

CABINET 13th NOVEMBER 2018

IMPROVEMENTS AND INVESTMENT IN CAR PARKING - APPENDIX 1

ALNWICK					
Study Recommendation	Proposed Action	Planned Timescale	Status	Progress Report	Revised Timescale
Convert long stay to short stay parking.	A1 - Convert 80 long stay spaces in Greenwell Road car park A to short stay 3 hour spaces.	Aug 18	Conversion Complete; usage survey being planned	TRO's implemented enabling conversion of 72 spaces at Greenwell Road "A" from long stay to short stay. A usage survey of car park "A" is currently being arranged to help establish the impact of the changes on people employed in the town centre and the availability of long stay places.	Jan 19
	A2 - Harmonise Greenwell Road car park D by converting the 4 hour bays to 3 hours to increase turnover.	Aug 18	Complete	TRO's implemented.	
Review on-street parking provision	A3 - Convert the short stay bays on Bondgate Within (outside Costa) from 2 hours to 30 mins to increase turnover.	Aug 18	Complete	Conversion of short stay bays on Bondgate Within from 2 hours to 30 mins to increase turnover has been implemented.	
	A4 - Provide additional on-street parking in Pottergate through changes to the existing Traffic Regulation Order to remove double yellow lines. Will require consultation with directly affected residents.	Oct 18	In progress	Some additional on-street parking is being provided by changes to existing double yellow line scheme. TRO to be confirmed and works issued. Expect completion by end of December.	Dec 18
Increase off street car parking capacity	A5 - Reduce overnight and long stay parking by residents and businesses by introducing a 24 hour maximum stay to all town centre long stay car parks.	Sept 18	Complete	Max 24 hours stay restrictions have been implemented at town centre car parks county-wide	
	A6 - Investigate potential new car park sites at the old Duchess High School site and St Michael's school field.	Sept 18	In progress	Discussions are ongoing as part of Alnwick Forum over potential new car park sites at the old Duchess High School site, St Michael's school field and other possible locations.	
	A7 - Liaise with the Alnwick Garden regarding their role in helping to relieve town centre parking pressure, such as better use of their own internal car parks by staff/volunteers and progress other joint	Ongoing	In progress	The parking requirements associated with the proposed major new visitor attraction and Alnwick Gardens' interaction with town centre parking arrangements will be considered through the planning process.	

	initiatives to make best use of public and private car park capacity where appropriate.				
	A8 - Investigate the feasibility of decking Greenwell Road car park D to provide an additional storey.	Sept 18	Complete	The feasibility of decking Greenwell Road car park "D" to provide an additional storey has also been investigated, but is not considered to offer value for money and is not currently being prioritised.	
Seasonal time restrictions	A9 - Consider the introduction of seasonal time limits in the summer months so that there is more short stay capacity in the town centre car parks during the peak tourism period.	June 18	In progress	Currently undertaking desk top exercise to review pros and cons and car park usage in winter/summer including input from CEOs, to establish whether seasonal time limits in Alnwick town centre would be appropriate. This will include reviewing arrangements in Whitby and Cumbria where there are established arrangements for use of seasonal time limits over peak tourism periods.	Jan 19
Disabled parking spaces	A10 - Address issue of problems caused by blue badge holders parking on the double yellow lines in Bondgate Within at Bailey's corner. Parked vehicles are preventing the safe operation of the junction.	June 18	Complete	Issues preventing the safe operation of the junction have been resolved through implementation of new parking restrictions.	
	A11 - Undertake periodic review of disabled provision.	Ongoing	Not started	Review to be scheduled	March 19
Direction signage	A12 - Review car park direction signage, particularly at the junction of Hotspur St and Greenwell Road to give drivers more information on the location of parking spaces in the town.	Oct 18	In progress	Scheme for provision of improved directional signage developed, issued to Town Council for feedback and now finalised and works order issued, with implementation expected by December.	Dec 18
Enforcement	A13 - Review parking zone map signage and clarify the status of the 'footpaths' on Bondgate Hill Cobbles. Any physical changes on the ground will require conservation input.	Aug 18		Update required	
	A14 - Review parking signs and surface markings in the Market Place to ensure enforcement can be carried out.	July 18		Update required	

