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Chronology of Planned Events

Although the Council is guaranteed continued use of the Causeway site as a car park until October 2012, it is not known when development will commence after that date. For this and other reasons there must be an element of flexibility to many aspects of the project and officers have developed a three year plan as summarised below:

2010/11

Consultation with 600+ households in the “Chantry” area of Bishop’s Stortford, proposing a resident permit parking scheme in this area.

Residents have been calling for this for a number of years. Should the scheme proceed it should be implemented mid-2011. Officers believe it is imperative that neighbouring streets are controlled in this fashion before pay and display charges are introduced in the Rye Street/Grange Paddocks car parks. Informal consultation has started.

Refurbishment of Rye Street Car Park (brought forward from 2011/12)

On 16 August 2010 the Council began the refurbishment of an area of the Rye Street car park (the area fronting Rye Street and incorporating the recycling banks). This car park is in poor condition and the works are a necessary precursor to the marking out of parking bays and the introduction of pay and display parking.

2011/12

Refurbishment of Grange Paddocks overspill car park

The current gravelled car park (approx. 120 spaces) requires additional investment to bring it up to an acceptable standard. This must take into account that it is situated on a flood plain.

Implementation of Resident Permit Parking Scheme in the “Chantry” area of Bishop’s Stortford

Dependant on the outcome of the consultation exercise during 2010.

Re-designation of Elm Road car park

Elm Road car park will be re-designated to become a long stay only car park.

Creation of pedestrian footbridge over the River Stort (brought forward from 2012/13)

At present pedestrian visitors to the leisure centre are forced to share the vehicle bridge across the River Stort. This is unacceptable now and will be doubly so when the car parks are more heavily used. Property Services officers propose to create a separate pedestrian footbridge adjacent to the vehicle bridge.

Conversion of Link Road and Northgate End car parks to short stay

For reasons stated earlier, this could happen in 2011/12 or in 2012/13. At the time the Causeway car park is closed, the car parks on the opposite side of the A1250 need to be converted to predominantly short stay use to compensate. Long stay parking would still be allowed in these car parks, but would be charged at a premium rate.

Implementation of predominantly long stay parking in Rye Street and Grange Paddocks car parks.

For reasons stated earlier, this could happen in 2011/12 or in 2012/13. The charges and other terms of use of these car parks would have to be given careful consideration and it is likely that a degree of short stay parking (perhaps maximum two hours) will be introduced to facilitate use of the leisure centre and playing fields. A rebate scheme would then be set up should the Council and SLM wish users of the facility to continue to enjoy free parking.

2012/13

Upgrade of the riverside walk from Grange Paddocks to Bishop's Stortford town centre.

Property Services officers propose to upgrade the current riverside path between Grange Paddocks and Bishop's Stortford town centre. This will include an upgraded surface and lighting.

(Re-designation of Link Road and Northgate End car parks as predominantly short stay should this not have happened in 2011/12).

(Implementation of long stay, pay and display parking in the Rye Street and Grange Paddocks car parks should this not have happened in 2011/12).