

Appendix 1 –
Ward member consultation report

Ward members consulted

	Ward Member Note 9th November 2018	Ward Member Note 7th March 2019	Advance notice of consultation 27th-28th June 2019	Consultation pack shared 12th & 19th July 2019	Cabinet Member briefings May-September 2019	Ward meeting 17 th October 2019	Cabinet Member briefing 22 nd October 2019
Cabinet Member, Homes & Neighbourhoods/ Street Scene and Parks	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓
Northfield	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	
Kings Norton North	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Kings Norton South	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Longbridge & West Heath	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Rubery & Rednal	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Frankley & Great Park	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Allens Cross	✓	✓	✓	✓			
Weoley & Selly Oak	✓	✓	✓	✓			

Ward member responses

From: Matt Hageney
Sent: Friday, July 19, 2019 2:59 PM
To: Councillor Olly Armstrong
Cc: Michael Tierney; Sue Amey
Subject: RE: Victoria Common - informal public consultation

Hello Councillor

Further to my email dated 12th July, please see updated version of the consultation pack for the informal public consultation at Victoria Common, following feedback received. We have used this opportunity prior to the consultation to fine tune the consultation pack so that it helps residents and park users to make an informed choice.

As stated below, the consultation will run from 22nd July until 18th August. The consultation pack will be available upon request via the victoriacommonconsultation@birmingham.gov.uk mailbox and also at the two drop-in sessions. In addition, the pack is available via the BeHeard link below.

Residents and park users can register their views regarding the proposals by visiting <https://www.birmingham.gov.uk/VictoriaCommonparking> which contains a link to the BeHeard survey.

Best wishes

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From: Matt Hageney
Sent: Friday, July 12, 2019 3:56 PM
To: Councillor Olly Armstrong
Cc: Michael Tierney; Sue Amey
Subject: Victoria Common - informal public consultation

Hello Councillor

We are now in a position to begin the informal public consultation around the proposed introduction of parking charges at Victoria Common, on 22nd July. The informal public consultation will run for four weeks and will consist of two drop-in sessions (one afternoon

and one evening), clipboard exercises in the park, BeHeard survey (to be updated next week) and consultation mailbox (victoriacommonconsultation@birmingham.gov.uk)

We will be emailing local ward members, senior parks management, Trusts & Charities Committee chair and the Contact Centre in advance of the consultation – notifications will go out today. In addition we will be writing to local residents to make them aware of the consultation and to invite them to the drop-in sessions as well as displaying posters around the park at the vehicular and various pedestrian access points.

For the benefit of residents and park users to aid the consultation process we have put together a consultation pack, please see attached. The pack will be available upon request via the mailbox and at the drop-in sessions - we are currently looking into the option of uploading the pack onto the web to improve accessibility.

Thanks

Matt

From: Matt Hageney
Sent: Tuesday, July 09, 2019 8:38 AM
To: Councillor Olly Armstrong
Cc: Michael Tierney; Sue Amey
Subject: RE: Victoria Common - members note

Hello Councillor
Thanks for your email.

As per the briefing note we sent in March (attached), income from the car parking charges will be reinvested into the park both by way of improving infrastructure and facilities and by protecting existing services. The Parks Service (in partnership with BCC's Parking Operations Team) will manage the car park – there are no plans to outsource car park management to an external third party.

The park is held in trust as you rightly point out and so the outcome of the consultation will feed the report to the Trusts & Charities Committee seeking permission to proceed with the proposals. With the agreement of the committee, the income from the scheme will go towards the maintenance and upkeep of the park.

The consultation pack referenced below is nearing completion. Once it is signed off we will circulate a copy to you in advance of the public consultation.

The project team is happy to attend your next ward forum to update residents regarding the proposals and answer any queries they may have. If you could let us know the dates of your upcoming ward forums please.

Best wishes

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From: Councillor Olly Armstrong
Sent: Monday, July 08, 2019 12:20 PM
To: Matt Hageney
Cc: Michael Tierney; Sue Amey
Subject: RE: Victoria Common - members note

Hi Matt; if the car park has a charge, where will the money go? Who decides who manages the car park?

Is the park in a trust like mannor farm, meaning the trust should take all money to sow back into the park?

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From: Matt Hageney <Matt.Hageney@birmingham.gov.uk>
Sent: 27 June 2019 11:02
To: Councillor Olly Armstrong <Olly.Armstrong@birmingham.gov.uk>
Cc: Michael Tierney <Michael.Tierney@birmingham.gov.uk>; Sue Amey <Sue.Amey@birmingham.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Victoria Common - members note

Hello Councillor

To update you on the proposed introduction of parking charges at Victoria Common, we have sought permission from Councillor O'Shea to begin an informal public consultation on the proposals. A formal public consultation will follow in the future once approval has been granted by the Trusts & Charities Committee to proceed with the project.

The dates of the informal consultation are yet to be confirmed as we currently undertake preparatory work on the consultation, although we are aiming for mid-July. We can confirm, however, the informal consultation will take place over 4 weeks and consist of:

- BeHeard questionnaire
- Face to face/clipboard exercises with park users/visitors to the car park
- Email mailbox – victoriacommonconsultation@birmingham.gov.uk
- Drop-in sessions for residents/park users (one evening and one afternoon session)

Can we please request the dates of your ward forum meeting in July/August so we can attend and discuss the proposals with residents/take any questions they may have?

We are currently producing a consultation pack to be shared at the drop-in sessions and available via email upon request. Once finalised and signed off, we will share a copy with you in advance of your ward forum meeting.