Sustainable transport	A15 - Investigate the feasibility of providing more EV charging points and cycle parking.	Oct 18	In progress	Current provision is being reviewed county-wide in order to identify gaps and investment priorities. Once completed a business case will be prepared seeking approval for capital funding to increase EV charging provision.	Jan 19
	A16 - Ensure new developments make suitable provision for public transport through the planning process, e.g. road layouts that facilitate local bus services.	April 18	On Track	Public transport infrastructure contributions considered for all major planning applications.	Ongoing
	A17 - Continue to promote and provide infrastructure to encourage sustainable modes of transport through the Council's usual programmes, as a way of reducing demand for parking.	Ongoing	On Track	Kept under review through Capital Programme, Local Transport Plan etc.	
Parking Charges	A18 - Periodically review the position and options for charging in light of progress being made to address parking issues in Alnwick.	Annually Nov / Dec	On Track	2018 review complete subject to consultation	Nov 19
Summer park & ride	A19 - Commission a detailed options appraisal for a seasonal park and ride service with Alnwick Town Council and the Alnwick Garden during 2018, for consideration in summer 2019.	July 18	In progress	Targeted tender issued to several consultancies specialising in this field, study expected to be undertaken during Nov/Dec.	Dec 18
Other	A20 - Resolve ownership issues and implement improvements to Roxburgh Place car park	July 19	In progress	Ongoing work with key stakeholders to look at solutions for Roxburgh Place.	
Monitor & Review	A21 - Monitor progress with the action plan and undertake a detailed annual review to evaluate its effectiveness and update and consider additional actions as appropriate.	Annually Nov / Dec	On Track	2018 progress review underway. Frequency of reviews to be increased to 6-monthly. Next review due May 2019.	May 19

BERWICK					
Study Recommendation	Proposed Action	Planned Timescale	Status	Progress Report	Revised Timescale
Additional town centre parking spaces	B1 - Convert the Chapel Street Coach Park into a town centre short stay car park to provide additional town centre parking capacity.	Jul 18	Complete	Former coach park now converted to short stay car park with additional on-street parking and EV point.	
	B2 - Seek approval for a temporary planning consent to secure the continued use of the Castlegate overflow car park area for a further period of 3 years, whilst longer term solutions are investigated and developed.	May 18	Complete	Planning approval has been secured for temporary use of the extension area for a further 3 year period. The Management Plan for the site is currently being drafted and costings are being sought for the installation of barriers to prevent use during the winter period. Consideration is also being given to identify the most appropriate option for repairing the surface to make it safe and more hardwearing for the next 3 years usage.	
	B3 - Progress plans to provide additional parking in Castlegate car park on a permanent basis, if it can be demonstrated that there is still an overriding need to do so having considered alternative locations and transport strategies.	Jan 19	On track	Work is about to start on the development of a scheme for the permanent use of Castlegate, pre-application planning guidance and engagement with Historic England will be required in order to develop the case for the proposal.	
	B4 - Progress negotiations with Network Rail and the franchise operator in order to secure additional parking at the railway station.	Ongoing	In progress	Initial dialogue undertaken with LNER, further meetings being arranged to progress the proposed redevelopment of the 'yard' area adjacent to the northbound platform. The scheme also offers the potential to improve access to and interpretation of the castle keep. Approval is being sought for £25,000 from the £10m capital provision in the MTFP for parking improvements in order to progress the design and planning application for this scheme.	
	B5 - Investigate the potential to make the staff car park behind the Library on Chapel Street available to the public at weekends, and review the layout to maximise the number of spaces available.	June 18	In progress	In discussion with the site manager about the installation of a replacement site barrier to facilitate the car park being left open at weekends to enable access for a limited number of residents/visitors. There are currently 13 bays plus 2 disabled bays, with approximately 10 required for staff at weekends. If public use can be facilitated at weekends then suitable signage will be provided at the entrance.	Jan 19

