



## Environment Committee

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<b>Title</b>	<b>Car Park Charging - Parks</b>
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### Summary

In November 2018 the Committee were asked to consider the implementation of charging for the use of car parks in Greenspaces. The Committee requested that the Strategic Director: Environment develop and bring back to the Committee proposals setting out individual site basis prior to any implementation and present the proposals to a future meeting of the Committee.

This report sets out the full list of car parks and the proposals for each site.

## Officers Recommendations

1. That the Committee agrees the implementation of charging for the use of car parks in Greenspaces sites as proposed in this report and authorises the Strategic Director: Environment to consult on proposals on an individual site basis and that the charges are reported to Policy and Resources Committee for noting.
2. That the Committee agrees to delegate the authority to the Strategic Director: Environment to bring forth and implement charging in further sites in line with other parks car parks in the future should a business need arise.

### 1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

1.1.1 This report sets out the information as requested by the Committee on the 28 November 2018.

1.1.2 Car park charging in parks and open spaces. Indicative modelling suggests a net revenue in the order of £150,000 per annum is achievable, commencing in 2019/2020.

### 1.2 Parks Car Parks

The table below sets out a list of all the parks and car parks in the borough;

Park Name	Road name	Town	Postal Code	Ward
<b>Barnet Playing Fields</b>	Barnet Lane	Underhill	EN5	Underhill
<b>Bethune Recreation Ground</b>	Beaconsfield Road	Friern Barnet	N11N20	Coppetts
<b>Brook Farm/Wyatts Farm</b>	High Road	Whetstone	N20	Totteridge
<b>Copthall Playing Fields</b>	Page Street	Mill Hill	NW4 / NW7	Mill Hill
<b>Glebelands</b>	Summers Lane	Finchley	N12	Woodhouse
<b>Hendon Park</b>	Queens Road	Hendon	NW4	West Hendon
<b>King George V Playing Fields</b>	Barnet lane	Barnet	EN5	Totteridge
<b>Mill Hill Park</b>	Daws Lane	Mill Hill	NW7	Mill Hill
<b>Moat Mount Open Space</b>	Barnet Way	Mill Hill	EN5	Hale
<b>Oak Hill Park</b>	Parkside Gardens	East Barnet	EN4	East Barnet
<b>Old Courthouse Recreation Ground</b>	Manor Close	High Barnet	EN5	Underhill
<b>Scratchwood Open Space</b>	Barnet Way North Bound	Mill Hill	NW7	Hale
<b>Tudor Sports Ground</b>	Clifford Road	New Barnet	EN5	High Barnet
<b>Victoria Rec Recreation Ground</b>	Park Road	East Barnet	EN4	East Barnet
<b>West Hendon Playing Fields</b>	Goldsmith Avenue	West Hendon	NW9	West Hendon

Key	
	Existing scheme in place
	Phase 1
	Possible future sites

### 1.3 Hendon Park

A charging model for parking currently applies at Hendon Park and it is proposed that this is extended, with statutory consultation conducted on an individual site basis. The table below sets out the current charging tariff for Hendon Park;

Park Name	Road Name	Town	Postal Code	Ward	Number of Bays	Time Band		Price
<b>Hendon Park</b>	Queens Road	Hendon	NW4	West Hendon	15 Short Stay Bays + 5 Long Stay Bays = Total of 20 Bays	Short Stay Bays	Up to 30 mins	FOC
						Short Stay Bays	Up to 1 hour	£1.00
						Short Stay Bays	Up to 2 hours	£2.00
						Long Stay Bays	Up to 4 hours	£5.00
						Long Stay Bays	All Day	£6.00

