



Report To:	SPEAKERS PANEL (PLANNING)
Date:	14 November 2018
Reporting Officer:	Ian Saxon – Director of Operations and Neighbourhoods
Subject:	OBJECTIONS TO PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE OFF STREET PARKING ORDER TO INTRODUCE EXTEND THE EXISTING PAY AND DISPLAY CAR PARK AT FLEET STREET, ASHTON UNDER LYNE
Report Summary:	The report outlines correspondence received from objectors to the proposals.
Recommendations:	It is recommended the panel approve changes to the TMBC Off Street Parking Places Order 2009 to extend the existing Pay and Display Car Park at Fleet Street Ashton under Lyne.
Links to Community Strategy:	The proposals underpin a number of targets within the Tameside Community Strategy (2009-2019) and more especially in the promotion of a Prosperous, Safe Environment through the provision of controlled car parking in our Town Centres and elsewhere.
Policy Implications:	None arising from the report.
Financial Implications: (Authorised by the Section 151 Officer)	The change to the Off Street Parking Order will be funded by the Car Park revenue budget. Income received from the introduction of pay and display will contribute to the overall car park budget.
Legal Implications: (Authorised by the Borough Solicitor)	The council has the power to provide off-street parking places for the purpose of relieving congestion of traffic.
Risk Management:	Objectors have a limited right to challenge the Orders in the High Court.
Access to the documents:	<p>Drawing No.001: Proposed extension of 'the extension to the Pay and Display car park Fleet Street East No.2 Ashton under Lyne.</p> <p>All documentation can be viewed by contacting Jody Hawkins. Traffic Operations by:</p> <p> Telephone: 0161 342 2932</p> <p> e-mail: jody.hawkins@tameside.gov.uk</p>

1 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Ashton has seen many changes in recent times and demand has driven the need for additional parking throughout the town. The introduction of additional car parks has been welcomed in general and the introduction of paid parking may increase demand in certain areas of the town centre.
- 1.2 A delegated Decision Report to advertise additional car parks in St Petersfield was signed on 27 February 2017, following consultation with statutory consultees, ward members residents and other members of the public.
- 1.3 A public consultation in line with legislation covering the off street car parking order was undertaken and ended on the 1 June 2018 to advertise the extension of the pay and display car parking facilities on Fleet Street Ashton.
- 1.4 Essentially this involved the car park to the rear of the Ashton Primary Care Centre (APCC), which is not currently open to the public, becoming pay and display and able to be used by all drivers.
- 1.5 One objection was received from a worker at the APCC. The points of objection and the responses are listed below:

2 OBJECTIONS

- 2.1 The objector says the NHS staff have to use the car park as there is insufficient parking provision at the APCC to accommodate the volume of staff that use the building.
- 2.2 As the community staff at the APCC are required to use their cars to serve the people of Tameside it is unfair to charge them at work.
- 2.3 The location is not suitable for pay and display as there is no demand for more parking spaces as Fleet Street car park (adjacent to the car park under discussion) is not used to capacity.
- 2.4 NHS staff will be forced to park on the nearby streets causing congestion problems to the neighbourhood. It will cause additional time walking to and from their vehicles which will impact on their clinical duties.

3 OFFICER RESPONSE

- 3.1 The number and location of parking spaces will not change nor will the ability of the APCC staff to park there.
- 3.2 The Council has historically introduced pay and display parking on its car parks so that the revenue can be raised to provide more parking for the borough and to maintain the car parks we already have. Rates and utilities bills have to be paid and the surface maintained. NHS staff will not be restricted from using the car park but anyone wishing to do so should have to pay for the privilege. Other businesses and workers in the town centre and borough have to pay to park.
- 3.3 There are many changes proposed to Ashton Town Centre that will affect the way in which we park. The introduction of on street parking charges will reduce congestion on the roads and migrate parking to the car parks. The suggestion that the smaller car park adjacent to APCC car park is underused is possibly due to the fact that there is free parking at the APCC car park.

- 3.4 Parking charges were introduced many years ago for Council staff and there was some migration to nearby roads. This was controlled at junctions by waiting restrictions where necessary. A lot of the town centre is already covered by waiting restrictions at junctions for safety reasons and will remain so. There will be an element of displaced parking but this will be minimal as car owners will be able to purchase permits to park at the same rate as other workers and businesses, which is a discount on the daily rate. It is the responsibility of the HNS staff to manage their work schedule. Staff that do not need to use their cars for work may decide they wish to use public transport instead.

