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Subject: Update on Roman Place Improvements

Report to: Environment Committee

Report by: Miranda Lee, Head of Customer Services

SUBJECT MATTER

This report provides an update on the proposed improvement scheme for Roman Place following the report to Environment Committee on the 19th February 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That Committee:

- 1) Endorse the identified budget and spend contained within section 5.1 of the report on the revised proposal of improvements as outlined in Section 3 of the report
- 2) Agree that a proposal be made to the Great Yarmouth Transport & Infrastructure Steering Group for Roman Place to be resurfaced as part of the Norfolk County Council forward capital programme

1. Background

- 1.1. In February 2020 members of the committee approved a range of improvements to the car park at Roman Place which is located between Regent Road and Albion Road in Great Yarmouth with vehicular access from Nelson Road and Albion Road.
- 1.2. Although this area falls under the responsibility of Norfolk County Council, Highways, this initiative has been led by GYBC officers in liaison with NCC.
- 1.3. The improvements focused on the resurfacing of the area, re-lining of spaces to demarcate the parking spaces and pedestrian routes.
- 1.4. The proposals included some changes to the Traffic Order to introduce 90-minute restrictions for some of the car park spaces between the hours of 0900 and 1800, 7 days per week, with the remainder of the car park being designated as permit holder only. This was with a view of providing some access to customers wanting to visit/shop at businesses within the area as well as provision for attendees to services at St Mary's Church.
- 1.5. It was further proposed that permits for residents of the area and business owners would be provided free of charge until 2023 and that this area would be considered as part of a planned review of the Resident zone A in due course.

2. Project Update

- 2.1. Following approval to proceed with the proposals based on using a micro-pour surface material which was under trial, wider testing of this surface dressing material commenced. NCC Highway Engineers appointed a sub-contractor to investigate the site further with the view of giving assurances of the suitability of this micro-pour product. The results expressed concern due to being prone to screwing/stripping due to turning movements in the car parking area, therefore, meaning this would not be a sustainable option to progress.
- 2.2. NCC had already investigated whether this area would be suitable for their annual surface dressing programme, however, the same issues and concerns were expressed. Therefore, in terms of the resurfacing this only leaves the traditional method of resurface with top layers of asphalt removed and new asphalt laid. The cost of this solution had already been considered and discounted as not economically viable as necessary funds were not available.

3. Revised Proposal

- 3.1 As a traditional resurface is not possible for the reasons mentioned above, improvements can still be made to address the potholes, re-lining of the existing spaces and replacement of signage as well as a general tidy up of the surrounding environment. The Police have already been assisting to patrol and report/assist in the removal of 'abandoned/obstructive vehicles' and will continue to monitor this area.
- 3.2 The current Traffic Order restrictions would remain as 24hrs parking with no return for 12hrs. This would mean there would be no cost or requirement for consultation on changes to restrictions within this area. This area can still be considered as part of the wider review of the Residents Zone A. A map of Roman Place is included at Appendix A.
- 3.3 The benefits of proceeding with this revised proposal still include the overall original objective of improving the environment at this location as well as;
 - Removal of the need for consultation with residents/businesses over Traffic Order changes
 - Less disruption for residents and business as works are completed
 - Overall visual improvement will still be achieved
 - The refreshed parking bays will make it clear to residents where they should and shouldn't park. Vehicles parked outside of the marked bays will be in violation of the existing Traffic Order and could therefore be liable for a Penalty Charge Notice.
 - The proposal will be delivered within the identified budget
 - Options remain to consider in the future in relation to the Resident Zone or other changes to restrictions

4. Implication & Timescales

- 4.1. If endorsed, it is anticipated these works can be completed over the winter months and be completed by the end of March 2021.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1. The funding for these improvements will come from ringfenced reserves of the Pre- CPE Surplus Account for the specific use of funding for transport related initiatives within the Great Yarmouth Borough. The funds earmarked for these improvements is £16,000 with an additional £1,000 contribution that has been made available by NCC. As this proposal is expected to come in under the available budget, the surplus from this earmarked fund can be considered for other transport related initiatives in the future.
- 5.2. As this area is highways and not borough council land, there are no opportunities for income to be generated directly for GYBC either now or in the future should the area form part of the Resident Zone A.

