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Council - 15 July 2010

## **LOWER UNION ROAD CAR PARK, KINGSBRIDGE**

### **Report of the Head of Environment Services**

**Statutory Powers:** Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984, s44 Control of Off-Street Parking (England and Wales) Order 1978

**Financial Implications:** To replace revenue now lost due to closure of Cookworthy Car Park, Kingsbridge on 26 July 2010. The Income in this car park for 2009/10 amounted to £16,727. The new car park is 40% smaller, so it is estimated that income may reduce to £10,000.

There will also be a loss in income of approximately £4,500 this year as income is lost from Cookworthy Car Park for two high income months during the changeover.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to seek Council approval to advertise the new arrangements and charges for the new (long stay) Lower Union Road Car Park in Kingsbridge. This car park is a replacement for the Cookworthy Car Park in Kingsbridge.

### **Priorities and Targets**

The Car Parks service contributes to the following Council priorities:

CP2: Create the conditions for the growth and maintenance of quality economic activity.

CP5: Working with others to improve access to key services.

CP6: Improve core service performance in a cost effective way.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**That Members instruct officers to advertise the amendments to the Off-Street Parking Order 1999 to include the following detail:-**

- a. The charges and conditions for the new car park at Lower Union Lane Kingsbridge for 2010 to 2011 should duplicate those that existed in Cookworthy Car Park as at presented Appendix A: Addition to Schedule.**
- b. Remove Cookworthy Car Park from the Schedule of the District of South Hams (Off Street Parking Place) Order 1999 as amended.**

### **Background**

- 1) For a number of years, the Council has leased Cookworthy Car Park. There has always been an aspiration on the land owners part to develop the land. This has now been realised and a supermarket is to be built on the site. As part of the arrangement, a replacement car park has been found at Lower Union Lane Kingsbridge.

## Where are we now

- 2) We have only in the last two weeks been informed of the timetable for this development. Effectively, Cookworthy Car Park will have to be vacated by the 25 July 2010.
- 3) The Lower Union Road Car Park is now under construction but it is likely that it will not be completed until some time in September 2010
- 4) Lower Union Lane car park needs to be included in the Off Street Parking Order so that the car parking can be enforced. Motorists are being advised to use Quay Car Park and the Cattle Market Car Park until the new car park is ready. Progress on this car park is good. The new car park will provide 61 spaces. Cookworthy provided 105 spaces.

## Risk Assessment

<b>Risk Identified</b>	<b>Mitigating Action</b>
If the Order is not made, there will be a significant shortage of parking provision in Kingsbridge.	Allow free parking until an Order is made
If the Order is not made the council will not be able to impose pay and display charges in the new car park with subsequent loss of income.	The Council will have to find income from other sources

## Human Rights Act

- 5) There are no significant Human Rights Act implications that we are aware of in this report.

## Conclusion

- 6) The timeframe that we find ourselves in is in part outside of the Councils control. The Council has done its best to manage the situation and part of the solution will be to have suitable powers in place to enforce the car parking arrangements.

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