

Officer in Consultation

Nunnery Lane Car Park Blue Badge Holder Parking

Summary

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval to take forward some minor changes to Nunnery Lane car park layout to provide additional facilities for those with mobility difficulties.

Recommendations

2. Convert a section of parking bays in Nunnery Lane car park to wider Blue badge holder bays.

Reason: to increase disabled parking facilities close to the Micklegate area of the city centre

Background

3. As part of the recent modifications to the city centre footstreets additional dedicated blue badge holder bays were provided in 4 of the car parks closest to the central area. These are being well used, hence it is suggested that a further conversion of regular bays to wider disabled bays be made at the Micklegate end of Nunnery Lane car park where at present there are only 4 spaces (see plan in Annex A). The estimated cost of these works is likely to be in the region of £500, which can be funded from the new lines budget.

Consultation

4. The changes to the Nunnery Lane car park parking bay designations would not require any formal consultation.
5. Ward councillor and political party representative comments are shown in Annex B.

Options

6. The options available for the proposed amendment put forward above are:
7. Option 1 - Take no further action.
8. Option 2 – Proceed with the proposals as outlined above.
9. Option 3 - Put on hold for the time being or defer a decision for additional information to be provided.

Analysis

10. Option 1 – Nunnery Lane car park has narrow parking bays due to old parking standards used many years ago and therefore can be more difficult for a driver or passenger with reduced mobility. Marking out the whole car park to modern standards would reduce the number of spaces in the car park but would still not provide a particularly attractive option for a blue badge holder. Hence taking no action is not the recommended option.
11. Option 2 - converting regular parking bays to wider blue badge holder bays results in a loss of spaces overall (3 bays become 2). Whilst this may result in a loss of income for the individual car park once the car park reaches capacity the displaced vehicles will likely relocate to other car parks, such as St. George's Field car park, therefore loss of income is likely to be minimal. The potential for a minimal loss of income should also be weighed against the much improved facilities for those with mobility difficulties wishing to visit or use facilities in the Micklegate area. For these reasons this is the recommended option.
12. Option 3 – there may be a larger unmet demand for additional blue badge parking that could be identified by further study. However if that becomes apparent we would be able to convert more spaces at that time so the delay to making improvements whilst a study (the results of which would unlikely be conclusive) is undertaken does not seem offer any real advantage. For this reason this option is not recommended.

Council Plan

13. The provision of additional exclusive blue badge holder parking provision supports the council priorities of "Protecting vulnerable people".

Implications

14. **Financial** There are no financial implications beyond those outlined earlier in the report.

Human Resources (HR) There are no HR implications

Equalities There are no equalities implications

Legal There are no Legal implications

Crime and Disorder There are no crime and disorder implications

Information Technology (IT) There are no IT implications

Property There are no property implications

Other There are no other implications

Risk Management

15. There are no risk management implications.

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**Report
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Wards Affected: Guildhall

All *tick*

For further information please contact the author of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes

Annex A – Plan of Nunnery Lane Car Park Showing Proposed Changes.

Annex B - Ward Councillor and Political Party Representative
Comments

Annex A

Plan of Nunnery Lane Car Park Showing Proposed Changes



Not surveyed 1:250

Annex B

Ward Councillor and Political Party Representative Comments

Ward

Councillor Merrett - No comments received.

Councillor Fraser – No comments received.

Councillor Gunnell – No comments received.

Political Party Representative

Councillor Reid - Whilst I support the provision of facilities for blue badge holders we do need to ensure that the balance is right and are not penalising able bodied people who wish to park. Nunnery Lane has already lost a number of places to car club/electric car spaces all of which are at the end closest to Micklegate and that needs to be taken into account when balancing provision.

If these proposals go ahead will they be monitored and provision adjusted in the future if necessary? There is nothing more frustrating that having permanently empty disabled spaces when all the others are full.

Councillor Steward – No comments received.

Councillor D'Agorne – No comments received.