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CAR PARK

PALMER STREET/STANLEY STREET/ABBOT STREET, ARBROATH

REPORT by DIRECTOR OF HOUSING AND ACTING DIRECTOR OF ROADS

ABSTRACT

This report discusses the maintenance and control of the new car park at Palmer Street/Stanley Street/Abbot Street, Arbroath which is being provided by the Housing Revenue Account. It requests authority for the Roads Department to undertake its future maintenance, and for the promotion of a Traffic Order to designate the car park as a long stay car park.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Housing Committee:-

i) Note the provision of the car park

The Roads Committee agree:-

ii) To the Roads Department undertaking the future maintenance of the new car park at Palmer/Stanley Street/Abbot Street, Arbroath;

iii) To promote a Traffic Regulation Order seeking to amend the Off Street Car Parks Order to designate the car park as a long stay car park.

2. INTRODUCTION

Report No 583/01 by the director of Property Services was approved by the Housing Committee on 22 May 2001. The report recommended the acceptance of a tender for the demolition of a block of flats and adjacent garages, together with the formation of a new public car park and associated works at Palmer Street, Stanley Street and Abbot Street, Arbroath.

The Palmer Street/Stanley Street/Abbot Street area of Arbroath is located to the North of the town centre. It is surrounded mainly by private housing to the west and housing association properties to the east. To the south there is a bowling green, Health Centre, Arbroath Abbey and town centre.

The layout of the new car park is shown on the attached plan and work is progressing at present, with completion anticipated by the beginning of November 2001.

3. DETAILS

The car park is within a short walking distance of the town centre and will serve shoppers, office and shop workers, tourists visiting the Abbey as well as local residents attending the adjacent health centre, bowling club and theatre. In order to retain a consistent approach to the management of the Council's off-street car parks it is proposed that the Roads Department should take on the future maintenance and operation of this car park. It is therefore recommended that the Off Street Car Parks Order be varied to designate the car park as a long stay car park. There are Short Stay car parks nearby in West Abbey Street and North Port which will serve the town centre and the Abbey. The new car park will cater for the demand for longer term parking in the area. The future maintenance of the landscaped areas within the car park would not be the responsibility of the Roads Department but would continue to be met from the Housing Revenue Account Grounds Maintenance Budget.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The cost of funding the car park is contained within the Housing Revenue Account Capital Programme.

The annual running costs for the car park (including such items as non-domestic rate, water charges, lighting costs, lining, gulley cleaning etc) are estimated at £2500 per annum. Resurfacing would be required at some time in the future. These costs will be charged to the Car Parking account in the financial year in which they occur. As with other off-street parking car parks any deficit in the Car Parking Account can be drawn from the Car Parking Reserve Fund in the subsequent financial year.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS

There are no Human Rights Implications arising from the proposals in this report.

6. CONSULTATION

The Chief Executive, the Director of Law & Administration, the Director of Finance, the Director of Recreation Services, the Director of Planning & Transport and the Director of Property Services have been consulted in the preparation of this report.

7. CONCLUSION

The Palmer Street/Stanley Street/Abbot Street car park will provide an additional long stay car parking facility to serve the town centre. It is appropriate that the Roads Department undertakes the maintenance and control of it.

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Director of Housing

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Acting Director of Roads

Note:- The following background papers, as defined by Section 50(d) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information), were relied upon to any material extent in preparing this report:-

Report No 22/2000 – Palmer Street/Stanley Street/Abbot Street, Arbroath – Demolition of Flats

Report No 554/2000 – Palmer Street/Stanley Street/Abbot Street, Arbroath – Demolition of Flats

Report No 583/01 – Demolition of flats and associated lock-up garages and formation of a new car park at Palmer Street, Stanley Street and Abbot Street, Arbroath.