

Cirencester Parking Demand Project

Meeting notes 3rd September 2015

Please note these notes are available to the public except any sections shown in yellow which must remain confidential.

- 1. Apologies:** Councillor Sue Jepson
Attendees: Councillors Nick Parsons, Chris Hancock and Mark Harris
Christine Gore, Claire Locke, Christine Cushway, Philippa Lowe

2. Actions from last meeting

Need evidence to show impact on parking before can negotiate with developers over provision – currently analysing survey data and looking at what additional information may be required.
Need to establish what the developments impact is and what the options are for dealing with it.

Survey data obtained shows that there is capacity in car parks at various times of the day. We have told permit holders that they can park in alternative car parks i.e. Waterloo. The data can be used to better manage the capacity by trying to encourage people to park in alternative car parks. Will feed into stakeholder meetings where the capacity is – they could trial this.

ACTION CARRIED FORWARD – Requirement for developers to meet their own parking needs on-site, needs to be covered in Local Plan (PL)

3. Terms of reference

Some minor amendments – otherwise TORs agreed.

4. Project Initiation Document

Current version agreed.

5. Site specific discussion

Old Memorial Hospital site (Sheep street car park)

There has already been Council approval to dispose of this site and start marketing it but with caveats regarding no loss of parking. Need to understand demand and also assess how much developers are likely to do to provide parking. Maintaining disused building is expensive but the site provides 76 parking spaces. Total demolition did not initially appear to be an option as English Heritage objected to its removal for provision of additional parking. Demolishing the back whilst retaining the front of the building, would provide about 20 additional spaces but cost £600K approx. to demolish rear section and refurbish retained building. Building is not listed and provision of additional parking would contribute to the vitality of the town – so this may provide greatest public interest. There will be local sensitivities.

ACTIONS – Check when receipt from sale of OMH site is in financial plan (CL).

- **Discuss site with stakeholder groups to get their views (CL)**

DECISION - Boards advice to Cabinet – not to actively pursue marketing at this time.

Will need to do some protective work – need to consider whether to do short term repairs or just put hoarding around to prevent entry or injury.

Brewery car park

Decision taken to dispose of the Council land to facilitate the development, now discussing access arrangements, position of hoardings etc. Likely to be on-site Nov/Dec. 2015. The survey data can be used to tell motorists where there is alternative capacity. There will be a permanent loss of 25 spaces, and an additional 25 -30 spaces will be temporarily lost during construction.

Market place work will start in Nov – phased but will result in some loss of spaces.

Text has been deleted to protect confidential information relating to specific negotiations with site owners, site purchase and lease negotiations and financial data which cannot yet be made public.

If a car park is developed as a Strategic site we could seek CIL or S.106 funding for implementation.

The planned Improvement programme for CDC car parks will result in a loss of car park spaces.

ACTION - need to calculate the impact of this loss of spaces (CL).

6. Stakeholder consultation

Three stakeholder consultation meetings planned in for September – feedback to Board at next meeting. Board expressed concern whether we are reaching retailers as they aren't widely represented within the Chamber of Commerce.

7. Cabinet Report

Board agreed that as we are unsure exactly what feasibility works will be required the amount requested should be increased from £50,000 to “up to £75,000”.

ACTIONS - Circulate survey results to Board Members (CL)

- **Calculate how many unused business spaces there are– how many additional permits for Waterloo could we provide? (CL)**

Date of next meeting: 23 November 2015