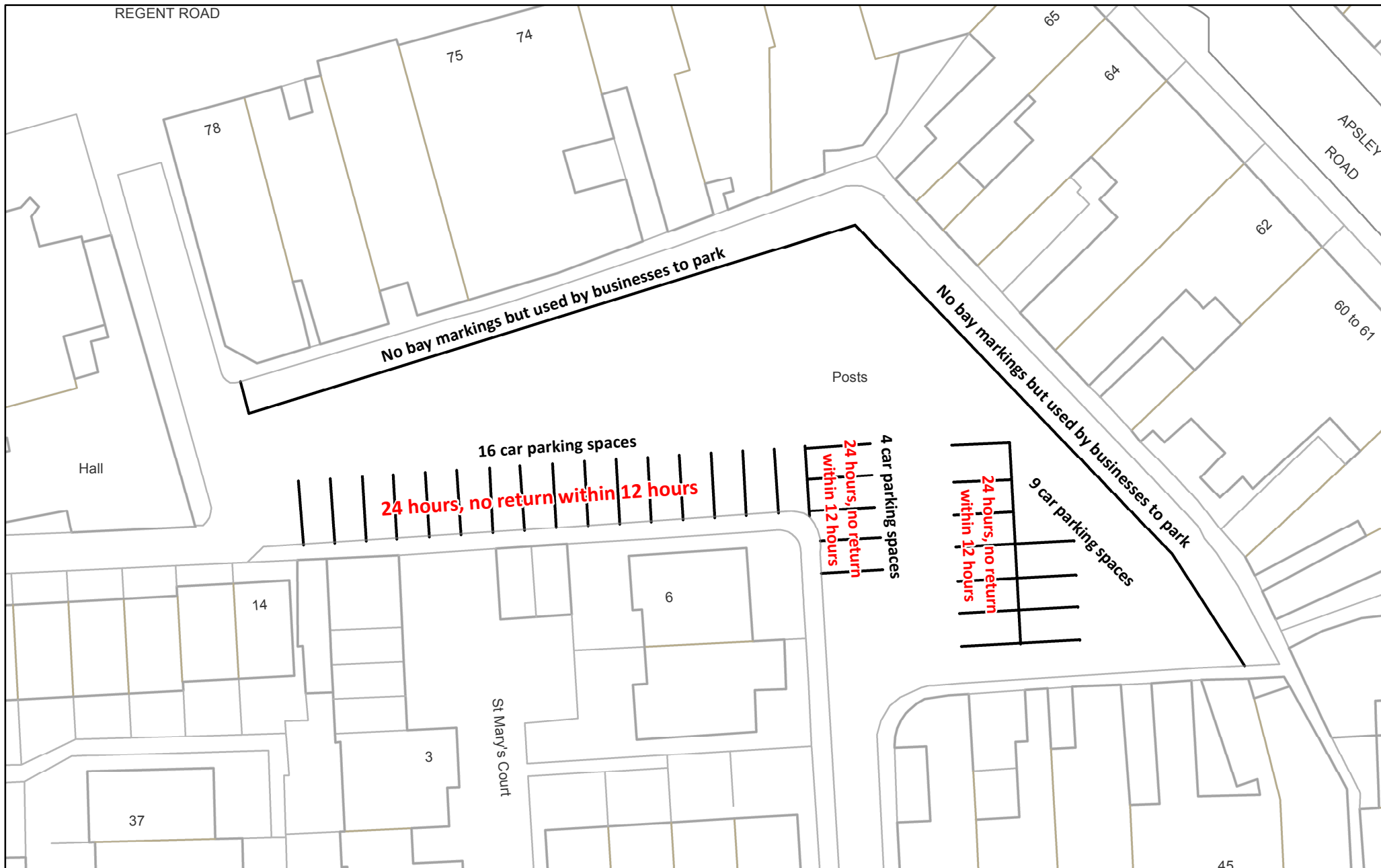
6. Recommendations

- 6.1. The Committee is asked to endorse the identified budget and spend contained within section 5.1 of the report on the revised proposal of improvements as outlined in Section 3 of the report.
- 6.2. The Committee is also asked to agree a proposal be made to the Great Yarmouth Transport & Infrastructure Steering Group that Roman Place is to be resurfaced as part of the Norfolk County Council forward capital programme.

