

MOUNT EDGCUMBE JOINT COMMITTEE

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Subject: Review of Car Parking and Charges at Mount Edgcumbe Country Park

Committee: Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee

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Executive Summary: This report reviews the car parks at Mount Edgcumbe, compares charges in existing Pay and Display car parks with District Council owned car parks, gives costings to install and operate pay and display car parking at the two free Mount Edgcumbe car parks and makes recommendations.

Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Human Resources: If the Joint Committee accept the recommendation to leave the current pay and display charges at their current rate then it would be expected that income generated during the next financial year would be in line with current income. By increasing the cost of a concession ticket the Joint Committee could expect to receive a further £750, giving a total income of £4,000 in 2005/06. Should the Joint Committee decide to introduce Pay and Display at Maker and Rame car parks then a capital sum of £13,460 would need to be found as well as annual revenue costs of £10,970, against which income of £10,000 is forecast.

Other Implications: If Pay and Display car parking charges are introduced to Maker and Rame car parks it may exclude some current users of the Park and may cause problems with overspill car parking in neighbouring fields not within the Joint Committee's ownership.

**Recommendations
& Reasons for
Recommended
action:**

It is recommended that:-

- i. Keep the current Pay and Display charges at their current level.
- ii. Increase the cost of the concessionary ticket from £15.00 to £18.00 for a full year and pro-rata for part thereof.
- iii. Do not introduce car parking charges at Maker and Rame Head as the capital cost cannot be contained within the forecasted additional income, unless the extra car park duties required at these remote sites are contained within the existing ranger duties through rescheduling work priorities.

**Alternative Options
Considered &
reasons for
recommended
action:**

None

Background Papers:

Mount Edgcumbe Capital and Revenue Budgets.
Mount Edgcumbe Car Parking file.
Caradon District Council's Scale of Car Parking Charges for the District.

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1. Introduction

1.1 The Mount Edgcumbe Joint Committee have four car parks under their direct control. These are Rame Head and Maker, which are free, and Barrow Park and Cremyll, which are pay and display. The pay and display has been in operation for 6 years, so it is an appropriate time to review their operation.

2. Pay and Display Car Parks – Cremyll and Barrow Parks :

2.1 The Parking charges for these two car parks are as follows:-

Up to 1 hour - 0.45 p
Up to 4 hours - £1.80p
Over 4 hours - £2.60p

2.2 At these rates the two car parks are expected to generate around £35,000 for the financial year 04/05.

2.3 These charges are comparable with charges levied by Caradon District Council in their Car Parks at Tregantle, Sharrow and Cawsand.

2.4 The District Council's Charges are :-

Tregantle - Up to 2 hours 0.50p
Sharrow - Up to 10 hours £2.50p

There are no charges during the winter months for these car parks.

Cawsand 1 hour 0.50p
2 hours 0.80p
3 hours £1.10p
4 hours £1.50p
Up to 10 hours £2.50p

Concessions in this car park only for local residents is £55.00

2.5 Members may wish to consider raising the charges in Cremyll and Barrow Park or as they are comparable with the District Council's charges, leave them as they are for the next financial year

3. Concessionary Car Parking Tickets

3.1 Concessionary Car Parking tickets are available at a cost of £10 plus £5 administration fee to the members of the public who are on the electoral roll in the following parishes, Maker-with-Rame, Millbrook, Antony and Sheviock. This concession was given for

two reasons, it recognised the fact that many people from these Parishes visited the Park on a daily basis throughout the year and that Cremyll Car Park was used as a Park & Ride by local people working and attending school/college in Plymouth. The Friends of Mount Edgumbe Country Park are also eligible to a concessionary ticket.

3.2 Pro-rata concessionary tickets are sold to the residents who purchase tickets later in the year. These rates are:-

	ADMIN FEE £	PERMIT £	TOTAL COST £
APRIL/MAY 04 – MAR 05	5.00	10.00	15.00
JUNE 04 – MAR 05	5.00	9.00	14.00
JULY 04 – MAR 05	5.00	8.00	13.00
AUGUST 04 – MAR 05	5.00	7.00	12.00
SEPTEMBER 04 – MAR 05	5.00	6.00	11.00
OCTOBER 04 – MAR 05	5.00	5.00	10.00
NOVEMBER 04 – MAR 05	5.00	4.00	9.00
DECEMBER 04 – MAR 05	5.00	3.00	8.00
JANUARY 04 – MAR 05	5.00	2.00	7.00
FEBRUARY 04 – MAR 05	5.00	1.00	6.00

3.3 The Concessionary Ticket sales generate £3,250 per annum.

3.4 The cost of the concessionary ticket has remained the same since the introduction of car parking charges in 1998. Therefore the Joint Committee may wish to consider raising the cost of these tickets to reflect the rises in inflation since 1998.

