

## EXTENSION OF FREE PARKING AT MUTLEY BARRACKS AND NAPIER TERRACE CAR PARK

### I. INTRODUCTION

- I.1. The Council is committed to supporting Plymouth's shopping districts and local communities whereby this report seeks delegated authority to implement amendments to The City of Plymouth (Off Street Places) Order 2007 to extend the provision of free parking within the Napier Terrace and Mutley Barracks car parks.
- I.2. This proposals within this report support the Council's priorities for '**A vibrant economy, developing quality jobs and skills**' and is aligned to our values as a **Responsible** Council, ensuring we take responsibility to support businesses and communities in challenging economic times.
- I.3. The proposals within this report support the delivery of the administration's commitment to extend free parking at Napier Terrace and Mutley Barracks car parks and support the administration's commitment to maintaining free parking at district shopping centres to support local communities within Whiteleigh, St. Budeaux, Plymstock, Plympton, Estover, West Park, Stoke, Devonport, Leigham, Mountbatten, Crownhill and Mutley Plain.
- I.4. The proposals within this report are part of wider package of support and Council commitments to supporting local businesses and trading conditions within Mutley Plain, which includes the installation of new CCTV cameras within the Napier Terrace car park.

### 2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1. Proposals to extend the existing 2 hours free parking to 3 hours free parking at the Mutley Barracks & Napier Terrace Car Parks were advertised, as part of statutory consultation, from 24<sup>th</sup> June, for a period of 21 days. Notices were displayed On Street, within the local media, and information made available on the Plymouth City Council website; these notices advised how people were able to submit representations to the proposals.
- 2.2. The consultation closed on 15<sup>th</sup> July where one representation was received (see figure I.1)

Figure I.1 – Representations and Response

	Representation	Response
I.	<p>I refer to the recent proposal regarding the change of parking tariffs at Napier Terrace and Mutley Barracks car parks.</p> <p>As a local resident living in Mannamead with 2 young children therefore necessitating the need to drive occasionally, I am supportive of the proposals for increased 3 hour free parking at both car parks, and the £50 season ticket at Napier Terrace is useful for local workers.</p>	<p>Thank you for your recent comments towards the proposals – 2021.2137261</p> <p>Your comments have been logged on our records and will be considered as part of the final decision making process. At the end of the consultation period, a report will be</p>

<p>However, I am concerned about extending the £50 monthly season ticket to the Mutley Barracks car park. The Mutley Barracks car park is small with a limited number of spaces. It is at the Northern end of Mutley Plain near to a number of businesses who, if they took season tickets for their staff, would easily take up a chunk of these spaces reducing the availability for casual shoppers and visitors - thereby completing defeating the object of the proposals to enable shopping and support local business.</p> <p>At Napier, the season ticket and pay and display parking are separate, and the season ticket holders therefore do not affect or decrease the number of spaces for visitors and shoppers. The continued monthly season ticket there seems sensible and appropriate.</p> <p>Given the small number of spaces at Mutley Barracks, I would ask you to reconsider the monthly £50 season ticket at this particular car park, but again, I support the other proposals.</p>	<p>prepared summarising any concerns that have been raised and making recommendations. In line with the statutory process, the decision on whether or not to proceed with these proposals will be made by the Cabinet Member for Transport.</p> <p>You will be notified if, and when, the proposals will be implemented.</p>
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### 3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1. In considering the representations received it is proposed to implement the amendments to Napier Terrace and Mutley Barracks as advertised in order to provide additional support to the businesses and local community within Mutley. Such amendments will also support the Councils commitment to extend free parking in these car parks and the Councils wider commitment to support Plymouth districts through maintaining free parking.

### 4. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1. The lawful implications and consequences of the proposal have been considered and taken into account in the preparation of this report.
- 4.2. When considering whether to make a traffic order it is the Council's responsibility to ensure that all relevant legislation is complied with. This includes Section 122 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) that sets out that it is the duty of a local authority, so far as practicable subject to certain matters, to secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of vehicular and other traffic (including pedestrians) and the provision of suitable and adequate parking facilities on and off the highway. It is considered that the proposals comply with Section 122 of the Act as they practically secure the safe and expeditious movement of traffic in and around Plymouth and provide for suitable and adequate associated parking facilities.

### 5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1. It is not possible to accurately determine the financial implications of extending from 2 hours to 3 hours free parking at both Mutley Barracks and Napier Terrace car parks as it is not

possible to predetermine customer behaviour; however this decision is expected to have an adverse implication on parking income.

5.2. Whilst not possible to accurately forecast the impact of this decision, it reasonable to make some assumptions: -

- 5.2.1. A significant number of the existing customers utilising '£3 up to four hours' will seek to undertake their business within the new 3 hour free period;
- 5.2.2. A number of the longer stay customers may choose to operate within the new 3 hour free period, however the value rate of £50 a month will incentivise long stay use;
- 5.2.3. A number of paid for On Street customers may migrate to use the new 3 hours free parking;

5.3. Applying these assumption to the car parks data from 19/20 (pre Covid-19 impact) we anticipate that the extension of the free parking will see a £55k reduction of parking revenue in 21/22 and £83k from 22/23 (based on 19/20 levels of income).

5.4. There is a cost of £2k to implement this decision relating to the publication of public notices, car park signage and reconfiguration of parking payment systems. This is to be funded from the Off Street Parking Trading Account.

## **6. RECOMMENDATION**

6.1. It is recommended to implement the changes as advertised, to implement the following amendment to The City of Plymouth (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2007 (as amended):

- 6.1.1. To change the tariffs at both Napier Terrace Car Park and Mutley Barracks Car Park to 'Up to 3 hours free', 'Over 3 hours £5' and '£50 per month.