

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC REPRESENTATIONS PANEL

13 JUNE 2013

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>OBJECTIONS: REVOCATION OF TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER ON MANOR ROAD CAR PARK, WALLASEY</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>LISCARD</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>HEAD OF ENVIRONMENT AND REGULATION</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to consider an objection to the revocation of a Traffic Regulation Order on an existing car park at Manor Road, Wallasey. The car park has been declared surplus to the Council's land and property assets and a decision has been taken to dispose of it.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

- 2.1 A review has recently been undertaken in respect of the Council's vacant land and buildings to determine whether such assets are required by the Council or whether they are surplus to requirements. As part of this process the Head of Environment and Regulation has been asked to identify car parks which he feels are surplus. It has been established that Manor Road Car Park is no longer required for Council purposes and is considered appropriate for sale.
- 2.2 The Manor Road Car Park (see Drawing No DR&E/3/13) comprises a 'free' car park, which is laid out for 12 spaces, extending to approximately 334 sqm. Advertising hoardings on the car park currently generate an income of £1,920 per annum.
- 2.3 The existing car park is currently subject to a Traffic Regulation Order called Off Street Parking Places Consolidation Order 2003. Any changes to the use of the car park would involve revoking the existing order. The procedure to revoke the Traffic Regulation Order consisted of Officers arranging for statutory notices to be put on the site and for an advert to be placed in the Wirral Globe to inform users of the potential loss of the parking facilities. This process resulted in one objection being received for the Manor Road car park site which is covered in 2.4 below.
- 2.4 Manor Road Car Park Objection – The objection to the disposal of this car park was received from a local resident who uses this car park as it is the nearest available parking to her home. The resident is a Blue Badge holder and outside of her property on Manor Road there are double yellow lines. The resident suggests that the car park should be made residents' only parking and that she would be prepared to pay for a permit. She also states that there is not enough disabled parking in the first place across the Borough.

- 2.4.1 **Due to budget constraints it would not be financially viable to invest in making Manor Road car park pay and display or resident's only parking. There is already sufficient capacity in the nearby car park accessed from Liscard Village. Blue badge holders can park for up to 3 hours on double yellow lines and free of charge for an unlimited amount of time in all Council pay and display car parks. The Council are consulting with the objector on implementing additional spaces for blue badge holders within the Liscard Village car park if this would assist the resident in parking.**

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 3.1 There is a risk that the property will not sell at auction; however, the Council will only be charged a fee if a sale is successful.
- 3.2 The sale will remove the risk of liability for any future repair and maintenance of the site.

### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 The Council has taken a decision to dispose of the car park and offer it for sale.
- 4.2 If the car park does not sell at auction then it will be retained as a Council asset.

### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 Ward Members have been asked for their views on the revocation of the traffic order that is required for the disposal of the car park.
- 5.2 As part of the procedure to revoke the Traffic Order in place, Officers arranged for statutory notices to be put on the site and for an advert to be placed in the Wirral Globe to inform users of the potential loss of the parking facilities.

### **6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

- 6.1 There are no specific implications under this heading arising from this report.

### **7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

- 7.1 Should the land sell at auction, it will generate a receipt and the purchaser will pay to the Council 2% of the gavel fee, with a minimum of £1,000, towards the Council's fees. If the land does not sell, no costs will be charged to the Council.
- 7.2 The sale will also result in a loss of revenue income, currently agreed at £1,920 per annum for the advertising display located on the Manor Road car park site.
- 7.3 The sale of the car park site will generate a Capital receipt for the Council.
- 7.4 Existing staff resources will be utilised in the progression of this proposal.

### **8.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 As part of the process a legal procedure was followed to inform of the planned disposal.
- 8.2 The Traffic Regulation Order in place is required to be revoked so that the sale can proceed. In order to revoke the Order a statutory process has been followed to advertise this.

## 9.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 The disposal of the Manor Road site will result in the loss of one parking space currently marked for disabled use.
- 9.2 Blue badge holders can park for up to 3 hours on single & double yellow lines and free of charge for an unlimited amount of time in all Council pay and display car parks. The Council are prepared to introduce a number of additional spaces for blue badge holders within the adjacent Liscard Village car park, if required.

## 10.0 CARBON REDUCTION IMPLICATIONS

- 10.1 There are no carbon reduction implications arising directly from this report.

