

## **HVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL**

### **Cabinet Lead Delegated Decision**

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**Decision By: Cllr Narinder Bains, Neighbourhoods, Safety and Enforcement**

**ISSUE TITLE: Hayling Seafront Pay & Display Parking**

**Report by: Natalie Meagher**

**Key Decision: Yes/No**

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#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

To consider the feedback received further to advertising the proposals for public consultation and comment. The proposals being:

- 1.1 to extend the charging hours of operation in all seafront car parks.
- 1.2 introduce parking charges at the Sinah Gun site

#### **2.0 Decision**

- (1) To implement the proposal to amend the period for which parking charges apply;

- Current charging period is: 8am to 6pm
- Proposed charging period: 6am to 10pm

This will apply to all car parks across Hayling Island seafront where charging is currently in place. (see Appendix A)

- (2) To withdraw the proposal to introduce charges at the Sinah Gun Site, Hayling Island.

#### **3.0 Summary**

Amendments to the charging regime along Hayling seafront have been developed to reflect the demand for parking in the area, as well as to attempt to address safety concerns identified during the busy periods. The amendments were publicly advertised for comment between 5<sup>th</sup> March and 26<sup>th</sup> March inclusive. During this period the following correspondence was received:

- 78 objections to the introduction of charges, including the proposed daily £10 charge and Ringo only payment method at the Sinah Gun Site.
- 26 objections received relating to the proposal to extend the hours of operation

A further 77 seafront parking related complaints, comments and enquires have been received during the consultation period. These will be addressed separately as they relate to issues that are outside of the scope of this report.

A summary of all correspondence received during the public advertisement period can be found in Appendix B.

Having considered all of the correspondence, the Cabinet Lead for Neighbourhoods, Safety and Enforcement has determined to implement the extension to the charging period as proposed.

In relation to the Sinah Gun site, the proposals to introduce charges to this area have been withdrawn.

Subject of Report

### **Charging Period**

Hayling seafront currently has eight car parks where charges apply (Appendix A). The period during which charges are applicable is currently 8am to 6pm each day, all year round. This broadly mirrors the existing arrangement across all car parks in the Havant borough, with the exception that charges do not apply on Sundays.

The parking offer, however, in town centres differs significantly to that which exists on Hayling seafront. Generally, the purpose for parking in the town centre locations relates to retail and business, and therefore the charging period for the parking demand reflects such activity running from 8am to 6pm.

The reasons for parking along the seafront are wide ranging, those accessing the facilities do so for a variety of purposes as the offer in comparison to that of a town centre is much broader.

When the conditions align, visitors to the beach will include, but are not limited to, dog walkers, water sport enthusiasts, bathers, holiday makers, motorhome owners, beach hut users and horse riders.

The current period for which charges apply does not reflect the demand for parking, given that there is evidence to demonstrate that there is varied activity prior to 8am and after 6pm.

It is therefore proposed to extend the charging period to 6am to 10pm.

This should promote better use of the car park provision and ensure that users are paying the appropriate tariff according to their specific purpose for accessing the area. It is also considered that by reviewing the charging period in this way, it will assist to deliver an increased level of effective management.

## **Sinah Gun Site**

The Sinah Gun Site, located to the North of Hayling Golf Club, is land that is owned by Havant Borough Council. It is situated adjacent to land designated as a SSSI. See Appendix B.

Two specific areas within this location are popular with those wishing to park near to the beach as currently charges do not apply. Proposals were submitted to introduce charges in these areas, however, taking into account the feedback received through the consultation period, these proposals have been withdrawn, and this site will be retained as a non-charging location for parking.

### **4.0 Implications**

#### **4.1 Resources:**

##### **Finance**

Changes to the Parking Order have been advertised. The approximate cost is £500. These costs have been met by existing budgets.

Tariff boards will need to be updated to reflect approved amendments. These costs will be covered by existing budgets.

##### **Staffing – Enforcement**

The current resource will need to be reviewed to ensure that the changes to the charging period are appropriately covered. This will initially be undertaken within the existing resource as well as the existing budget framework.

#### **4.2 Legal:**

The existing Parking Order will need to be amended in order to accommodate the proposed amendments set out in this paper.

#### **4.3 Strategy:**

The key principles of the emerging Hayling Island Strategy are to ensure that the council is able to bring forward measures that effectively control, manage, direct and enforce activities along the seafront. Complementary to other initiatives that will be delivered in both the short and longer term, the changes to the parking regime will contribute to achieving these aims.

#### **4.4 Risks:**

The locations that are the subject of this paper are well used throughout the year, and specifically during the warmer months, when at times irresponsible parking behaviour can cause safety issues for all accessing the area.

Introducing a patrol and enforcement regime that better reflects the usage of the area will assist to reduce risks associated with inconsiderate parking.

#### **4.5 Communication:**

Changes to the operating hours and the introduction of charges to the Sinah Gun site have previously been advertised in all car parks across Hayling seafront. In

addition, advertisements were also placed in the local press in line with the councils' statutory duties. Based on the feedback received, the proposal to bring forward charges to the Sinah Gun site have been withdrawn.

**5.0 Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 – 'confidential' or Exempt' Information Indicator:** *(please complete as appropriate)*

5.1 This delegated decision contains neither confidential nor exempt information

**6.0 Is this an Urgent Decision?**

No

**7.0 Consultation with Portfolio Holder:**

Portfolio Holder Informed: 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

**Agreed and signed off by Councillor Narinder Bains**

**Date** 21<sup>st</sup> April 2021

Appendices:

Appendix A: Car Parks on Hayling Island seafront where charges apply  
Appendix B: Summary of objections received

Background Papers:

Agreed and signed off by:

Head of Legal Services:	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
S151 Officer:	27 <sup>th</sup> April 2021
Head of Service:	21 <sup>st</sup> April 2021
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