	B6 - Liaise with Arch regarding the potential use of land off Walkergate for additional temporary car parking pending its future redevelopment.	June 18	In progress	In discussions with Arch / Advance Northumberland over access to their development site for informal long stay parking by their tenants/visitors to help reduce pressure on the Council's town centre long stay car parks.	Dec 18
Parking restrictions	B7 - Consider reducing the range of restrictions to make it easier and simpler to understand.	Sept 19	Not started	Review to be scheduled	
	B8 - On a trial basis convert The Parade car park to short stay to improve utilisation and turn over of spaces within the town walls.	Aug 18	Complete	TRO implemented that secured conversion of long stay spaces to short stay. A usage survey will be carried out as part of the monitoring and review of the changes and to assess the impact on residents.	
	B9 - Consider the conversion of the Quayside and Coxon's Lane car park to short stay following an assessment of the impact of the changes made to The Parade.	August 19	Not started	Review of trial at The Parade to be scheduled	
	B10 - Introduce a 24 hour maximum stay in long stay car parks.	Sept 18	In progress	Countywide restrictions being implemented from 1st December 2018	Dec 18
Disabled parking spaces	B11 - Consider the need for disabled bays in Tweedmouth and implement if necessary.	June 18	In progress	A scheme has been developed for the reconfiguration, lining and signage to improve on-street parking capacity next to the Royal Tweed Bridge that will secure an additional 16 spaces including 3 disabled bays at a cost of £50,000. Approval is being sought to allocate £50,000 from the £10m capital provision in the MTFP for parking improvements in order to implement this scheme .	June 19
Electric Vehicle Charging Spaces	B12 - Provide additional electric vehicle charging spaces in Chapel Street car park.	Jul 18	Complete	Former coach park now converted to short stay car park with additional on-street parking and EV point.	
	B13 - Investigate the feasibility of providing more EV charging points elsewhere in Berwick.	Oct 18	In progress	Current provision is being reviewed county-wide in order to identify gaps and investment priorities. Once completed a business case will be prepared seeking approval for capital funding to increase EV charging provision.	Jan 19
Direction signage	B14 - Provide direction signage to the Quayside car park at the junction of Marygate/Golden Square for traffic approaching from the north.	June 18	In progress	Currently in Design.	Dec 18

Parking Charges	B15 - Review the position and options on charging in light of progress being made to address parking issues in Berwick.	Annually Nov - Dec	On Track	2018 review complete subject to consultation	Nov 19
Coach Parking	B16 - Provide a new long stay coach parking bay at the Swan Centre in Berwick linked to the Church Street drop-off point, and 3 on-street short stay (2 hours) coach parking bays at Walkergate.	July 18	Complete	Drop-off and short stay bays are being regularly used. Signage to long stay parking bay at the Swan Centre has been put in place. Further promotion of the coach parking facilities being undertaken with tour operators to encourage visits to Berwick.	
Sustainable transport	B17 - Continue to promote and provide infrastructure to encourage sustainable modes of transport through the Council's usual programmes, as a way of reducing demand for parking.	Ongoing	On Track	Kept under review through Capital Programme, Local Transport Plan etc.	
	B18 - Work with Berwick Town Council to ensure transport and land use issues are coordinated as part of the Neighbourhood Planning Process.	Ongoing	On Track	Planning policies being developed through Local Plan and Neighbourhood Planning processes	
Monitor & Review	B19 - Monitor progress with the action plan and undertake a detailed annual review to evaluate its effectiveness and update and consider additional actions as appropriate.	Annually Nov - Dec	On Track	2018 progress review underway. Frequency of reviews to be increased to 6-monthly. Next review due May 2019.	May 19