#### 1.4 Phase 1 Charging for Car Park in Parks

Park Name	Road name	Town	Postal Code	Ward	Number of Bays	Draft - Time Band	Draft Price	
<b>Barnet Playing Fields</b>	Barnet Lane	Underhill	EN5	Underhill	51	-	Up to 2 hours*	FOC
						-	Up to 3 hours	£2.00
						-	Up to 4 hours	£3.00
						-	All Day	£6.00
<b>King George V Playing Fields</b>	Barnet lane	Barnet	EN5	Totteridge	Approx. 50 unmarked	-	Up to 2 hours*	FOC
						-	Up to 3 hours	£2.00
						-	Up to 4 hours	£3.00
						-	All Day	£6.00
<b>Mill Hill Park – Daws Lane Car Park</b>	Daws Lane	Mill Hill	NW7	Mill Hill	92 spaces 50/50 split between Short and Long Stay Bays.	Short Stay Bays	Up to 2 hours*	FOC
						Short Stay Bays	Up to 3 hours	£2.00
						Short Stay Bays	Up to 4 hours	£3.00
						Long Stay Bays	All Day	£6.00
<b>Mill Hill Park – Wise Lane Car Park</b>	Wise Lane	Mill Hill	NW7	Mill Hill	The car park would be locked with access only permitted to the leaseholders from the park.			
<b>Old Courthouse Recreation Ground</b>	Manor Close	High Barnet	EN5	Underhill	Approx. 20	-	Up to 30 mins	FOC
						-	Up to 1 hour	£1.00

						-	Up to 2 hours	£1.50
						-	Up to 3 hours	£2.00
<b>Scratchwood Open Space</b>	Barnet Way North Bound	Mill Hill	NW7	Hale	Approx. 80 unmarked	-	Up to 1 hour	50p
						-	Up to 2 hours	£1.00
						-	Up to 3 hours	£2.00
						-	Up to 4 hours	£3.00
						-	All Day	£6.00
<b>West Hendon Playing Fields – Large Car Park</b>	Goldsmith Avenue	West Hendon	NW9	West Hendon	Approx. 70	-	Up to 2 hours*	FOC
						-	Up to 3 hours	£2.00
						-	Up to 4 hours	£3.00
						-	All Day	£6.00
<b>West Hendon Playing Fields – Small Car Park</b>	Goldsmith Avenue	West Hendon	NW9	West Hendon	The car park would be locked with access only permitted to the Nursery and Bowls Club.			

\* To cover usage by football pitch bookings

- 1.5 All sites will be set up to accept Pay By Phone payments and with the exception of Scratchwood Open Space which would be Pay By Phone only, all sites would have a car park payment machine for card payments only.

## 2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 **Recommendations 1 and 2** – to ensure appropriate delivery of the POSS on a financially sustainable basis

## 3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 No alternative options have been considered as the above recommendations will contribute to the delivery of the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy.

#### **4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION**

- 4.1 If the Committee is minded to agree the above recommendations the Greenspaces Development Team will work with Highways colleagues in RE and undertake the statutory consultation required in order to introduce the Traffic Management Orders.
- 4.2 Once the statutory consultations have been completed the Traffic Management Orders will be introduced along with any infrastructure required to introduce the car park management plan.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

##### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

###### **5.1.1 The Council's Corporate Plan says:-**

- Barnet's Parks and Greenspaces will be amongst the best in London;
- Resident feedback consistently shows that Barnet's Park and Greenspaces are amongst its biggest assets and a strong influence for people deciding to live here;
- The Council recognises this and will continue to ensure that the Borough's Parks and Greenspaces are looked after;
- The Council will develop more innovative ways of maintaining its Parks and Greenspaces; including through greater partnerships with community groups and focus on using parks to achieve wider public health priorities for the Borough.

###### **5.1.2 Local Plan Policy CS7 says the Council will create a greener Borough by:-**

- Enhancing open spaces to provide improvements in overall quality and accessibility;
- Meeting increased demand for access to open space and opportunities for physical activity;
- By tackling deficiencies and under provision.

###### **5.1.3 Investment in and improvement of Barnet's greenspaces to support growth and wellbeing in Barnet will also result in the delivery of a range of outcomes linked to other Council strategies:-**

- Growth Strategy: creating the environment for growth;
- Regeneration Strategy;
- Fit and Active Barnet Strategy;
- Community Safety Strategy;
- Entrepreneurial Barnet Strategy.

