

Briefing Note

Title: Former Market Ground works and change of use to Car Park

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Purpose of report:

To update the Shaw and Crompton District Executive of the proposed programme of works to demolish the redundant markets stalls and cabins and to create an extended and improved car park.

1 Background/Introduction

1.1 Following the successful market trial and the subsequent grant of planning permission, traffic regulation orders and licences in order to make the market move permanent, works must be undertaken to enable the original market ground on Westway to be used as car park. This will involve the demolition of the permanent market stalls and a change of use to the original market ground to provide additional car parking in Shaw town centre. The Market Service are retaining the existing brick clad storage and trader W.C. facility.

1.2 A scheme to extend the existing car park and utilizes the area where the fixed stalls and cabins used to be. The scheme increases the size of the parking bays making them extra wide i.e. 3 metres wide and where room permits some will be 6 metres in length which will make entering and exiting the car park much easier and will allow more room for motorists to open their car doors. The scheme also increases the number of spaces from 57 to approximately 72 depending on final site measurements. It will include 8 disabled spaces.

1.3 Due to the demolition of the fixed perimeter stalls, motorists will be able to enter the car park along Westway and in order to protect motorists travelling along the one way street, additional road marking will be placed alongside the kerb edge, on the car park side of the carriageway, to keep moving traffic to the left hand lane and away from vehicles maneuvering into and out of the car park spaces. A pedestrian walk way will be provided through the site as well as additional disabled car parking. Hatching will be provided around the market building to be retained, which will enable the market service to use this space for delivery of the market stalls and servicing the market.

1.4 Parking in District Centre's is currently free of charge, although restrictions are in place on some car parks in terms of length of stay. Consultation has been undertaken with local Ward Members to determine that their preference is for additional shoppers short stay car parking to be provided on this site. Short stay parking is currently for up to 3 hrs. Long stay parking would remain on Kershaw Street, Lifelong Learning and Milne Street car parks.

2 Current Position and Programme of Works

2.1 Now that all the relevant permissions, legal orders and licences are in place for the move of Shaw Market from the site on Westway to Market Street, a programme has been developed for the removal of the redundant market stalls and cabins from the former market ground. It is proposed that works will start on site to demolish the stalls and cabins during the week commencing 25th July 2016. It is expected that the demolition work will take no more than two weeks. The majority of the remainder of the car park will remain open during this time.

2.2 Following on from the demolition works and subject to favourable weather conditions, the works to create the extended car park on the former market ground

and improve the existing car park, will start on 8th August. These works will take approximately two weeks and involve planing off the existing surface, resurfacing the whole area, amending the kerbs, marking out the parking spaces and installing new signage. Therefore the car park will be unavailable for use during this two week period but be open for use during the week commencing 22nd August 2016. The car park closure will be publicised via notices on site and a local leaflet drop.

2.3 Report for information only.