HEXHAM					
Study Recommendation	Proposed Action	Planned Timescale	Status	Progress Report	Revised Timescale
Increase off street car parking capacity	H01 - Carry out an assessment of all potential sites for additional parking identified within the Consultant's study and during stakeholder engagement and engage with landowners:-	Apr 18	Complete	Feasibility study complete in six sites - see below.	
	H1a - Lookers Garage Site		Complete	- unsuccessful negotiations with landowner, site being disposed of for higher value commercial use.	
	H1b - Dale Garage Site		Complete	- landowner unwilling to dispose of site, unsuccessful negotiations over potential temporary use for parking as incompatible with landowners requirements.	
	H1c - Old BT Site		Complete	- landowner unwilling to dispose of site.	
	H1d - Dysart / Old Bus Station		Complete	- successfully secured additional town centre parking capacity on a temporary basis pending its redevelopment.	
	H1e - Former Fire Station site		Complete	- successfully secured additional long stay parking capacity on a temporary basis.	
	H1f - Bunker Site off Alemouth Road		In progress	- acquisition unsuccessful; negotiating with landowner	
	H2 - If successful with acquisition of the Bunker Site progress development of additional long stay capacity.	Subject to H1f	In progress	- acquisition unsuccessful; negotiating with landowner	
	H3 - Progress detailed feasibility for alternative options in case the acquisition of The Bunker site is not successful, to include a multi-storey car park at Wentworth car park to secure ~250 spaces.	April 18	In progress	We are pursuing a number of options to secure additional parking capacity within Hexham, with plans under development for an additional 200+ long stay spaces, which would also enable the reconfiguration of parking at Wentworth Leisure Centre. Further details are subject to commercial confidentiality.	Jan 19
	H4 - Remove HGV parking from Wentworth car park to increase capacity.	March 19	On Track	This is being undertaken to provide additional car parking capacity and also to reduce health and safety issues associated with HGV and pedestrian movements in the car park. Design work is progressing so that implementation can take place as soon as possible (March 2019).	

	H5 - Liaise with M&S and Aldi to establish whether the underutilised sections of their car parks could be converted to long stay parking.	June 18		Update required	
Convert long stay to short stay parking.	H6 - Reduce overnight and long stay parking by residents and businesses with a 24 hour maximum stay, with consideration of the lease arrangements in place with residents of Hallstile Bank (East side) who have access over the Wentworth car park to the rear of their properties	Sept 18	In progress	Countywide restrictions being implemented from 1st December 2018	Dec 18
	H07 - Consider conversion of part of the Wentworth long stay car park to short stay if alternative locations for the long stay parking can be found.	Subject to H3 and H4	In progress	See H3 above.	
Direction signage	H8 - Review fixed direction signage and improve where necessary and share proposals with Hexham Town Council.	Sept 18	Complete	A scheme for provision of improved directional signage has been developed and issued to Hexham Town Council.	
	H08a - Implement agreed signage changes.	Nov 18	On Track	Currently awaiting pricing before issuing a works notice.	
Parking Charges	H9 - Review the position and options for charging in light of progress being made to address parking issues in Hexham.	Annually Nov - Dec	On Track	2018 review complete subject to consultation	Nov 19
Sustainable transport	H10 - Investigate the feasibility of providing more EV charging points through a combination of direct provision, by encouraging provision by private sector car park owners and, where appropriate, through the planning process for new developments.	Oct 18	In progress	Current provision is being reviewed county-wide in order to identify gaps and investment priorities. Once completed a business case will be prepared seeking approval for capital funding to increase EV charging provision.	Jan 19
	H11 - Continue to promote and provide infrastructure to encourage sustainable modes of transport through the Council's usual programmes, as a way of reducing demand for parking.	Ongoing	On Track	Kept under review through Capital Programme, Local Transport Plan etc.	

	H12 - Consider expansion of the town bus service routes to include other parts of the town / estates where improved access to public transport could help reduce car travel and demand for parking.	Ongoing	Not started	To be considered in line with changes to long stay parking provision	
Monitor & Review	H13 - Monitor progress with the action plan and undertake a detailed annual review to evaluate its effectiveness and update and consider additional actions as appropriate.	Annually Nov - Dec	On Track	2018 progress review underway. Frequency of reviews to be increased to 6-monthly. Next review due May 2019.	May 19

