

BRIEFING NOTE

MOTION: CAMPERVANS, STATICS ON MORECAMBE PROMEADE AND COUNCIL CARPARKS

This motion is not to stop Campervans/ and Statics visiting Morecambe it is to stop overnight parking on our Highways and Council Car Parks for environmental and health and safety reasons.

Highways are for temporary use to move on as well as car parks.

Camper Vans / Motorhomes on Morecambe Promenade

Lancaster City Council notes:

The concerns raised by residents with regards to the increased volume of camper vans and motorhomes parking overnight on Morecambe Promenade.

The impact upon the accessibility of Morecambe Promenade.

The visual and environmental, health and safety impact upon a prominent part of the district which may affect tourism and the local economy.

The potential for reputational damage to Lancaster City Council for perceived inaction, despite the issue falling under the authority of Lancashire County Council.

This council therefore resolves:

- i. To engage with partner organisations, including Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Constabulary, to seek authority to enact a ban on overnight parking on Morecambe Promenade for camper vans and motorhomes.*
- ii. To initiate a ban for overnight parking across all Lancaster City Council car parks for camper vans and motorhomes.*
- iii. To establish a working group with partner organisations, to explore alternative locations which can be used by camper van and motorhome users within the district.*

PROPOSERS:

Moved by: Cllr Margaret Pattison

Seconded by: Cllr David Whitaker

In support: Cllr Jean Parr; Cllr Chris Harris; Cllr Colin Hartley; Cllr Jackson Stubbs; Cllr John Hanson; Cllr Robert Redfern; Cllr Joanne Ainscough

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The Council has received numerous concerns over a period of time about the longer term and

overnight parking of campervans on Morecambe promenade. The parking of vehicles more generally in Morecambe is a key element of delivering Eden Project Morecambe. There will be a Parking Strategy to be agreed for Eden Project Morecambe. Furthermore the wider area of central Morecambe and the promenade needs to be considered. A Central Morecambe Regeneration and Investment Strategy is currently out for tender within which transport and highways solutions will be a key consideration.

It should be highlighted that the City Council is not the highways authority, that is Lancashire County Council. It is therefore essential that the County Council are involved and commit to find resolutions to the valid concerns raised. There have already been informal meetings held with key Officers at the County Council on such matters.

It should also be noted that there are various legislative procedures that must be gone through when introducing changes to parking rules.

The proposals (i and iii) to establish a working group to look at solutions and to engage with partners including the County Council and Lancashire Constabulary is entirely appropriate. It is further well timed given the detailed work now ongoing on the Eden Parking Strategy and Central Morecambe Regeneration and Investment Strategy.

With regard to proposal ii, whilst the spirit of this is appropriate the ban would need to be considered and timed well with alternative provision so that the welcome custom from campervans is not lost.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments
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MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments
