

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO CABINET MEMBER

1.	Meeting:	Cabinet Member for Town Centres
2.	Date:	18 October 2010
3.	Title:	Proposed closure of Fitzwilliam Road car park (Cottenham Road East) and Greasbrough Road, Parkgate car park.
4.	Directorate:	Environment and Development Services

5. Summary

This report recommends that two car parks are closed due to lack of use and financial reasons.

6. Recommendations

It is recommended that Cabinet Member resolves:

- **that the car parks are closed at the earliest opportunity; and**
- **that the land is declared surplus to requirements and placed in the Council's Land and property bank.**

7. Proposals and Details:

Fitzwilliam Road car park (Cottenham Road East).

This car park has 104 spaces and it is virtually never used. It is considered that this car park is surplus to operational requirements. A plan is attached as Appendix 1. It would appear that it is too far from the Town Centre to attract commuters or shoppers.

Greasbrough Road car park, Parkgate.

This car park has 44 spaces and is very rarely used. It requires maintenance work to cut back the self-set trees around the boundary. It has also been reported to Streetpride that the car park is a regular location of drug abuse. It is considered that this car park is also surplus to operational requirements. The site has been identified by the Council's Planners as a possible "mixed use" development site. A plan is attached as Appendix 2.

Upon vacation the land will need to be secured/target-hardened against unauthorised use and fly-tipping.

8. Finance

Fitzwilliam Road

The first six months of the current financial year have raised £23.80 in revenue from this car park.

The cost of keeping the car park open is £3714.25 per year in rates plus £295 per year for the machine maintenance contract.

Greasbrough Road, Parkgate

The Council receives no income from this car park. The financial liability is £1366.20 per year in rates.

The sale of both car parks could generate significant capital receipts for the Council.

9. Risks and uncertainties

The car park at St Anns (adjacent to the Cat and Cabbage pub) will close on 4 October and there is a potential for 39 vehicles to be displaced. However, the capacity of the remaining car parks on Fitzwilliam Road has been assessed and there is ample remaining capacity to accommodate the possible displacement.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

N/A.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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