

From: Richard Kent
Sent: 29 May 2020 11:11
To: Claire Courtois
Cc: Michael Reep; Chris Nolan
Subject: FW: Airport parking

Hi Claire

I know we have airport flagged as an issue we need to address in the new local plan but please can we make sure this includes a full consideration with relevant members about offsite car parks.

Before then, an internal discussion would be good between you, me, Michael and Chris about what the options might be.

Richard

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Our response to Covid-19

We are currently operating a reduced service. Whilst we will do our best to progress applications, they are likely to take longer than usual to be decided. To help us reduce delays and prevent the spread of the virus, please note the following:

New applications

Applications should be submitted via the Planning Portal. The Government encourages planning applications to be submitted electronically, to enable remote processing to continue as far as possible and support the latest social distancing guidelines. You can find out how to send planning applications to us on our [website](#). In addition, please include photographs that show the site in relation to adjacent properties. This will allow us to progress your application without visiting the site.

Site Notices

We now ask applicants to put up the site notice, to help us prevent the spread of the virus and allow the consultation period to start. This helps to reduce delays.

Meetings

All meetings with our planning officers will, for the foreseeable future, be undertaken online only. No meetings in person will be held.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we strive to keep our staff customers safe, while also continuing to provide essential services. Whilst we will try to keep delays to a minimum, we may have to ask for more time and therefore would appreciate your agreement to such requests.

From: Backwell Parish Clerk <clerk@backwell-pc.gov.uk>
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2020 1:43 PM
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Dear Richard

Backwell Parish Council recently met to discuss their planning applications, during these conversations the illegal car parking situation came up again and was hotly debated and brought about a change or shift in the Parish Council's viewpoint that they wish to communicate with North Somerset Council, which may help steer future decisions.

If you remember 2 or 3 years ago when it was at its worst, BPC suggested that they would find the funding to support NSC to engage a legal clause that would allow their enforcement people to close down the offenders activities from day one instead of the normal 28 days, putting an end to the time when the offender would just move the cars to another field so delaying any further legal action. Invariably these fields that were then vacated were, and still are, left in a terrible condition many left as a quagmire for months, and destroying the small scenic joys that the area can enjoy. These activities caused distress for the residents and the widespread area with enormous car parking areas constantly on the move, completely unofficial and avoiding any revenue for the council.

Following on from that, works that both BPC and NSC have done has meant the situation appears to have changed recently as we believe some 20 to 30 enforcement notices have been served to suspected offenders, we applaud this initiative and support NSC in closing down the large unregulated, untaxed operations that exist.

What we would like to flag is that some of these are residents who have approved Bed and Breakfast business, that operate successfully and are well run and maintained properly. This small cottage industry has been highlighted having worked with the residents of the Downside area who are often forgotten due to their larger Airport neighbour. There is an increasing awareness that this smaller scale activity actually benefits the area and the residents and provides a life blood to what previously would be dominated by either the airport or worse the larger illegal parking activities that is costly to NSC to police and maintain on a regular basis. The point we would like to make is prior to these recent notices there are genuine farmers and small businesses who have established a credible and beneficial businesses allowing small scale parking alternatives to Bristol Airport (who themselves are using Greenbelt area to park cars on a regular basis).

With the newly created council what we are asking for is help in achieving a balanced approach, not in support of the industrial sized off-airport car parks, just that for our law abiding residents and local farmers that they get to be allowed to continue and maintain their small businesses operations and generate legal and taxable incomes that benefits all parties in the process.

Yours sincerely

Jane Stone

Clerk to Backwell Parish Council