

11. LESLIE STREET (CHURCH CORNER) CAR PARK

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PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek the support of the Board for consultation to be carried out with commercial property owners and business owners in the immediate vicinity of what is known as the Leslie Street car park, situated at Church Corner, with the aim of determining the level of support for formalising a time-limit parking restriction within one of the Council owned portions of this car park.

BACKGROUND

This matter has arisen as a result of representations being made by the owner's representative of the West Plaza Mall, together with the owners of some businesses in this mall, who have requested that a time-limit parking restriction be imposed on the Council owned part of the Leslie Street car park that is situated adjacent to the mall.

Approximately 50% of the Leslie Street car park is owned by the Council, this holding being in two separate parts as shown on the attached plan. The area to which the representations relate is that encompassed by Lots 1 (DP 58267) and 18 (DP 201), at street numbers 11 and 13, shown in pink on the plan.

The requesters propose that a P120 (or similar) parking restriction be imposed within this part of the car park, the objective being to prohibit all day parking by commuters.

DISCUSSION

From the results of limited monitoring of the car park prior to Christmas last year it is apparent that at times around 40 to 50% of the vehicles parked within it belong to commuters, rather than people shopping and/or doing business in the immediate area. Further, feedback resulting from a notice being placed under a windscreen wiper of vehicles parked all day prior to Christmas clearly indicated that the majority of vehicles parked for long periods belong to people who work in businesses adjacent to, or within close proximity of, the car park.

Given the high level of all day parking evident when monitoring was carried out it would seem that this is accepted practice on the part of a significant number of people working in businesses adjacent to the car park, and whilst requests to impose a time-restriction have been received this may not represent the view of other property owners and their tenants.

Consequently, it is proposed to consult with property owners and businesses serviced by the car park to determine the level of support, or otherwise, for imposing a time-limit parking restriction within the area shown in pink on the attached plan.

Staff

Recommendation: That the Board support consultation with property owners and businesses adjacent to the Leslie Street car park to determine the level of support for imposing a time-limit parking restriction within the Council owned portion of the car park encompassed by Lots 1 (DP 8267) and 18 (DP 201).

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Recommendation: That the officer's recommendation be adopted.