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Warriston Gardens – Amendment to Parking Charges

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Executive summary

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Summary

Representations have been received from the Goldenacre Bowling Club and a local elected member requesting that the maximum period of stay at the parking places situated at the eastern end of Warriston Gardens be extended from four hours to nine hours.

Recommendations

To recommend that the Transport and Environment Committee commence the statutory procedure to vary the Traffic Regulation Order governing the Controlled Parking Scheme to amend the parking charges on Warriston Gardens.

That parking in this section of Warriston Gardens is monitored and a report on the information gathered is presented to the Transport and Environment Committee within 12 months of the change to the parking charge coming in to effect.

Measures of success

The proposed change in parking charges will improve accessibility for users of the Goldenacre Bowling Club, providing a wider range of options for parking in the vicinity of their facility. It will allow visitors to the club to park on-street for the entire duration of matches, many of which last longer than the current parking arrangements allow.

Financial impact

The parking charge at one ticket issuing machines will have to be amended and this cost can be accommodated from within this financial year's Parking Budget.

Equalities impact

Consideration has been given to the relevance of the Equalities Act 2010 and further consultation is not required, outwith that proposed, as there will be no increase to the hourly rate and no impact on those covered by the Protected Characteristics.

Sustainability impact

It is expected that there will be no adverse environmental impacts as a result of this report.

Consultation and engagement

The Variation Order will be the subject of an obligatory statutory procedure which will involve consultations, with bodies representing persons likely to be affected, and will necessitate the advertising of the proposal in The Scotsman newspaper and by notices on-street.

Local members were consulted by email on 13 November 2012.

The decision of the Committee will be passed to the bowling club.

Background reading/external references

The following background reading is available:

- Plan of the parking places on Warriston Gardens.
- Correspondence with the bowling club.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Goldenacre Bowling Club wrote to Service for Communities, via Councillor Whyte, who supports the proposal, asking for the maximum stay period at the shared-use parking places adjacent to their premises on Warriston Gardens to be increased to allow members and visitors to be able to park for longer periods.
- 1.2 The Traffic Regulation Order governing parking on Warriston Gardens allows for shared use parking places to be located along the north side of the road. The parking places are split into two blocks either side of an access to George Heriot's School Recreation Grounds. Those to the west accommodating 40 vehicles and the eastern accommodating 20 vehicles. Non permit holders parking in these bays are restricted to a maximum stay of four hours. The charge applying is 20p for 12 minutes (minimum) to £4.00 for four hours (maximum).
- 1.3 Members and visitors to the Goldenacre Bowling Club have asked if some of these parking places can be changed to nine hours maximum stay. In line with other nine hour parking places in the N2 area of the Controlled Parking Zone, the tariff will change to 20p for 12 minutes (minimum) up to £3.00 maximum charge.
- 1.4 Observations of the parking in the shared use areas on Warriston Gardens show that at no time were all the parking places occupied. It is therefore considered that reducing the parking charge in the eastern section of parking places will not affect the ability to park in the area and that the Variation Order to the Traffic Regulation Order governing the Controlled Parking Scheme to make the necessary amendments should be commenced.

2. Main report

- 2.1 Parking on Warriston Gardens currently consists of permit holder parking places adjacent to residences on the south-east side and shared-use parking places adjacent to Heriot's playing fields on the north-west side. The length of stay permitted in all shared-use parking places in Warriston Gardens is currently set at four hours. With charges currently set at 20p for 12 minutes, the maximum amount payable is £4.00.
- 2.2 Goldenacre Bowling Club have indicated that, while many of their members and visitors to the club already use the shared-use parking places, many of their matches last longer than four hours. This leaves players with the option of either meter feeding to extend their stay beyond the maximum period allowed, which is considered a contravention, or moving their vehicles to another parking place to avoid receiving a penalty charge notice.
- 2.3 Members and visitors to the Goldenacre Bowling Club have asked if some of the shared-use parking places can be changed to nine hours maximum stay. If the maximum stay period is extended the parking charge would change to 20p for 12 minutes (minimum) up to £3.00 maximum charge. All existing nine hour parking places within the N2 zone operate at this charging level.
- 2.4 Observations of the parking in the shared use areas on Warriston Gardens show that at no time were all the parking places occupied. Furthermore, our records show that there are 115 permit holders in the Warriston area, with approximately 200 spaces available to those permit holders. On that basis it is considered that it would be possible to amend both the length of stay and the parking charge in the eastern section of shared-use parking places in Warriston Gardens. This initiative would support the needs of the bowling club without affecting the ability of residents or of other visitors to park in the area.
- 2.5 It is therefore proposed to commence the legal process to make the necessary changes to the Traffic Regulation Order governing the Controlled Parking Scheme.
- 2.6 There can be no guarantee that these parking places will be only used by persons going to the bowling club. However, it is considered that these parking places are located in an area, ie a cul-de-sac on the edge of the Controlled Parking Zone that will not be attractive to commuters. The new parking charge will be monitored to ensure that it is providing the intended benefits to the bowling club and other road users. Should it be found that the parking place is being used for commuter parking further consideration will be given to introducing a charge which will deter them.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Transport and Environment Committee commences the statutory procedure to make the Variation Order to the Traffic Regulation Order governing the Controlled Parking Scheme, which will amend the parking charges on Warriston Gardens.
- 3.2 That parking in this section of Warriston Gardens is monitored and a report on the information gathered is presented to the Transport and Environment Committee within 12 months of the change to the parking charge coming into effect.

