

## **Implementation of Time Restricted Parking (Pay & Display) in Regent Street/Lipson Road Car Park and Permit Holder only parking in Oceansgate**

### **1. INTRODUCTION**

- 1.1. The Council is committed to supporting Plymouths 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 establish time restricted parking within Regent Street Car Park and to support Oceansgate science park with Permit Holder Parking at any time to ensure tenant of the park are able to park freely in line with their tenancy..
- 1.2. This proposals within this report support the Councils 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.
- 1.3. The proposals within this report support the delivery of 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 & Devils Point and this will be further augmented by the expansion to Regent Street/Lipson Road Surface Car Park
- 1.4. The proposals within this report are part of wider package of support and Council commitments to supporting local residents and visitors, which includes the assessment for installation of new CCTV cameras and lighting within the car park

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1. Proposals to establish parking controls in Regent Street (free for three hours, £5 all day and Zone D permit holder exempt) & Oceansgate Science Park (Permit Holders only at any time) were advertised, as part of statutory consultation, from 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022, 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 11<sup>th</sup> April 2022 where zero representation were received. (see figure 1.1)

### **3. PROPOSAL**

- 3.1. In considering the representations received it is proposed to implement the amendments to Regent Street Surface Car Park as advertised in order to provide additional support to the visitors and local community to the area. Such amendments will also support the Councils 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. The financial implication will be approximately £5k for the Traffic Order and the installation of the Pay & Display Machine, Income will then be generated by the enforcement of overstaying vehicles and the purchasing of daily parking sessions this should therefore enable the car park to operate on a break even basis.
- 5.2. The Oceansgate development costs will be met by tenants of the science park and will break even
- 5.3. Whilst not possible to accurately forecast the impact of this decision, it reasonable to make some assumptions: -
- 5.4. The cost of £5k 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 implement a tariff of 3 Hours free parking, over three hours £5 with Zone D Permit Holders exemp
- 6.1.2. To Implement Permit Holders only at any time in Oceansgate Science Park