Report to	Norwich highways agency committee
	19 March 2015
Report of	Head of city development services
Subject	Rose Lane car park

Purpose

The new multi-storey car park at Rose Lane has received planning permission and is expected to be operational in early 2016. This report seeks committee approval to agree to advertise changes to the on-street parking arrangements adjacent to the site to facilitate access.

Recommendations

That the committee:

- notes that the replacement car park for Rose Lane has received planning permission, and is expected to be completed by Spring 2016;
- (2) asks the head of development services to advertise the necessary traffic regulation orders to remove the three short sections of 'pay and display' parking outside the old Fishmarket and shown on the plan in Appendix 1 to facilitate access to the new car park;
- (3) delegates the consideration of any objections to these minor to the head of city development services in consultation with the chair and vice-chair.

Financial consequences

The costs of the Traffic Regulation Order are being met from the development budget for the new car park. Revenue from the on-street spaces in Mountergate is very low, and is unlikely to be significantly affected, as there will still be a number of on-street parking facilities available in the vicinity and these are currently underused.

Corporate objective / Service plan priority

The scheme helps to meet the corporate priority 'A safe and clean city' and the service plan priority to implement the Local Transport Plan.

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Cabinet member: Cllr Stonard – Environment, development and transport

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Background documents

Planning application

Report

Introduction

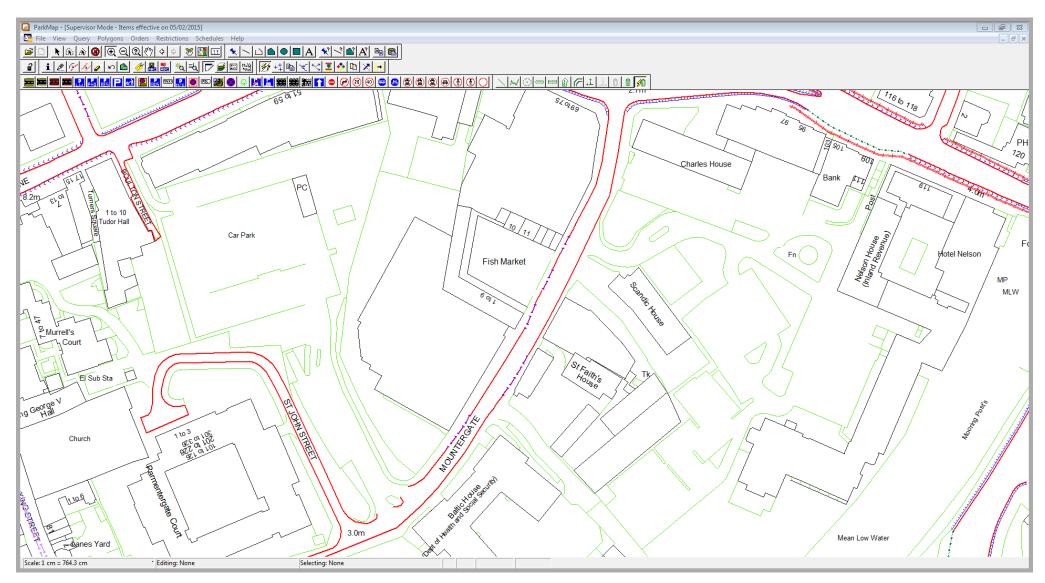
- On 8 January 2015, the city council's planning applications committee, granted planning permission for a replacement 595 space multi-storey car park with 320sqm floor space for financial and professional services (Class A2)/restaurant and cafe (Class A3)/business (Class B1) uses at a site on the corner of Mountergate and Rose Lane. The ground floor layout of the proposed car park and the access and egress arrangements are shown in appendix 2.
- 2. This new car park complements the Norwich area transportation strategy (NATS) by providing replacement high quality city centre car parking, in a location well related to the main routes in and out of the city. The existing car parks on Rose Lane are of poor quality and will be closed
- 3. The new car park is expected to operate with a similar tariff to St Andrews car park, but the final details of the proposed charges will be presented to the Committee later in the year. The car park is expected to open to the public in Spring 2016.

Changes to on-street parking

- 4. Access and egress to the new car park is from Mountergate and part of the frontage of the site is currently occupied by three short lengths of short stay 'pay and display parking spaces'. In order to facilitate safe access to and from the car park, and to ensure the free flow of traffic along Mountergate, these spaces need to be removed.
- 5. The spaces are poorly used, produce little revenue, and there are other underused 'pay and display' parking spaces on Mountergate in the near vicinity.
- 6. The removal of the spaces early in the build programme is desirable to facilitate the clearing and redevelopment of the site. As there is realistically no option other than to remove these parking spaces, delegation of the consideration of any objections received to the head of development services, in consultation with the chair and vice chair is sought so that the spaces can be removed as soon as possible.

Appendix 1

On-street parking on Mountergate. The spaces proposed for removal are those in front of the Fishmarket only



Appendix 2 Ground Floor layout of new Rose Lane Multi-story Car park