7. Background Papers – Proposed Improvement Scheme for Roman Place Report to Environment Committee 19th February 2020 (attached)

Areas of consideration: e.g. does this report raise any of the following issues and if so how have these been considered/mitigated against?

Area for consideration	Comment
Monitoring Officer Consultation:	Yes
Section 151 Officer Consultation:	Yes
Existing Council Policies:	
Financial Implications (including VAT and tax):	Yes as outlined
Legal Implications (including human rights):	Yes Traffic Order
Risk Implications:	
Equality Issues/EQIA assessment:	
Crime & Disorder:	
Every Child Matters:	



Subject: Proposed Improvement Scheme for Roman Place

Report to: Environment Committee 19th February 2020

Report by: Richard Alexander, Multi Disciplined Enforcement Officer

SUBJECT MATTER/RECOMMENDATIONS

This report outlines proposed improvements to Roman Place parking and service area which is located between Regent Road and Albion Road with vehicular access from both carriageways and Roman Place also, leading from Nelson Road Central.

This report provides an update on proposed improvements and follows the report to the Council's Corporate Project Board on the 7th May 2019 where it was agreed that the area would benefit from some general improvements to the surface of the carriageway, car parking configuration/demarcation, lighting and rationalisation of the access points.

Recommendations

- 1) To receive and consider the update and progress in relation to the Roman Place Improvement Proposals
- 2) To endorse the proposals and next steps to commence wider consultation with council members and members of the public on the proposals

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 In January 2019 Officers revisited proposals to improve the car parking and service area at Roman Place, Great Yarmouth.
- 1.2 Although this area falls under the responsibility of Highways, Norfolk County Council, this initiative has been led by GYBC officers in liaison with NCC.
- 1.3 The area is located immediately south of Regent Road close to Marine Parade, with vehicle access from Regent Road, Nelson Road Central and Albion Road. There have been previous attempts to improve the area but these stalled due to opposition from the adjoining property owners. Particularly regarding parking spaces and existing vehicular access arrangements that are immediately adjacent to their respective properties.
- 1.3. The proposed improvements will focus upon resurfacing Roman Place and painting new lines to demarcate the parking spaces/pedestrian routes. A new Traffic

Regulation Order will be required.

2. PROJECT UPDATE

- 2.1 Early February 2019 a project fund of £16,000 was allocated from the Norfolk County Council Pre CPE Surplus Account by the Great Yarmouth Transport & Infrastructure Steering Group (£15,000 remaining, following underspend on previous schemes) with additional £1,000 value/cost for work to be undertaken by Norfolk County Council (Highways) that would otherwise have been spent on annual repair and maintenance at Roman Place.
- 2.2 During February options were discussed with an unconfirmed estimated cost for the work being iro £250K. The work proposed full re-surfacing, kerb stone realignment, revised car parking layout/demarcation and additional street lighting. As due diligence external surveyors Allman Woodcock were appointed to provide a detailed costing which returned a suggested project cost iro £440K.
- 2.3 In summer 2019 NCC used a micro-pour surface dressing material under trial. This material/method has been recommended by NCC as suitable for use at Roman Place (confirmed November 2019).
- 2.4 Given the constraint of the project budget available commencement of work has been delayed to ensure best value, and that the most economical construction method can be used.
- 2.5 Using only those funds that are available the current scheme will improve the car park and carriageway surface, including a revised car parking layout and new white lines to demarcate the layout. A revised Traffic Regulation Order will be required and any funds remaining will be used to improve signage and lighting in Roman Place.

3. PROPOSAL

- 3.1 Referring to the plan at Appendix 1 'Roman Place – Draft 4'. The car parking spaces immediately behind the properties/businesses fronting on to Regent Road and Apsley Road are 'Roman Place' car parking permit only, the spaces immediately north of St. Mary's Court will be 90 minutes unrestricted parking, 0900 to 1800 hrs, 7 days a week with 'Roman Place' car parking permit only 1800 to 0900 hrs (overnight).
- 3.2 All parking in Roman Place will be free until 2023. The arrangements may be reviewed in 2023 to ensure a consistent approach to car parking provision across the Borough when this area may become part of the Resent Zone A.

