

Committee(s): Community and Health Committee	Date: 10 March 2020
Subject: Brentwood Centre – parking issues	Wards Affected: Pilgrims Hatch
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Summary

On 25 January 2020, the Council received a number of complaints in respect of the Carp Show event at the Brentwood Centre in relation to the dangerous parking of cars around the surrounding roads in the vicinity of the Brentwood Centre. It is proposed that officers explore options for possible solutions to the parking issue at this annual event to minimize the problems on the surrounding roads.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to: -

R1. For delegated authority given to Chief Executive together with any relevant Officers to explore options for possible solutions to the issues of parking around the Brentwood Centre site and bring a report back to the appropriate committee for Member consideration

Main Report

Introduction and Background

1. On 25 and 26 January 2020 the Brentwood Centre's annual Carp Show took place.
2. Brentwood Borough Council received a number of complaints in relation to the events which were primarily to do with the parking of visitors to the event on the surrounding roads. The issue was particularly bad on the Saturday of the event.

3. Previous measures by Brentwood Leisure Trust include putting no waiting cones on Doddinghurst Road had been used but on a number of occasions these have been moved.
4. It is proposed for officers to explore possible options to find a solution to the parking issues around the Brentwood Centre site and to come back to appropriate committee for Member consideration.

Issue, Options and Analysis of Options

5. It is proposed, subject to Member approval for officers to explore options for possible solutions to the issues of parking around the Brentwood Centre site (especially during large events) to minimise the impact on residents, pedestrians and other road users.
6. Options could include temporary measures for the day(s) or a more permanent parking restrictions which would mean consultation with local residents.
7. Officers will also need to determine the number of large events at the Brentwood Centre where parking on the surrounding roads has become an issue.
8. It is proposed that the Carp Show in particular will come before the Brentwood Safety Advisory Group to consider the mitigations that the promotor has in place to reduce the impact and minimise the disruption on the surrounding roads.
9. Further consultation with Brentwood Leisure Trust will also take place to look at how the car parking management within the Brentwood Centre site can be improved during these large events.

Reasons for Recommendation

10. The outcome of the report will come back to the relevant committee which will set out a number of options including indicative costings for Members to consider and improve the parking situation around the Brentwood Centre.

References to Corporate Strategy

11. The report will link into the Developing Communities strand of the Corporate Strategy 2025, protecting the community through enforcement initiatives to improve road safety.

Implications

Financial Implications

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12. There are no direct financial implications within the report apart from Officer time to prepare the report with the options to be considered. Financial modelling for each of the options will also inform any preferred option to be taken forward.

Legal Implications

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13. Any options identified will be within the Council's powers and duties. The Council has power under s1(1) of the Localism Act 2011 to do anything that individuals generally may do, provided it is not prohibited by legislation and subject to public law principles. There is no express prohibition, restriction or limitation contained in a statute against use of the power in this way. In addition, s111 of the Local Government Act 1972 gives a local authority power to do anything which is calculated to facilitate, or is conducive or incidental to, the discharge of any of its functions.

Economic Implications

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14. The Brentwood Centre is the borough's largest leisure centre and entertainment venue. It regularly attracts a large volume of visitors and so is a major contributor to the local economy. It is important that the visitor experience is positive, including access and parking. A review of parking around the Brentwood Centre should consider how a positive visitor experience can be maintained and improved, where possible, thereby contributing to economic growth

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

Background Papers

Appendices to this report

