
HELENSBURGH OFF STREET CAR PARK – CHORD PROJECT

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1** Phase 2 of the construction works are due to start on Monday 6th January 2014 and programmed to be completed by 11th May 2014. The works include the improvements to Sinclair Street Car Park. The recent revised programme submitted by the contractor indicates that the car park works will commence on the 6th January 2014 for a period of 6 weeks.
- 1.2** In support of the CHORD project construction works and the reduction in the number of on street parking spaces being available within the town centre the Council agreed earlier this year to provide free of charge parking spaces within both the Sinclair Street and the Pier Car Parks.
- 1.3** In order to progress the improvement works within Sinclair Street Car Park this will result in the loss of these free parking spaces. Albeit that the on street parking provision has been restored along the length of West Clyde Street the works on West Princes Street will result in the loss of on street parking.
- 1.4** During the construction works to Sinclair Street Car Park it is anticipated that residents and visitors to the town will migrate and use the short stay and long stay cars parks within the Pier. It is, therefore, proposed that during the construction phase of the Sinclair Street Car park improvements, the full area of the charging car park located at the Pier be designated as non-charging.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Area Committee recommends that:

- 2.1** the Council approves the request that during the construction phase for the Sinclair Street Car Park improvements, the full area of the charging car park located at the Pier be designated as non-charging.

- 2.2 the Helensburgh CHORD budget contributes £10,000 to the Road's revenue budget to offset any loss of car park income.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Phase 2 of the construction works are due to start on Monday 6th January 2014 and programmed to be completed by 11th May 2014. The locations involved are primarily Colquhoun Square, West Princes Street and the improvements to Sinclair Street Car Park which is being funded by the Drum Section 75 contribution. The recent revised programme submitted by the contractor indicates that the car park works will commence on the 6th January 2014 for a duration of 6 weeks anticipated.
- 3.2 In support of the CHORD project construction works and the reduction in the number of on street parking spaces being available within the town centre the Council agreed last year to provide free of charge parking spaces within both the Sinclair Street and the Pier Car Parks.
- 3.3 In order to progress the improvement works within Sinclair Street Car Park this will result in the loss of these free parking spaces. Albeit that the on street parking provision has been restored along the length of West Clyde Street the works on West Princes Street will result in the loss of on street parking.
- 3.4 During the construction works and the temporary loss of both the free parking and the charging parking within the Sinclair Street Car Park, it is anticipated that residents and visitors to the town will migrate and use the short stay and long stay cars parks within the Pier.
- 3.5 There will be a reduction in the Car park income both from the close of the Sinclair Street Car Park and the proposed non-payment of charges within the Pier Car Park.

Income Generated over the last 3 years (during proposed 6 week closure period of Sinclair St car park) at the above locations is as follows:

| | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 |
|-----------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Sinclair Street | £5,581 | £5,316 | £4,858 |
| Pier Car Park | £4,597 | £4,890 | £4,329 |

On completion of the CHORD project it is anticipated that the numbers of people visiting Helensburgh will increase therefore the short fall in come will be recovered in the long term.

3.6 The Council through the construction works associated with the CHORD Project have endeavoured to support the local business community and the residents by providing alternative non-charging car parking areas.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| Policy: | None |
| Financial: | As outlined in 3.5 above plus the CHORD budget contributes £10,000 to the Road's revenue budget to offset any loss in car park income. |
| Personnel: | None |
| Equal Opportunity: | None |
| Legal: | None |

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