays) resulting in a loss of 11 parking spaces.
- 1.13 The proposed Option 2 layout retains the two existing disabled bays but requires the other 4 bays at the entrance to be changed to 7 motorcycle bays as there is insufficient space to install vehicle bays that are 2.4 by 4.8 metres

in this location. This results in 72 vehicle parking bays (including 2 disabled bays) and an additional 7 motorcycle parking bays which amounts to a total of 79 parking bays. There is therefore a reduction of the 16 car parking spaces from the car park, with the addition of 7 dedicated motorcycle bays.

- 1.14 The proposed layout of Option 2 - Motorcycles are currently allowed to park without incurring any charge in full sized vehicle bays, therefore taking a space that could be used by another vehicle.
- 1.15 The cost of amending the parking bays will include the requirement to re-surface the car park to ensure the markings are re-painted so there is no confusion over the layout of the car parking for both those parking their vehicles and the Civil Enforcement officers. No cost has been allowed for the installation of electrical charging points or motorcycle security rails.
- 1.16 The proposal also recommends that 3 of the bays are converted to Electric Vehicle charging points with the best locations still to be confirmed.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The amendment to the layout of the Fitzjohn Avenue Car Park increase the size of the parking spaces to address the concerns relating to vehicles overhanging the bay markings and cars being blocked in.
- 2.2 The number of Penalty Charge Notices (PCN's) that have been issued indicate that there is reason to improve the layout of the car park to ensure the bays can accommodate larger vehicles without vehicles overhanging the parking bays and receiving PCN's.
- 2.3 The preferred option is Option 2 to ensure the manoeuvring spaces meet the required standards. The advantages are motorcycle parking spaces but loss of vehicle parking spaces. This is however balanced out by the fact that motorcycles currently park for free and could occupy an entire vehicle parking space which could lead to loss in revenue.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 The layout proposed maximises the number of spaces in the car park when the spaces are a minimum of 2.4 metres by 4.8 metres and there is sufficient manoeuvring space between the bays as set out in Options 1 and 2.
- 3.2 The only other option at this stage is to not proceed with part of all implementation of the scheme. However, this will not address the original concern raised regarding the current layout of the car park.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 If the report's recommendations are approved, the scheme would be progressed to implementation stage.

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 The proposals here will particularly help to address the Corporate Plan delivery objectives of "a clean and attractive environment, with well-maintained roads and pavements, flowing traffic" and "a responsible approach to regeneration, with thousands of new homes built" by helping residents to feel confident moving around their local area on foot, and in a vehicle and contribute to reduced congestion.

5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

- 5.2.1 CIL funding of £2,500 was agreed from the Chipping Barnet Area Budget to carry out the initial review of the car park including the design and layout of the car park.
- 5.2.2 The estimated implementation cost of this recommendation is £20,000 (based on prices contained in Year 2, Volume 4 Adjusted Rates – London Highways Alliance Contract (LoHAC) Northwest1). The cost will be funded from the 2017/18 Parking Reserve Budget.
- 5.2.3 Future maintenance of electrical apparatus shall pass to Barnet Lighting Services who will be expected to charge a commutable sum with the cost fully borne by London Borough of Barnet.
- 5.2.4 The work will be carried out under the existing PFI and LoHAC term maintenance contractual arrangements.
- 5.2.5 Any variations in the level of income received from the car park is expected to be minimal as a direct result of the changes in available parking spaces.

5.3 Social Value

- 5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 The Council's Constitution, in Article 15 headed "Responsibility for Functions" states that Area Committees may take decisions within their terms of reference provided they are not matters which are contrary to Council policy. Under Annex A to Article 15, Area Committees can discharge various

functions, including highway use and regulation, within the boundaries of their areas in accordance with Council policy and within budget.

- 5.4.2 Section 16 of the Traffic Management Act 2004 places obligations on authorities to ensure the expeditious movement of traffic on their road network. Authorities are required under section 17 to make arrangements as they consider appropriate for planning and carrying out the action to be taken in performing the duty.

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 None in the context of this report. Risk management may be required for work resulting from this report.

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 The 2010 Equality Act outlines the provisions of the Public Sector Equalities Duty which requires Public Bodies to have due regard to the need to:
- eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010
 - advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups
 - foster good relations between people from different groups.
- 5.6.2 Proposed changes associated with the proposal are not expected to disproportionately disadvantage or benefit members of the community.

5.7 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.7.1 A statutory consultation will be carried out in relation to the change to the tariff in the car park.

5.8 Insight

- 5.8.1 None in relation to this report

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 6.1 Chipping Barnet Area Committee 26 October 2016 minutes:

<https://barnet.moderngov.co.uk/documents/g8649/Printed%20minutes%2026th-Oct-2016%2019.00%20Chipping%20Barnet%20Area%20Committee.pdf?T=1>

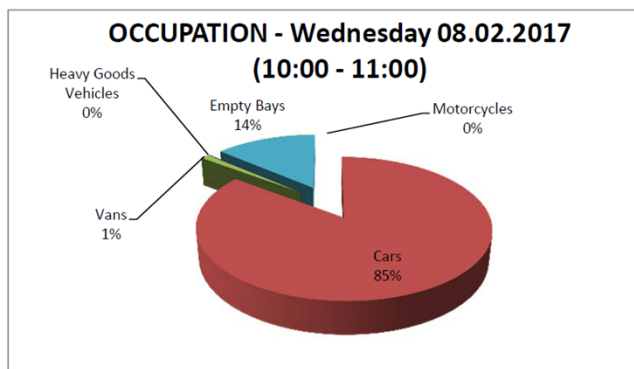
- 6.2 Chipping Barnet Residents forum 26 October 2016 minutes:

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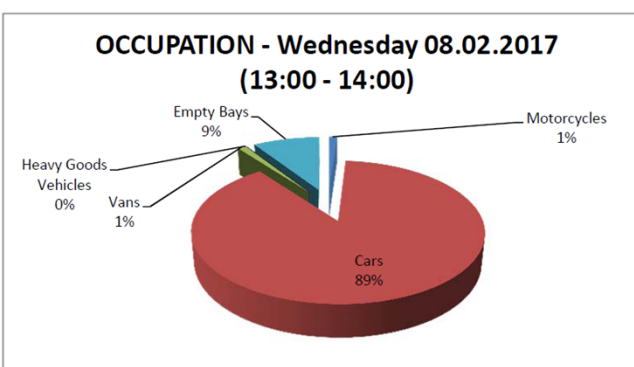
Appendix 1 – Parking Survey Results

FitzJohn Car Park Survey - Wednesday 08.02.2017

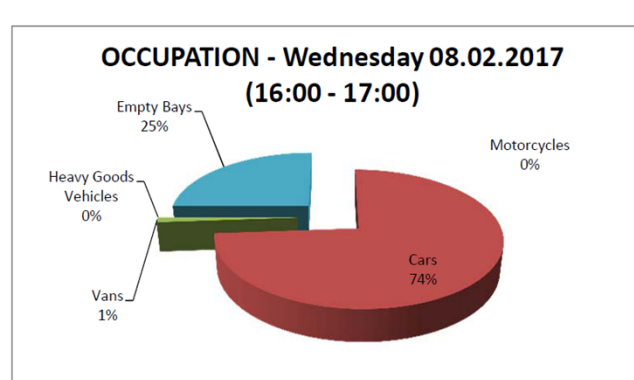
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Vehicle Type	Number	%
Motorcycles	0	0.00%
Cars	75	85.23%
Vans	1	1.14%
Heavy Goods Vehicles	0	0.00%
Empty Bays	12	13.64%
Permits	Number	%
Blue Badge	2	2.27%
Business	TBC	?
Pay & Display	TBC	?



Date:	08.02.2017	
Day:	Wednesday	
Time:	13:00 - 14:00	
Vehicle Type	Number	%
Motorcycles	1	1.14%
Cars	78	88.64%
Vans	1	1.14%
Heavy Goods Vehicles	0	0.00%
Empty Bays	8	9.09%
Permits	Number	%
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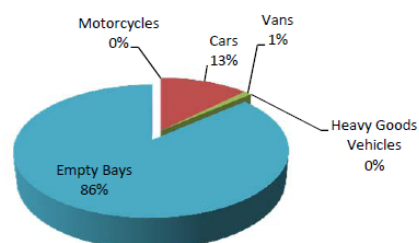
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Vehicle Type	Number	%
Motorcycles	0	0.00%
Cars	65	73.86%
Vans	1	1.14%
Heavy Goods Vehicles	0	0.00%
Empty Bays	22	25.00%
Permits	Number	%
Blue Badge	2	2.27%
Business	TBC	#VALUE!
Pay & Display	TBC	?



FitzJohn Car Park Survey - Saturday 11.02.2017

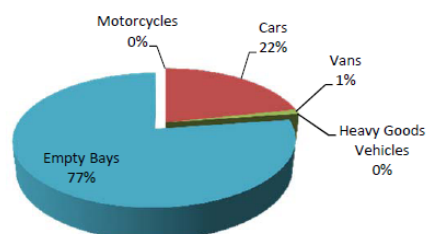
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Vehicle Type	Number	%
Motorcycles	0	0.00%
Cars	11	12.50%
Vans	1	1.14%
Heavy Goods Vehicles	0	0.00%
Empty Bays	76	86.36%
Permits	Number	%
Blue Badge	0	0.00%
Business	TBC	?
Pay & Display	TBC	?

**OCCUPATION - Saturday 11.02.2017
(10:00 - 11:00)**



Date:	11.02.2017	
Day:	Saturday	
Time:	13:00 - 14:00	
Vehicle Type	Number	%
Motorcycles	0	0.00%
Cars	19	21.59%
Vans	1	1.14%
Heavy Goods Vehicles	0	0.00%
Empty Bays	68	77.27%
Permits	Number	%
Blue Badge	0	0.00%
Business	TBC	?
Pay & Display	TBC	?

**OCCUPATION - Saturday 11.02.2017
(13:00 - 14:00)**



Date:	11.02.2017	
Day:	Saturday	
Time:	16:00 - 17:00	
Vehicle Type	Number	%
Motorcycles	0	0.00%
Cars	30	34.09%
Vans	0	0.00%
Heavy Goods Vehicles	0	0.00%
Empty Bays	58	65.91%
Permits	Number	%
Blue Badge	0	0.00%
Business	TBC	?
Pay & Display	TBC	?

**OCCUPATION - Saturday 11.02.2017
(16:00 - 17:00)**