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

###### **5.2.1 Finance, Value for Money and Procurement – Capital costs required to enable the introduction of charging in park car parks, will be subject to approval by the Policy and Resources Committee for inclusion in the capital programme.**

###### **5.2.2 Value for money will be achieved by use of competitive tendering for the appointment of**

consultants to develop the next stages of the masterplans and proposed improvements to the sites, in accordance with the Council's Contract Procedure Rules.

5.2.3 The Constitution requires that all new charges, and charges that are proposed to be increased by more than inflation plus 2%, are agreed by the relevant Theme Committee, and also reported to Policy and Resources Committee for noting.

5.3 **Staffing** – Delivery of the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy will require appropriate capacity and capability in the organisation; including within the commissioning arrangements.

5.4 **IT** – None at this time

5.5 **Sustainability** – The Parks and Open Spaces Strategy and associated initiatives detailed in this report seek to protect, improve and enhance the natural environment of Barnet. The individual projects to be delivered during implementation of the strategy will be developed and delivered in accordance with both environmental and financial principles.

5.6 **Social Value**

5.6.1 The Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 requires people who commission public services to think about how they can also secure wider social, economic and environmental benefits. The key themes within the Parks and Open Spaces Strategy are:-

- Social outcomes and benefits;
- Environmental Outcomes and Benefits;
- Economic Outcomes and Benefits.

5.7 **Legal and Constitutional References**

5.7.1 Local authorities have a number of different statutory powers in relation to: parks and open spaces, the purchase and maintenance of public walks or pleasure grounds under the Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976, including wide powers to provide recreational facilities. The Open Spaces Act 1906 provides that local authorities shall hold and administer open space in trust to allow the enjoyment of it by the public and shall maintain and keep the open space in a good and decent state.

5.7.2 The Council's Constitution (Article 7 – Committees, Forums and Partnerships) sets out the terms of reference for the Environment Committee :-

- 1) "Responsibility for all borough-wide or cross-constituency matters relating to the street-scene including parking, road safety, lighting, street cleaning, transport, waste, waterways, refuse, recycling, allotments, parks, trees, crematoria and mortuary, trading standards and environmental health;
- 2) To submit to the Policy and Resources Committee proposals relating to the Committee's budget for the following year in accordance with the budget timetable;
- 3) To make recommendations to Policy and Resources Committee on issues relating to the budget for the Committee, including virements or underspends and overspends on the budget. No decisions which result in amendments to the agreed budget may be made by the Committee unless and until the amendment has been agreed by the Policy and Resources Committee;

- 4) To receive reports on relevant performance information and risk on the services under the remit of the Committee.”

## 5.8 Risk Management

5.8.1 The management of risk is undertaken on a continual basis and reported as part of the Council’s Quarterly Performance regime and considered as part of the Performance and Contract Management Committee quarterly monitoring report.

5.8.2 Risks are managed through the project boards and are reviewed and revised at board meetings. The current key risk areas are:-

	Rating Criteria	1: Low	2: Medium	3: High
1.	Total investment required	X		
2.	Potential benefits	X		
3.	Return on investment	X		
4.	Planning	X		
5.	Political sensitivity		X	
6.	Fit with corporate objectives	X		
7.	Users/DU’s impacted		X	
	Total score	9		

## 5.9 Equalities and Diversity

5.9.1 Under section 149(1) of the Equality Act 2010 (EA 2010) the Council must, in the exercise of its functions have due regard to the need to:-

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

5.9.2 Relevant protected characteristics are:- age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex, sexual orientation.

5.9.3 The purpose of the initiatives described in this report is to ensure that the broad diversity of Barnet’s residents and communities continue to enjoy the benefits of these community assets and that their needs and aspirations are reflected in the provision that the Council makes.

5.9.4 Equalities Impact Assessments will be developed on a scheme by scheme basis so as to ensure compliance with the requirements of the Equality Act 2010 and that the needs of the communities and groups are fully taken into account in the development of schemes.

## 5.10 **Consultation and Engagement**

5.10.1 Statutory consultation will be completed should the committee be minded to agree with the recommendations set out in this report.

## 6. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

6.1 [28 November 2018 Environment Committee, Item 11 - Implementation of the Council's Parks and Open Spaces Strategy](#)