4 FUNDING

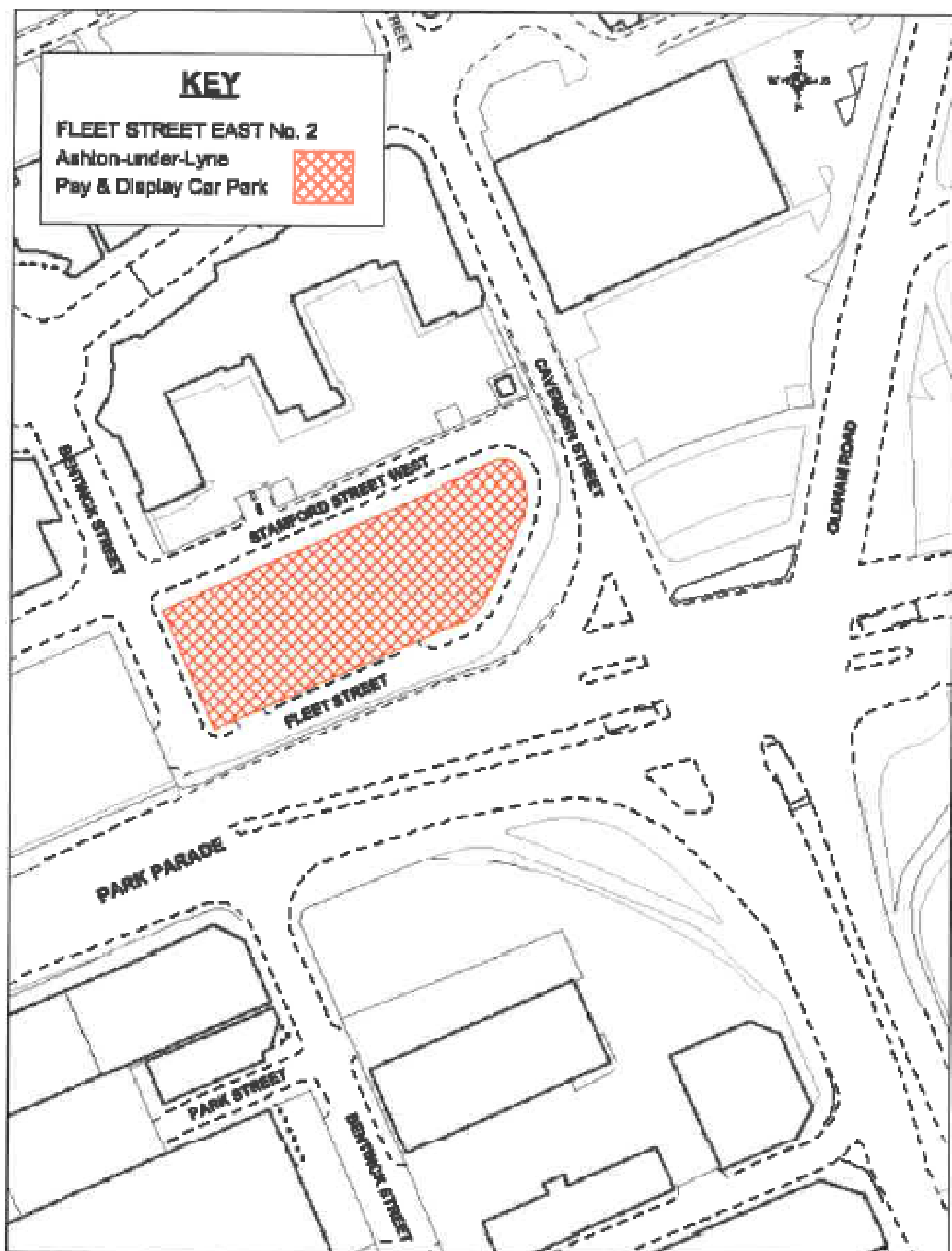
- 4.1 The change to the Off Street Parking Order will be funded by the Car Park revenue budget

5 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 As the original public consultation contained more elements than simply Fleet Street the proposal was written with all the changes required. There were no objections to the other parts of the proposals and it is intended that these be introduced unchanged.
- 5.2 The formal proposal below includes those other elements for completeness and legal accuracy only and they do not form part of this objection report.
- 5.3 The Tameside Metropolitan Borough Council (Off Street Parking Places) Order 2009 shall have the effect as in Schedule 4 to that Order the plan for Fleet Street East No. 2 and St Peters Street and the plan for Fleet Street were removed therefrom and substituted with four plans for (a) Fleet Street – Ashton under Lyne, (b) Fleet Street East No. 2 – Ashton under Lyne, (c) St Peters Street – Ashton under Lyne and (d) Darnton Road No. 2 – Stalybridge.
- 5.4 The plan for Fleet St East No 2 is shown below.

6. RECOMMENDATION

- 6.1 As set out at the front of the report.



FLEET STREET EAST No. 2 - Ashton under Lyne, Pay & Display Car Park

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