3.5 This would mean that the cost of a concessionary ticket would be £18.00 and pro-rata:-

	ADMIN FEE £	PERMIT £	TOTAL COST £
APRIL/MAY 05 – MAR 06	6.00	12.00	18.00
JUNE 05 – MAR 06	6.00	11.00	17.00
JULY 05 – MAR 06	6.00	10.00	16.00
AUGUST 05 – MAR 06	6.00	9.00	15.00
SEPTEMBER 05 – MAR 06	6.00	8.00	14.00
OCTOBER 05 – MAR 06	6.00	7.00	13.00
NOVEMBER 05 – MAR 06	6.00	6.00	12.00
DECEMBER 05 – MAR 06	6.00	5.00	11.00
JANUARY 05 – MAR 06	6.00	4.00	10.00
FEBRUARY 05 – MAR 06	6.00	3.00	9.00

3.6 This is slightly above inflation but will take into account the rise in inflation next year.

4. Maker and Rame Car Parks

4.1 As already mentioned, pay and display were not introduced to these car parks. It was not done for the following reasons:-

- a After public consultation and meetings with representatives of the local Parish Councils the Joint Committee took the view that car parking charges in these car parks was not desirable.
- b Because of their relative remoteness when compared to Barrow Car Park and Cremyll Car Park they would prove difficult to patrol on a regular basis.
- c Because of the lack of services in the area the cost of installing Pay and Display machines was too great. (However since

1998 the use of Solar Power for Pay and Display has become common place, the need for putting in an electrical supply and the subsequent capital cost of installation has been reduced.

- d If Pay and Display was introduced at Maker car park this would inevitably lead to car parking in the adjacent fields that are not part of the Country Park.

4.2. Because of their location, these two car parks have far less usage and facilities than the two Pay & Display car parks. It also gives visitors the option of visiting Mount Edgcumbe without having to pay a car parking fee.

4.3. During 2004 the District Council introduced Pay & Display car parking to Tregantle and Sharrow Car Parks in Whitsand Bay. It was thought at the time that this may increase pressure on the two free Mount Edgcumbe car parks, but this has not proved to be the case. This is probably because the two District Council car parks serve the beaches at Whitsand Bay.

4.4 If the Joint Committee now wished to introduce pay and display to these car parks, the following procedure would have to be followed:-

- i. Off Street Parking Order drawn up and published, with a public consultation period of 21 days.
- ii. Installation of machines: 2 weeks.
- iii. Planning permission: 10 weeks.

4.5 Cost implications:- Capital Cost -

i. Off Street Parking Order	=	£ 400
ii. Installation and signage of machines x 2	=	£13,000
iii. Cost of planning permission x 2	=	£ 60
Total Capital Cost	=	£13,460

Revenue Costs per annum:-

i. Car Park patrols/cash collection	=	£10,000*
ii. Administrative costs (including maintenance (of machines)	=	£ 600
iii. Printing of 60,000 tickets	=	£ 370

Total of Revenue Cost p.a. = £10,970

*This figure is difficult to quantify. It includes cash collection, car park patrolling and dealing with machine faults. Over the next season this will be monitored to see what the actual costs would

be, so if the Joint Committee wish to introduce parking at these car parks at a future date the information will be readily available.

It should be noted that the car park patrolling and enforcement is carried out by the Rangers as part of their daily duties as there are no dedicated parking attendants. To extend the car parks covered would either require additional staffing or to amend daily duties towards car park patrolling and enforcement.

4.6 Anticipated Revenue

It is difficult to estimate the annual revenue that could be expected from these car parks as they are used less than Barrow and Cremyll car parks. But, if the Joint Committee decide to implement pay and display in these two car parks and the same charges are levied as at Barrow and Cremyll Car Parks then it would be reasonable to assume that they would generate £10,000 per annum.

5. Recommendations

5.1 It is recommended that members:-

- i. Keep the current Pay and Display charges at their current level.
- ii. Increase the cost of the concessionary ticket from £15.00 to £18.00 for a full year and pro-rata for part thereof.
- iii. Do not introduce car parking charges at Maker and Rame Head because of the costs involved.