## 11.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The disposal of the car park has been assessed in terms of highways and traffic and the proposal does not present any road safety issues.

## 12.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

- 12.1 The report recommends that the Panel note the objection and that the proposal be recommended to the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee for authority to revoke the Traffic Regulation Order so that the site can be disposed.

## 13.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 13.1 To allow an existing Traffic Regulation Order to be revoked which will allow the site to be disposed. The site has been identified as surplus within the Council's land and property assets.

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## APPENDICES

Location plan for Manor Road Car Park.

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

Comments from the objector have been used in the preparation of this report.

## SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date



# Equality Impact Assessment Toolkit (from May 2012)

## Section 1: Your details

**EIA lead Officer:** Mike Peet

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**Head of Section:** Mark Smith

**Chief Officer:** Kevin Adderley

**Department:** Regeneration and Environment Directorate

**Date:** 30 May 2013

## Section 2: What Council proposal is being assessed?

To revoke an existing Traffic Regulation Order on a car park, which will allow the site to be disposed.

**Section 2b:** Will this EIA be submitted to a Cabinet or Overview & Scrutiny Committee?

**Yes** If 'yes' please state which meeting and what date

**Yes. 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 – Regeneration and Environment Policy and performance Committee.**

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**Please add hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published on the Council's website**

**Section 3: Does the proposal have the potential to affect.....** (please tick relevant boxes)

- Services**
- The workforce**
- Communities**
- Other** (please state eg: Partners, Private Sector, Voluntary & Community Sector)

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 4.

**None** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for publishing)

**Section 4: Does the proposal have the potential to maintain or enhance the way the Council .....** (please tick relevant boxes)

- Eliminates unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation
- Advances equality of opportunity
- Fosters good relations between groups of people

If you have ticked one or more of above, please go to section 5.

**No** (please stop here and email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for publishing)

**Section 5:**

**Could the proposal have a positive or negative impact on any of the protected groups (race, gender, disability, gender reassignment, age, pregnancy and maternity, religion and belief, sexual orientation, marriage and civil partnership)?**

**You may also want to consider socio-economic status of individuals.**

**Please list in the table below and include actions required to mitigate any potential negative impact.**

<b>Which group(s) of people could be affected</b>	<b>Potential positive or negative impact</b>	<b>Action required to mitigate any potential negative impact</b>	<b>Lead person</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Resource implications</b>
Disability – (disabled people)	Neutral – Whilst the disposal of the car park identified in the report will result in one disabled parking space being removed, additional disabled parking spaces can be provided at an adjacent car park.	Creation of additional priority parking spaces for ‘Blue Badge’ holders.	Steve Atkins	Dependent upon panel decision and disposal of land	Contained within existing Revenue Budget

**Section 5a:       Where and how will the above actions be monitored?**

The Council could introduce additional priority disabled parking spaces within an adjacent car park. Discussions with WIRED over the number of such priority parking spaces is already undertaken for parking.

**Section 5b:       If you think there is no negative impact, what is your reasoning behind this?**

The proposal will assist the Council to control and manage its parking assets on street and in Council operated car parks for all road users.

**Section 6: What research / data / information have you used in support of this process?**

Car parking data has been used to identify the site for disposal.

**Section 7:       Are you intending to carry out any consultation with regard to this Council proposal?**

Yes

If 'yes' please continue to section 8.

If 'no' please state your reason(s) why:

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## **Section 8: How will consultation take place and by when?**

Statutory notices were put on the site and an advert placed in the Wirral Globe to inform users of the potential loss of the parking facilities.

Before you complete your consultation, please email your preliminary EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer in order for the Council to ensure it is meeting it's legal requirements. The EIA will be published with a note saying we are awaiting outcomes from a consultation exercise.

Once you have completed your consultation, please review your actions in section 5. Then email this form to your Chief Officer who needs to email it to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) for re-publishing.

## **Section 9: Have you remembered to:**

- a) **Add appropriate departmental hyperlink to where your EIA is/will be published (section 2b)**
- b) **Include any potential positive impacts as well as negative impacts? (section 5)**
- c) **Send this EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer?**
- d) **Review section 5 once consultation has taken place and sent your completed EIA to [equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk](mailto:equalitywatch@wirral.gov.uk) via your Chief Officer for re-publishing?**