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Coalition pledges	P31 - Maintain our City's reputation as the cultural capital of the world by continuing to support and invest in our cultural infrastructure.
Council outcomes	CO20 - Culture, sport and major events – Edinburgh continues to be a leading cultural city where culture and sport play a central part in the lives and futures of citizens.
Single Outcome Agreement	SO4 – Edinburgh's communities are safer and have improved physical and social fabric.
Appendices	Plan of the parking places on Warriston Gardens

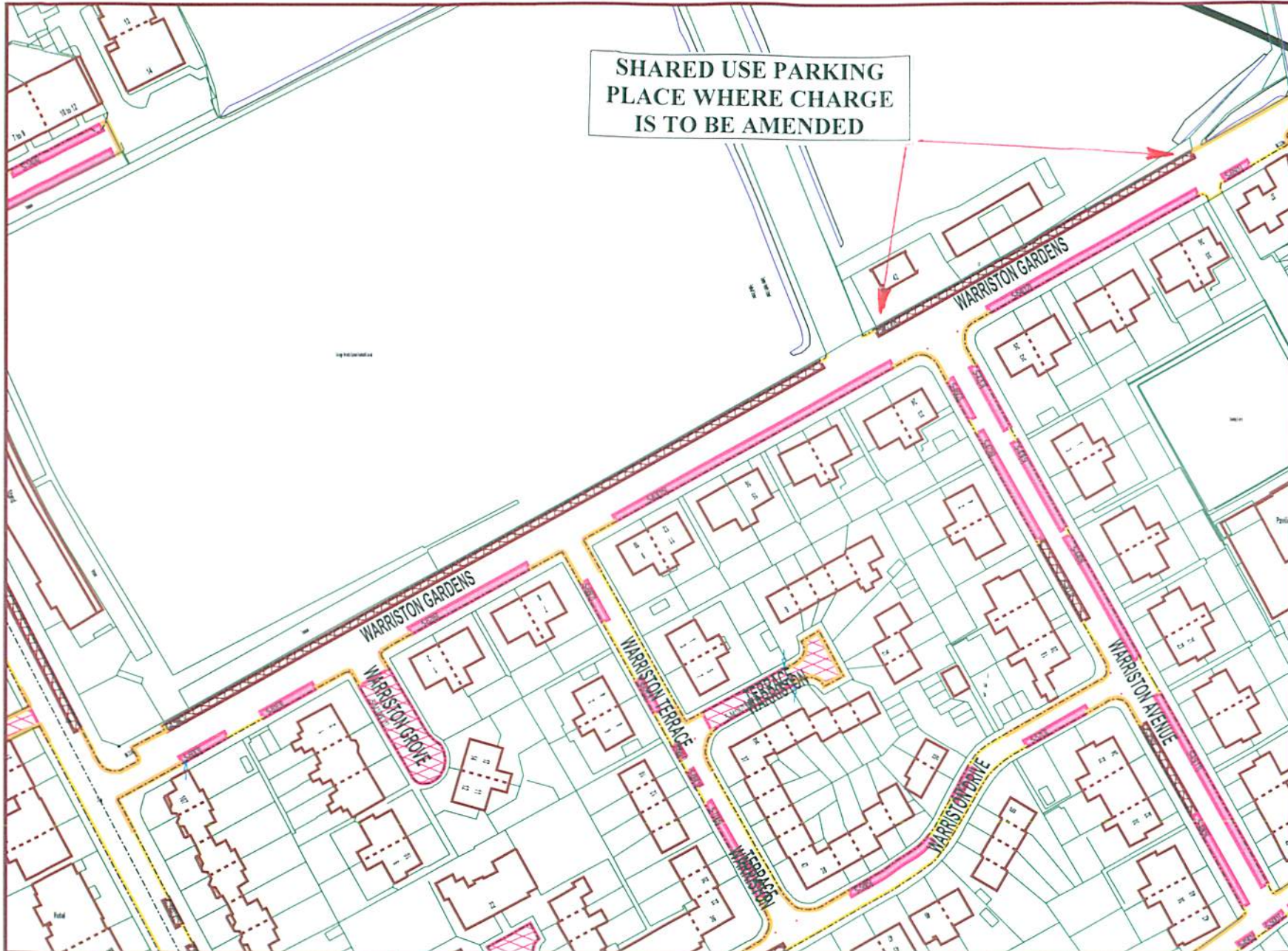
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EXISTING PARKING CHARGE
(min 20p for 12 mins
max £4.00 for 4 hours)

PROPOSED PARKING CHARGE
(min 20p for 12 mins
max £3.00 for 3 hours
or more up to 9 hours)

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SHARED USE PARKING
PLACE WHERE CHARGE
IS TO BE AMENDED



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