

19th March 2019

Policy, Projects and Resources Committee

Feasibility Study for Parking on Housing Greens

Report of *Steve Summers – Chief Operating Officer*

Wards Affected: *All*

This report is: *Public*

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 At the Ordinary Council on the 6th March 2018 as part of the medium-Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2020/21 it was agreed that £25,000 would be allocated to the Council's Capital Programme for a Feasibility Study for parking on Housing Greens.
- 1.2 Housing Greens within the Council's ownership have now been identified as potentially suitable for the provision of additional parking in Coram Green (Appendix A), Birkbeck Road (Appendix B), the former Housing depot at Fielding Way in Hutton (Appendix C) and Whittington Road (Appendix D).
- 1.3 A feasibility study has been undertaken out on the sites including discussions with ECC Highways, BBC Planning Services and a review of the utility services provisions. The next stage of the process is to develop detailed designs identifying exact location and number of parking spaces for each site.
- 1.4 Subject to detailed design, resident's consultation and planning permission it is intended that the parking bays will be installed within the 2019/20 financial year.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 To instruct Officers to develop detailed designs for each location identifying exact location and number of spaces.**
- 2.2 To instruct Officers to undertake a consultation exercise with residents on the detailed designs.**
- 2.3 That funding has been set aside from the 2019/20 HRA budget for implementation of the work, with approval given subject to the detailed work being finalised and planning permission granted.**

3. Introduction and Background

- 3.1 The Council is currently undertaking a review of its garage sites and Housing Greens which may be developed according to a new strategic approach. This initiative will support this approach to enable greater use of Council Assets for residents.

4. Issues, Options and Analysis of Options:

- 4.1 Effective management of the Council's Housing stock and associated assets is required for current and future residents of the Borough, including both tenants and private home owners.
- 4.2 One of the opportunities includes reviewing possible alternative parking options, including parking bays, and an effective increase in parking provision may be possible.
- 4.3 A feasibility study has been undertaken for each site which considered utilities, highway considerations, possible planning permission requirements.

5. Reasons for Recommendation:

- 5.1 To enable Officers to develop detailed designs and submit a formal planning application for approval.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 Informal consultation with Essex Highways has been undertaken who have no initial objections to the provision of additional parking on these sites.
- 6.2 Consultation with residents on the detailed designs will be required.

7. References to Corporate Plan

- 7.1 The Council's Corporate Plan aims to:
- Consider how Council assets can be utilised to promote sustainable development in the Borough.
 - Maximise Council assets to deliver corporate objectives and ensure community benefit.

8. Implications

Financial Implications

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- 8.1 There are no direct financial implications included in this report, all costs associated with the feasibility study will be met within existing budgets in the Housing Revenue Account. £25K has been set aside from the 2019/20 Capital programme for implementation of this work.

Legal Implications

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- 8.2 Legal Services are available to provide ongoing advice and assistance in relation to this programme, including advice on public procurement requirements and property issues as these emerge.

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

- 8.3 None.

Background Papers (include their location and identify whether any are exempt or protected by copyright)

- 8.4 None.

9. Appendices to this report

Appendix A – Site Plan, Coram Green

Appendix B – Site Plan, Birkbeck Road

Appendix C – Site Plan, Fielding Way Depot Site

Appendix D - Site Plan, Whittington Road

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