

KINGS MOAT CAR PARK – TEMPORARY PLANNING PERMISSION

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Kings Moat pay and display car park in Farnborough has been operating under a temporary planning permission for a number of years. The current permission expires in May this year. The purpose of the report is to seek authority to apply for a further temporary permission.

Recommendation:

Cabinet is recommended to authorise the Head of Operational Services to apply for temporary planning permission for the Kings Moat Car Park in Westmead Farnborough, for 3 years from May 2020.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This paper seeks approval to apply for temporary planning permission for the Kings Moat Car Park in Westmead Farnborough, for a further 3 years from May 2020

2. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL

- 2.1. In December 2007, the Council granted temporary planning permission for this informal leisure land, next to the library, to be used as a public pay and display car park, offering 58 spaces. The temporary permission was given to ensure there was sufficient parking in the town, as parking on the nearby Queensmead Car Park would not have been available during the construction of the proposed new cinema complex on that site. The cinema has since been provided within the Kingsmead Shopping Centre but the car park has been retained and provides an income to the Council.
- 2.2. The site falls within the Civic Quarter redevelopment site and over the coming years will be part of the regeneration scheme but in the meantime it makes sense to retain the area as a public car park.
- 2.3. The Council's current constitution requires consent from Cabinet for the submission of planning applications involving Council owned land.

Alternative Options

- 2.4. The Council could choose not to apply for Planning Permission to Operate the car park but given its current use and the income that it generates this is not the best option.

Consultation

- 2.5. As part of the planning process, there will be consultation with local neighbours.

3. IMPLICATIONS (of proposed course of action)

Risks

- 3.1. There are no significant risks associated with the continued operation of this car park.
- 3.2. Failure to receive Planning Permission for the operation of the car park would result in closure.

Financial Implications

- 3.3. The car park attracts 66,500 visits a year with an income after VAT of £60k. The operational expenditure is £8k.

Equalities Impact Implications

- 3.4. Closure of the King Moat Car Park could result in reduced ease of access to parts of the town centre for customers with mobility issues.

4. CONCLUSIONS

- 4.1. Cabinet are being asked to authorise the Head of Operations to apply for planning permission to allow the continued operation of the King Moat car park.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

1. Cabinet report No COMM1402 – Kings Moat Car Park, Westmead, Farnborough
2. Planning Application 17/00351/FUL

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