4. IMPLEMENTATION & TIMESCALES

- 4.1 It is anticipated that the scheme will be implemented during 2020 (the surface dressing can only be laid during the warmer months of the year) with property owners and businesses that adjoin Roman Place invited to comment upon the proposal in March 2020. It should be noted that GYBC will lead on the consultation.
- 4.2 The scheme may be amended taking account of the property and business owners views. However, it is recognised that the area requires a full resurfacing and renewal of the car parking demarcation irrespective of any amendments taken in to account as a result of the consultation.
- 4.3 The proposal will be presented to Great Yarmouth Transport and Infrastructure Working Group on 22 January 2020, seeking support from Borough and County Members of the group. The support of the surrounding ward councillors will be sought also.
- 4.4 The application for the new Traffic Regulation Order will take approximately 6 months to implement and will be progressed by Norfolk County Council.
- 4.5 Prior to commencement of the work all abandoned and unroadworthy vehicles must be removed from Roman Place. Norfolk County Council will lead, with support from GYBC Officers as required.
- 4.6 Depending upon NCC working programme during 2020, the work will be undertaken and completed during July – September 2020 (precise date tbc).
- 4.7 Following completion of the scheme the area will continue to be maintained under Norfolk County Councils annual repair and maintenance programme.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The funding for these improvements will come from ringfenced reserves of the Pre-CPE Surplus Account where any funds can only be released for transport related initiatives within the Great Yarmouth borough. An additional £1000 contribution has been made available by Norfolk County Council
- 5.2 As this area is highways and not borough council land, there are no opportunities for income to be generated directly either now or in the future should the area form part of the Resident Zone A.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 To receive and consider the update and progress in relation to the Roman Place Improvement Proposals
- 6.2 To endorse the proposals and next steps to commence wider consultation with council members and members of the public on the proposals.

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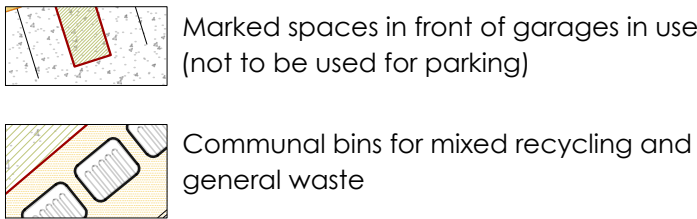
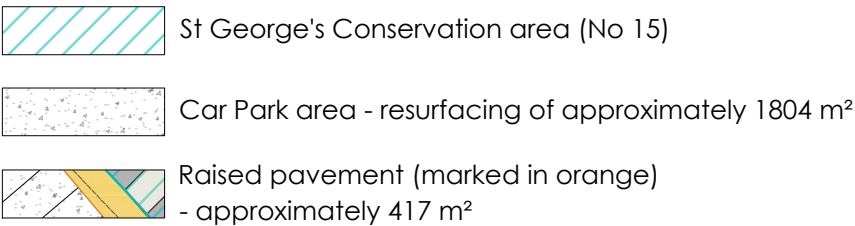
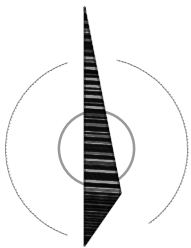
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Roman Place
Car Park scheme

47 Car parking bays
(sized 5/2.5 metres)

Annotations on the drawing:

- Five marked areas (1a,1b,1c,1d,1e) not to be used as parking bays because of functioning garages/delivery entrances/ fire exits. Further research is suggested.
 - Three areas (marked 2a,2b,2c on the drawing) for communal bins to be placed - this would enable easy access and better arrangement. Green areas included around.
 - Resurfacing and establishing drainage channels - main car-parking area and new pavement.
 - 3a - Car parking area
 - 3b - widening pedestrian walkway behind the propertiesFurther research and communication with owners/ occupiers is advised.
 - Signs to the entrance.
 - 4a - from Albion Road to the Car Park
 - 4b - from Regent Road to the Car Park
- + Other Warning Signage



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