

Report To:	Environment & Regeneration Committee	Date: 14 January 2021
Report By:	Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources	Report No: ERC/RT/GMcF/18.622
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Subject:	New Car Park on Jamaica Street, Greenock – Proposed Restrictions	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to advise Committee of a new car park being constructed on Jamaica Street between Union Street and West Stewart Street and to seek Committee approval to the proposed parking restrictions for the car park.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 A fire in December 2018 resulted in the demolition of a former church which had been used as a furniture store. This left a vacant site on Jamaica Street (between Union Street and West Stewart Street) within Greenock town centre which the Council then acquired.
- 2.2 Proposals to improve public realm within Greenock town centre will see the loss of approximately 29 on-street parking spaces. These spaces are available to use free of charge and have a waiting limit of 2 hours Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.
- 2.3 To compensate for the loss of parking, a car park will be constructed on the vacant site on Jamaica Street. The car park will have 20 parking spaces including 2 disabled bays.
- 2.4 In order to provide turnover of parking spaces and to compensate for the loss of on-street parking, it is proposed to introduce a restriction which provides free parking for up to 3 hours with a parking disc and an exemption for zone GR1 permit holders. This restriction would be in effect Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm and is in line with Cathcart Street West car park, also in Greenock Town Centre. Tariff F from Appendix 1 is proposed.

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3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 That the Committee agrees to a restriction being introduced in the new car park on Jamaica Street, Greenock which will provide free parking for up to 3 hours Monday to Friday from 8am to 6pm.
- 3.2 That it be remitted to the Head of Service Roads and Transportation and the Head of Legal and Property Services to prepare and promote a TRO to progress and enforce the proposed restriction in the new car park on Jamaica Street, Greenock.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 A fire in December 2018 resulted in the demolition of a church which had been used as a furniture store. This left a vacant site on Jamaica Street (between Union Street and West Stewart Street) within Greenock town centre which the Council then acquired.
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5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Finance

There are no costs of the proposed restriction as parking discs are already used and accounted for within the current budget.

5.2 Legal

Variations to the existing TRO, namely “The Inverclyde Council (Off-Street Parking Places) Order 2013” will be promoted in accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities’ Traffic Order (Procedure) (Scotland) Regulations 1999.

The Committee is asked to note that, if approved, the Order may not be implemented until the making of the Order has been advertised to allow any persons who so wish a period of six weeks to question the validity of the Order in terms of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

5.3 Human Resources

There are no HR implications arising from this report.

5.4 Equalities

- (a) There are equalities implications in this report.

X	YES – This report introduces an amendment to a policy, function or recommend a substantive change to an existing policy, function or : Therefore, a Equality Impact Assessment is required
	NO

- (b) **Fairer Scotland Duty**

If this report affects or proposes any major strategic decision:-

Has there been active consideration of how this report’s recommendations red

outcome?

X

YES

NO – This report's recommendations have no impact on inequalities of outcome caused by socio-economic disadvantage has been completed.

(c) **Data Protection**

Has a Data Protection Impact Assessment been carried out?

X

YES

NO – This report does not involve data processing.

5.5 Repopulation

There are no repopulation implications arising from this report.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

6.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services, Head of Environmental & Public Protection and the Chief Financial Officer have been consulted on this report.

7.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

7.1 None.

Appendix 1 – Car Park Tariffs

SCALE OF PARKING CHARGES APPLICABLE DURING THE HOURS OF OPERATION FOR PARKING PLACES

TARIFF	CHARGES	MAXIMUM DURATION OF STAY	NO RETURN WITHIN	DISPLAY TICKET/PARKING DISC/NONE	COMMENTS
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3	Column 4	Column 5	Column 6
A	Free	24 hours	n/a	None	n/a
B	Free	2 hours (3 hours for Disabled Person's Badge holders)	1 hour	None or Disabled Person's Badge	n/a
C	Free	3 hours (3 hours for Disabled Person's Badge holders)	1 hour	Parking Disc or Disabled Person's Badge	n/a
D	£1.00 per calendar day (Free for Disabled Person's Badge holders)	One calendar day	n/a	Ticket or Disabled Person's Badge	Multiple stays in one calendar day are permitted if space is available on return
E	£1.00 per calendar day (Free for Disabled Person's Badge holders)	One calendar day	n/a	Ticket or Residents' Parking Permit or Disabled Person's Badge	Multiple stays in one calendar day are permitted if space is available on return
F	Free	3 hours (3 hours for Disabled Person's Badge holders)	1 hour	Parking Disc or Residents' Parking Permit or Disabled Person's Badge	n/a
G	Free	Unlimited	n/a	Residents' Parking Permit or Disabled Person's Badge	n/a
H	Free	Unlimited	n/a	Residents' Parking Permit	n/a