Best wishes

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From: Matt Hageney
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 9:32 AM
To: Councillor Olly Armstrong
Cc: Michael Tierney; Sue Amey
Subject: RE: Victoria Common - members note

Hello Councillor

We are happy to attend your ward forum meeting to discuss the proposals when the public consultation goes live.

For reference, we are planning a 4 week public consultation – dates to be confirmed.

Best wishes

Matt

From: Matt Hageney
Sent: Friday, March 08, 2019 7:13 AM
To: Councillor Olly Armstrong
Subject: FW: Victoria Common - members note

Hello Councillor

As requested, below is the email from 9th November with the attachment sent at the time.

As you'll note from the members note sent yesterday, the proposals have been updated following discussions with the Trusts & Charities Committee and Victoria Common Friends Group.

Matt

From: Matt Hageney
Sent: Friday, November 09, 2018 2:41 PM
To: Councillor Olly Armstrong; Councillor Peter Griffiths; Councillor Alex Aitken; Councillor Debbie Clancy; Councillor Brett O'Reilly; Councillor Adrian Delaney; Councillor Simon Morrall; Councillor Eddie Freeman; Councillor Tristan Chatfield; Councillor Julie Johnson
Cc: Councillor Sharon Thompson; Steve Hollingworth
Subject: Victoria Common - members note

Hello Councillors

Please find attached a members note regarding the proposals for Victoria Common and the carriageway into the park / car park.

Regards

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From: Councillor Olly Armstrong
Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2019 8:51 PM
To: Matt Hageney
Subject: Re: Victoria Common - updated members note

Hi Matt, I cant find the email from 9th nov? Can you forward please.

Thank you!

Olly Armstrong
Northfield Ward Cllr

----- Original Message -----

From: Matt Hageney <Matt.Hageney@birmingham.gov.uk>
Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2019 13:47
To: Councillor Olly Armstrong <Olly.Armstrong@birmingham.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Victoria Common - updated members note

Hello Councillor

I emailed the local ward members below on 9th November with the original consultation note for members, detailing the proposals.

Apologies if you missed the email.

Best wishes

Matt

From: Councillor Olly Armstrong
Sent: Thursday, March 07, 2019 12:33 PM
To: Matt Hageney
Subject: Re: Victoria Common - updated members note

Hi Matt; I have no memory of being consulted on this before today.

I may have missed emails, or forgotten a conversation. Have we already been informed of this? It will certainly be unpopular.

Olly Armstrong
Northfield Ward Cllr

----- Original Message -----

From: Matt Hageney <Matt.Hageney@birmingham.gov.uk>
Date: Thu, 7 Mar 2019 11:56
To: Councillor Olly Armstrong <Olly.Armstrong@birmingham.gov.uk>, Councillor Adrian Delaney <Adrian.Delaney@birmingham.gov.uk>, Councillor Alex Aitken <Alex.Aitken@birmingham.gov.uk>, Councillor Peter Griffiths <Peter.Griffiths@birmingham.gov.uk>, Councillor Debbie Clancy <Debbie.Clancy@birmingham.gov.uk>, Councillor Brett O'Reilly <Brett.O'Reilly@birmingham.gov.uk>, Councillor Simon Morrall <Simon.Morrall@birmingham.gov.uk>, Councillor Eddie Freeman <Eddie.Freeman@birmingham.gov.uk>, Councillor Tristan Chatfield <Tristan.Chatfield@birmingham.gov.uk>, Councillor Julie Johnson <Julie.Johnson@birmingham.gov.uk>
CC: Councillor Sharon Thompson <Sharon.Thompson@birmingham.gov.uk>, Steve Hollingworth <Steve.Hollingworth@birmingham.gov.uk>
Subject: Victoria Common - updated members note

Hello Councillors

Please find an updated consultation note for the proposed introduction of charges at Victoria Common and associated health & safety improvement works for the carriageway into the park.

For your information, we plan to complete the stakeholder consultation in March; the public consultation is expected to be completed in April. Subject to the outcomes of the public consultation, we would look to implement charges in summer 2019.

Regards

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7th March 2019

Dear Ward Member

Introduction of Car Parking Charges at Victoria Common Park

As you will be aware, Birmingham City Council is facing an increasingly challenging budget position. As part of the City Council budget for 2018/19, the Parks Service has been asked to make a significant contribution to the saving. To mitigate the impact of potential reductions in grounds maintenance of parks and open spaces we are looking at opportunities to generate income.

One of the ways we are planning to safeguard services and improve safety through better parking infrastructure is to introduce charges for car parking at Victoria Common. Current usage at the car park is by nearby businesses and so the introduction of charges it is hoped will help free up parking spaces for visitors to the park. As part of the proposals we have consulted with the Society of Friends (landowners for the carriageway into the car park) and sought permission to make improvements to the carriageway as well as include a much safer pedestrian walkway.

We have consulted with the Friends of Victoria Common who are supportive of the proposals subject to conditions: 50p first hour rate, charging from 8am (rather than 7am), consultation on proposed traffic restrictions to include Heath Road South and a statement on car park signage that states, "Income from this car park is spent on maintaining Victoria Common".

The stakeholder consultation will be completed in February/March; the public consultation will follow.

We are proposing to introduce a modest charging structure of 50p for first hour, £2 for 2-4 hours to £3 for 4 hours+. This will be kept under review, to ensure this does not have a detrimental impact on the use of the park and other facilities in the immediate area. We are extremely mindful of the potential impact displacement parking may have as a result of the proposed charges and so we will be consulting with residents and nearby stakeholders regarding possible traffic restrictions to mitigate against this.

We are committed to re-investing any income that we generate from this scheme into the park, both by way of improving infrastructure and facilities and by protecting existing services.

If you would like to meet to discuss this proposal in more detail, or have thoughts on how we could raise income or save money within our parks then please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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