

Location of Screen Machine in Inveraray

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide Members with sufficient detail to allow a decision to be made in regards to the siting of the Screen Machine in Inveraray.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the committee:
- Agree that the Screen Machine be located at either the hardstanding area near Inveraray Shinty Pitch or at Inveraray Castle Car Park on the basis that utilising these sites does not cause any loss of amenity within either the free or pay & display car parks operated by Argyll and Bute Council.
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3.0 INTRODUCTION

3.1 Members requested a report be brought to the Committee providing detail on the potential sites for the Screen Machine in Inveraray.

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5.0 DETAIL

5.1 The pay & display car parks in Inveraray are currently seasonal, the car parks are charged from 1 April to 31 October. There is a Draft TRO changing the charging structure to all year, this has been referred to a Reporter for consideration. If the Area Committee opt to site the Screen Machine within an off-street car park there are two options for approval:

- i. The Screen Machine pays for the occupation of the bays, the Chair and Vice Chair of the Area Committee can approve;
- ii. The Screen Machine wish to occupy the site free of charge, the decision to suspend bays and charges would be taken by the full Council.

5.2 There are a number of Council car parks within Inveraray, these are:

- a. The Avenue (free section near the Cooperative Supermarket);
- b. The Avenue Pay & Display Car Park
- c. McKenzie's Land (opposite Semple's Garage);
- d. Front Street Car Park

- Nearest the front green
- Middle section adjacent to the shops
- Pier section (Fisher Row)
- e. Inveraray Jail Car Park (Crown Point)
- f. Village Hall
- g. Coach & Lorry Park

5.3 Regional Screen Scotland have not been able to provide a full vehicle specification to date, however, we have carried out checks on access to the various sites using Auto Track software using a similar vehicle from the database. From this we estimate that the car parks listed have the following issues in regards to accommodating the Screen Machine:

- a. The free section of the Avenue has insufficient width and length to accommodate the Screen Machine (on the east side). The access routes to the section adjacent to the Co-operative Supermarket lack sufficient width to allow the Screen Machine to enter this area;
- b. The bays in the Pay & Display section of the Avenue are too narrow and short to accommodate the cinema;
- c. It may be very difficult in siting the cinema at this location without either reversing from the A83 trunk road or onto the A83 trunk road. This may introduce road safety concerns.
- d. Front Street Car Park:
 - Nearest the front green - the geometry of the access is very difficult to navigate. This site is close to the toilets, however, and has adjacent footways. This site does not interfere with the public road network but is a pay & display area, permission to waive charges from the full Council would be required;
 - Middle section – It is not possible to site the cinema in this location without encroaching on the public road. This would require traffic management measures to separate vehicles from pedestrians. It may be difficult due to the available width to maintain access for HGVs. The Screen Machine may have to either reverse from the A83 or onto the A83 trunk road to access location. Permission to waive charges from the full Council would be required;
 - Pier Section (Fisher Row) - It is not possible to site the cinema in this location without encroaching on to the public road. This would require traffic management measures to separate vehicles from pedestrians. Permission to waive charges from the full Council would be required.
- e. It is not possible to site the Screen Machine at the Inveraray Jail Car Park without requiring reversing movements either to or from the A83 trunk road. At this location this would increase the likelihood of road safety issues arising. The car park is free of charge but may generate complaints from residents and businesses in regards to loss of parking.
- f. Village Hall car park is not of sufficient width to allow the Screen machine to deploy as a cinema.
- g. The Coach & Lorry Park is accessed from the A819, however, there is currently no traffic order in place and the land is owned by both Argyll and Bute Council and Argyll Estates. The site can be accessed by pedestrians either through the Edinburgh Woollen Mill or through the

Avenue via Chalmers Court. The park has sufficient length and width to accommodate the Screen Machine. In the interest of road safety it would be recommended that a pedestrian route be identified from the access points to the Screen Machine. Argyll Estates have confirmed that they have no issue in regards to the Screen Machine making use of this park.

- 5.4 Argyll Estates have advised that they would welcome the Screen Machine to make use of either the hard standing area near the Shinty Pitch or to locate within the car park in Inveraray Castle grounds.
- 5.5 Regional Screen Scotland have advised that they do not pay for parking at any other location.
- 5.6 When deployed as a cinema, the Screen Machine is 18.5m long. Positioning the vehicle in a car park would remove 8 bays from use, the cost of which would equate to £72 per day.
- 5.7 The Screen Machine typically stays in on location for 3-4 days.
- 5.8 Regional Screen Scotland's preferred position was at the Pier Section of the Front Street Car Park as the public convenience is located adjacent to this site.
- 5.9 The distances from the public convenience to the Shinty Pitch or Inveraray Castle car park are approximately 500m and 900m respectively.
- 5.10 The alternative provision for public convenience at these locations would be to provide portable toilets. The latest costings available for the hire of portable toilets are approximately £50/week and £50 delivery/collection.
- 5.11 Following the Inveraray Community Council meeting, held on the 15 November 2017, the CC have advised that they are willing to pay for portable toilets, public liability insurance and refuse bins if the Screen Machine is sited at either the Inveraray Shinty Pitch area or at Inveraray Castle Car Park.

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 In consideration of the identified sites it is recommended that the Screen Machine be located at either the hardstanding area near Inveraray Shinty Pitch or at Inveraray Castle Car Park. Utilising these sites does not cause any loss of amenity within either the free or pay & display car parks operated by Argyll and Bute Council. It also removes the need to obtain permission from the full Council each time the Screen Machine wishes to visit Inveraray.

7.0 IMPLICATIONS

7.1	Policy:	Parking Policy 2014
7.2	Financial:	None.
7.3	Legal	None.

7.4	HR	None
7.5	Equalities	None
7.6	Risk	None
7.7	Customer Service	None

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