

Linen Street Car Park and Warwick Displacement Plan
O&S Update

1. Summary

- 1.1 In the context of significant structural issues at Linen Street MSCP, officers are continuing to give consideration to the long-term future of parking facilities in Warwick.
- 1.2 A study has been recently undertaken and completed which gives indicative guidance on potential future growth for demand in parking in Warwick, against which potential future development options are to be considered.
- 1.3 The study suggests there is a high demand for short-stay parking in Warwick town centre and that consideration will need to be given to the appropriate long-term re-provision of this in the context of the proposed closure of Linen Street Car Park.
- 1.4 High-level feasibility work has been undertaken for potential replacement parking options on the existing site of Linen Street and for development of decked parking at West Rock car park.
- 1.5 In response to the outcome of this work further, alternative options for long-term parking provision are being explored by officers to ensure any future business case for re-provision of parking at the Linen Street site is robust.
- 1.6 Monthly structural surveys are being undertaken on the current Linen Street car park and repairs are being made in response to report findings to keep the car park safe and operational.
- 1.7 The survey findings are currently encouraging and indicate a slow deterioration in the structure. A managed, co-ordinated closure of Linen Street car park and displacement of users, once an alternative long-term parking option has been agreed remains the project objective.
- 1.8 A risk does remain however that the car park may need to be closed for public use at short notice and a viable displacement plan to respond to this is a priority.
- 1.9 A draft displacement plan has been devised that proposes options for displacing affected users of Linen Street Car Park. Consultation with key stakeholders is taking place with regards to this displacement plan.
- 1.10 The Friends' of St. Mary's Lands and the Warwick Society have raised concerns with elements of the plan relating to the proposal to temporarily

park season tickets holders on land between the existing car parks at St. Mary's Lands Area 3 and St. Mary's Lands Area 4.

- 1.11 Alternative options have been suggested by stakeholders and Warwick District Council is in the process of investigating the cost and planning implications on a number of these options.
- 1.12 The displacement plan has been altered slightly in response to the objections to ensure that a viable plan exists in the event that Linen Street car park has to be closed at short notice.
- 1.13 This displacement plan is currently being prepared and costed and planning permission will be required for elements of the plan.
- 1.14 It is planned that by late-2017 an implementable displacement plan, to manage the impact of an unplanned closure of Linen Street MSCP, will be in place.