



Sandbach Town Council Car Parking Report to Council

27 May, 2010



1 Status

A meeting was held on the 25th March between delegates from Sandbach Town Council (STC) and Cheshire East Borough Council (CEBC). The agreed outcome of the meeting was as follows:

1) Position Statement

- on approach to joint working to be shared prior to publication **Appendix I**

2) CEBC would supply Car Parking Data for Sandbach to STC

Part

- Car Parks - no of short / long stay bays (inc. disabled spaces)
- Projected income from previous proposed tariffs (inc. estimated usage)
- Financial information - cost of collection, rates, enforcement, maintenance etc
- DVLA link - licence cost and ongoing transaction rates (if applicable)**Outstanding**

3) Chapel Street

Appendix III

- CEBC investigate current situation
- CEBC to produce briefing note

4) Briefing Note on On-Street Civil Parking Enforcement

Appendix II

- Offence types / contact details etc.

2 Action

It is recommended that Council receives this report and approves the joint statement as attached in Appendix I.

Cllr Will Goodall



Appendix I

Draft Car Parking Position Statement - Sandbach

May, 2010

Sandbach Town Council (STC) and Cheshire East Borough Council (CEBC) had a most constructive first meeting on 25th March to discuss the future management of car parking in Sandbach.

STC representatives reiterated their support for CEBC's overall Car Parking Strategy. However, both Councils recognise that the legal status of Scotch Common as a Village Green currently prevents the sustainable management of the car parking spaces. In addition the legal agreements made between the former Congleton Borough Council and Safeway, with respect to the Lower Brookhouse Road Car park mean parking charges must be agreed between CEBC and Waitrose. Both Councils now recognise that these complex legal issues make it likely that an innovative solution for car parking management will be required for Sandbach.

The STC and CEBC project teams have therefore agreed to work closely together to deliver a holistic solution, that focuses on the socio-economic well-being of the whole Sandbach community and provides a high quality service with safe and secure parking facilities. To this end, STC has outlined a possible alternative approach to deliver a simple and cost efficient solution. CEBC has also undertaken to share key economic and statistical data with the STC team, in order to progress a cost benefit analysis and feasibility study, that is planned to include detailed economic modelling. If successful, the output of this work maybe fed into the current strategy review process, as part of the development of the Local Transport Plan 3 this year.

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APPENDIX II

CEBC MEMBERS BRIEFING NOTE

Former Congleton Borough Council area – On-Street Enforcement

The enforcement of on and off-street parking regulations in the former CBC area has now been harmonised under the Traffic Management Act 2004.

The on-street powers have now passed from the Police to Cheshire East BC and this will provide the consistency of approach we have sought across the whole Borough.

On-street Parking Enforcement will now be undertaken as follows;

- 1) On-Street Waiting Restrictions (double / single yellow lines, limited waiting bays)
These are now deemed civil contraventions and enforcement is by means of Penalty Charge Notices. As such, Police Officers and PCSO's may not enforce these designations.
- 2) Obstruction or other traffic flow problems (including dangerous parking) remains a criminal matter enforceable by the Police.

(In addition, stopping offences at pedestrian crossings or zigzag lines may be enforced by the Police or the Council, but Police action takes precedence.)

Reporting arrangements:

All on-street waiting restriction contraventions should be reported to;
Margaret Howle (CEBC Enforcement Team Leader) on **01270 537549**
(email: Margaret.howle@cheshireeast.gov.uk) and we will investigate the situation and take any necessary enforcement action.

Further details of on and off street penalties and related penalty charges can be found at:
http://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/transport_and_travel/car_parks_and_parking/penalty_charges.aspx

For all matters relating to obstruction or dangerous parking please contact you're the Police Duty Inspector on 0845 458 00 00.

Car Parks Manager: Paul Burns (01270 537805)
(paul.burns@cheshireeast.gov.uk)

APPENDIX III



CEBC STATEMENT ON CHAPEL STREET

20th May 2010

CHAPEL STREET CAR PARK, SANDBACH

Following requests from Cheshire East Councillors Mrs. Gillian Merry and Barry Moran, and also Sandbach Town Council, the following statement seeks to clarify the current situation regarding Chapel Street Car Park, Sandbach.

The sale and purchase of land off Chapel Street completed the legal process on Friday, April 9th 2010. The site of the public car park then returned to the Council's ownership from the developer.

Work has already begun on the procurement of the civil engineering works necessary to re-instate and re-surface the Car Park including the electrical and CCTV connectivity and infrastructure.

Tenders for this work are expected back on 18th June 2010. The start date for the works on-site is planned for Monday 19th July with completion expected towards the end of August.

In the meantime, minor civil works are being carried out this week to enable the site to be re-opened safely and available for public use from Tuesday evening, 25th May.

These works will ensure the site is safe for use now and the major works will then be phased across the site to ensure that, as far as possible, the car park can remain open during this time. Short-term closures may be necessary on Health & Safety grounds but these will be notified to customers at the earliest opportunity and be kept to a minimum duration.

The cost of all the civil works to Cheshire East Council is estimated to be £162,000 subject to the final tendered prices.

The delay has been caused by the complexity of the legal land transfer between the organisations involved and the lengthy 'lead-in' periods for the more technical suppliers of CCTV and electrical works at the site.

However, with the interim minor works taking place now, the Council is seeking to make the car park available, safe and accessible with immediate effect, restoring this important facility to users as soon as possible. The phasing of the major works from July 2010 will also seek to minimise future disruption.

Cheshire East Councillors, Sandbach Town Councillors, residents and local businesses will be kept informed of progress at all stages of the programme.

Cheshire East Council would like to apologise for any inconvenience to users of the car park caused by the delay.

Peter Hartwell
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Cheshire East Council