

Newmans Garden Car Park Improvement

Briefing to Steyning Parish Council from HDC

Item 7.1

The existing car park is laid out in an east west configuration with a combination of one and two-way running roads with marked parking and blue badge bays.

The existing bays are below current standards, 52% being less than the standard 2.4m width and all bays less than the standard 4.8m length. Some running roads are also below the standard 6.0m width required for vehicles to access the parking bays.

Based on the above, if the car park layout was to be re-marked to current bay standards and running road widths, this would give 117 standard and 7 Blue Badge bays.

To achieve the maximum number of spaces in the car park, a new north/south one way layout is proposed which would give 122 standard and 7 Blue Badge bays, see drawing STEY LS SK09. This layout also means the majority of bays can be increased in length to 5.0m.

Car Park Lighting

A new electrical feeder cabinet is to be installed and additional lighting columns provided.

As part of the lighting upgrade, new LED lanterns are to be installed in advance of the car park works.

EV Charge Points

Currently EV charging points are being upgraded in Horsham District car parks by Connected Kerb (CK). The infrastructure for this, including the underground ducting, is installed by CK as this must be to UK Power Networks' standards in place at the time. The 6 bays to the north of the 4 Blue Badge bays on the west side have been identified for EV points, however the final location would be subject to electrical loading being provided from the UKPN network.

Digital Tourist Information Panel

Currently located to the side of the Steyning Map Archway under the oak tree, the screen gets covered in bird mess which does not encourage touch screen use, and the unit has a poor signal connection due to the surrounding buildings. To reduce these problems, the screen would be relocated in the central pedestrian area next to the Pay & Display machines.

Cycling & Motorbike Parking

It is not proposed to install parking stands for cycles within the car park, however an area for motorbikes will be provided.

The car park proposal has been discussed and accepted by the Steyning District Business Chamber and Steyning & District Community Partnership.

And this is what was minuted from the last F&GP Meeting -

Update concerning the proposed Newman's Gardens Car Park development. Cllr Lloyd updated that he, Cllr S. Alexander and the Clerk had attended a working party with representatives from the HDC Car Park Department and project management teams. They presented their plans and thought processes which led to their conclusions. Main reasons for their redesign included incorporating wider and longer bays to deal with the modern car requirements, better lighting, wider access paths and better notifications, a one-way system to alleviate obvious traffic issues, more disabled parking bays, ground works preparation for future electric charging points and some redesign and to augment the surrounding foliage / planting / landscaping. Cllr Lloyd also pointed out that on the advice of members the HDC representatives also had a subsequent meeting with Steyning and District Partnership and Steyning Business Chamber reps concerning the scheme. The draft plan was distributed as a supporting paper. The final plan is yet to be sent to the Clerk but will be forthcoming well before the project start date – This due to be late spring of this year - 2023.

We need to agree our support or otherwise for this project please