MORPETH					
Study Recommendation	Proposed Action	Planned Timescale	Status	Progress Report	Revised Timescale
Increase off street car parking capacity	M1 - Carry out an assessment of all potential sites for additional car parking and engage with landowners.	Oct 18	In progress	Gas House Lane: Discussions are on-going with the owner to see how the site can be brought into use as a private car park to help provide additional town centre parking capacity, whilst it is being marketed for sale as a development site.	Dec 18
	M2 - Provide temporary parking capacity at the former Morpeth Library site pending its redevelopment.	April 18	Complete	The former library site has been made available for informal use as a car park and is being well used. The site is currently being marketed but no firm dates for disposal are available at this stage. We will seek to ensure that the current use for informal parking is maintained for as long as possible, pending alternative capacity being made available.	
	M3 - Progress feasibility designs for the former Morpeth First School (Goosehill) site for provision of additional long stay town centre car park capacity	Oct 18	In progress	The design work is underway for a ~150 space car park.	Jan 19
	M4 - Progress development of additional long stay car parking capacity at the former Morpeth First School 'Goosehill' site to secure approximately 150 spaces.	Apr 19	In progress	Ground investigation works are required to enable detailed design of retaining structures and surfacing at the site due to the level differences and will be undertaken once the school has been vacated in the summer 2019. An outline planning application will be submitted in order to secure use of the site as a car park, subject to further detailed designs being submitted and agreed. It is envisaged that, subject to planning approval, the new car park would be available by spring/summer 2020.	April 20
	M5 - Introduce shorter time limits of 2 hours in Back Riggs and Corporation Yard car parks to increase turnover.	tbc		Update required	
Reserved parking spaces	M6 - Continue discussions with Morrisons to make more efficient use of the spaces in Staithes Lane car park. Consider moving the staff bays so it is clearer where the public can park.	June 18	In progress	Further dialogue is proposed to see if additional staff parking spaces can be made available for public use even if only on a seasonal basis.	Dec 18

Review on-street parking provision	M7 - Investigate opportunities for increasing on-street parking, including making best use of existing provision through clearer signage/ information.	Oct 18		Update required	
Convert long stay to short stay parking.	M8 - Introduce a 24 hour maximum stay in long stay car parks.	Sept 18	Complete	Max 24 hours stay restrictions have been implemented at town centre car parks county-wide	
Disabled parking spaces	M9 - Undertake periodic review of disabled provision	Ongoing	Not started	Review to be scheduled	March 19
Direction signage	M10 - Review fixed direction signage and improve	Oct 18	In progress	Awaiting estimate before instructing works commencement	Dec 18
Sustainable transport	M11 - Investigate the potential for providing additional EV charging points.	Oct 18	In progress	Current provision is being reviewed county-wide in order to identify gaps and investment priorities. Once completed a business case will be prepared seeking approval for capital funding to increase EV charging provision.	Jan 19
	M12 - Ensure new developments make suitable provision for public transport through the planning process, e.g. road layouts that facilitate local bus services.	Ongoing	On Track	Public transport infrastructure contributions considered for all major planning applications.	
	M13 - Continue to promote and provide infrastructure to encourage sustainable modes of transport through the Council's usual programmes, as a way of reducing demand for parking.	Ongoing	On Track	Kept under review through Capital Programme, Local Transport Plan etc.	
Parking Charges	M14 - Periodically review the position and options on charging in light of progress being made to address parking issues in Morpeth.	Annually Nov - Dec	On Track	2018 review complete subject to consultation	Nov 19
Railway Station Parking	M15 - Introduce a maximum 72 hours (3 day) stay at the railway station car park to help manage demand and prioritise use by commuters.	Sept 18	Complete	Max 72 hours stay restrictions have also been implemented at the existing NCC railway station car park to assist in releasing capacity for daily commuters.	
	M16 - Investigate the potential for additional parking at the railway station to include:-				
	M16a. Expansion of existing NCC car park, including potential decking to provide a	Apr 18		Update required	

	second tier.				
	M16b. Feasibility of a new car park on the landscaped area opposite the station building	Apr 18	Feasibility complete; delivery in progress	Detailed design for additional parking on grass area is ongoing to deliver a new 30 space long stay car park, subject to planning approval in November. A further report will be prepared to seek the allocation of funds for its delivery once the detailed design has been costed. Subject to planning it is considered that the new facility should be available by summer 2019.	July 19
	M16c. Engagement with Network Rail and franchise operator for development of new car park on railway land to the north side of the station.	Ongoing		Update required	
Monitor & Review	M17 - Monitor progress with the action plan and undertake a detailed annual review to evaluate its effectiveness and update and consider additional actions as appropriate.	Annually Nov - Dec	On Track	2018 progress review underway. Frequency of reviews to be increased to 6-monthly. Next review due May 2019.	May 19