

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Warwick Area Committee

Date of Committee 13th September 2005

Report Title Warwick Technology Park - Proposed Prohibition of Waiting Restrictions

Summary Concerns have been raised about the level of on-street parking along the spine road within the Park. Proposals to prohibit parking at any time along the whole of one side of the road, around all site entrances and at the junctions with Gallows Hill, have been advertised and objections have been received. This report recommends that the proposals be implemented as advertised.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? Yes/No

Background Papers Letters of objection

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- *Details to be specified*

Other Committees

Local Member(s) Councillor Mrs M B Haywood – “No alternative but (With brief comments, if appropriate) to accept the conclusion. Must be a better discipline for those who can have a designated place.” Also has concerns should there be insufficient parking on the street.”

Other Elected Members

Cabinet Member (Reports to The Cabinet, to be cleared with appropriate Cabinet Member)

Chief Executive

- Legal K Scales – comments incorporated.
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers
- District Councils Warwick District Council
- Health Authority
- Police Warwickshire Police – Do not support proposal.
Parking enforcement is a low police priority.
- Other Bodies/Individuals Warwick Town Council
Warwickshire Fire and Rescue
Warwickshire Ambulance
Freight Transport Association
Road Haulage Association
Companies within the Technology Park

FINAL DECISION **YES/NO** *(If 'No' complete Suggested Next Steps)*

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS :

Details to be specified

- Further consideration by this Committee
- To Council
- To Cabinet
- To an O & S Committee
- To an Area Committee
- Further Consultation

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Report of the Director of Planning, Transport and Economic Strategy

Recommendation

That the proposals for prohibition of waiting on Warwick Technology Park be implemented as illustrated on **Appendix A**.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Warwick Technology Park is situated to the south east of Warwick off Gallows Hill, which runs between the A425 and A452. The spinal road, also known as Warwick Technology Park, follows a horseshoe shape and provides access to the ten business units within the Park.
- 1.2 Significant and consistent concerns have been raised over the last few years by businesses within the park about the level of on-street parking and the subsequent restrictions in visibility and congestion problems that occur along the spine road, especially at peak times when coaches come into the Park. This problem has recently escalated, which is also causing significant problems for the county appointed landscape contractor, and was brought to the Council's attention through 'facilities managers meetings' that have been held at the Park.
- 1.3 Proposals for prohibition of waiting at any time along the whole of one side of the road, around all site entrances and at the junctions with Gallows Hill were advertised in May 2005. Details are shown on the plan in **Appendix A**. A number of objections and comments were received. These are detailed below, with comments.

2. Objections (Number received shown in brackets)

2.1 Objection (1)

Warwickshire Police do not support the extent of the proposals as they foresee a high level of non-compliance resulting in calls for attention from the Police, due to a lack of alternative parking and parking enforcement being a low police priority.

Comments

Although the success of formal waiting restrictions is very often dependent on adequate enforcement, double yellow lines are on the whole self-enforcing. In any event, Decriminalisation of Parking Enforcement (DPE) is being considered to come into effect in Warwick in October 2006. This will ensure a much higher level of enforcement than is possible at present.

2.2 Objection (3)

Parking facilities within the Park are inadequate and both pedestrian access and public transport facilities are extremely poor, providing no suitable alternatives to the car.

Comments

It is accepted that on occasions parking provisions within the Park may be fully occupied which could result in displacement. However, there will still be 61 on-street spaces available around the park with the Traffic Regulation Order in place. Results from a survey undertaken in June 2005, shown in **Appendix B**, suggest that there are plenty of unused off-street parking spaces available in several companies' car parks that could accommodate the displaced vehicles. The Technology Park is on a bus route that is serviced several times a day, and there is also a coach service provided by NGT for their employees that goes to both Warwick Parkway and Leamington Rail Station.

2.3 Objection (1)

Wagon plc suggest that there should be no car parking on either side of the access road as the road is not a car park and does little to enhance the reputation of the Technology Park.

Comments

Removing all on-street parking within the Technology Park would result in an extra 61 vehicles being displaced. There is a risk that these may be displaced into Gallows Hill which could create worse problems.

3. Conclusion

- 3.1 Support for the proposals has been received from several of the companies based in the Technology Park who are concerned over the safety of their employees. As these proposals will encourage a safer environment for all users of the Park, as well as provide adequate on-street parking, it is recommended that the restrictions shown on the plan in **Appendix A** be implemented.

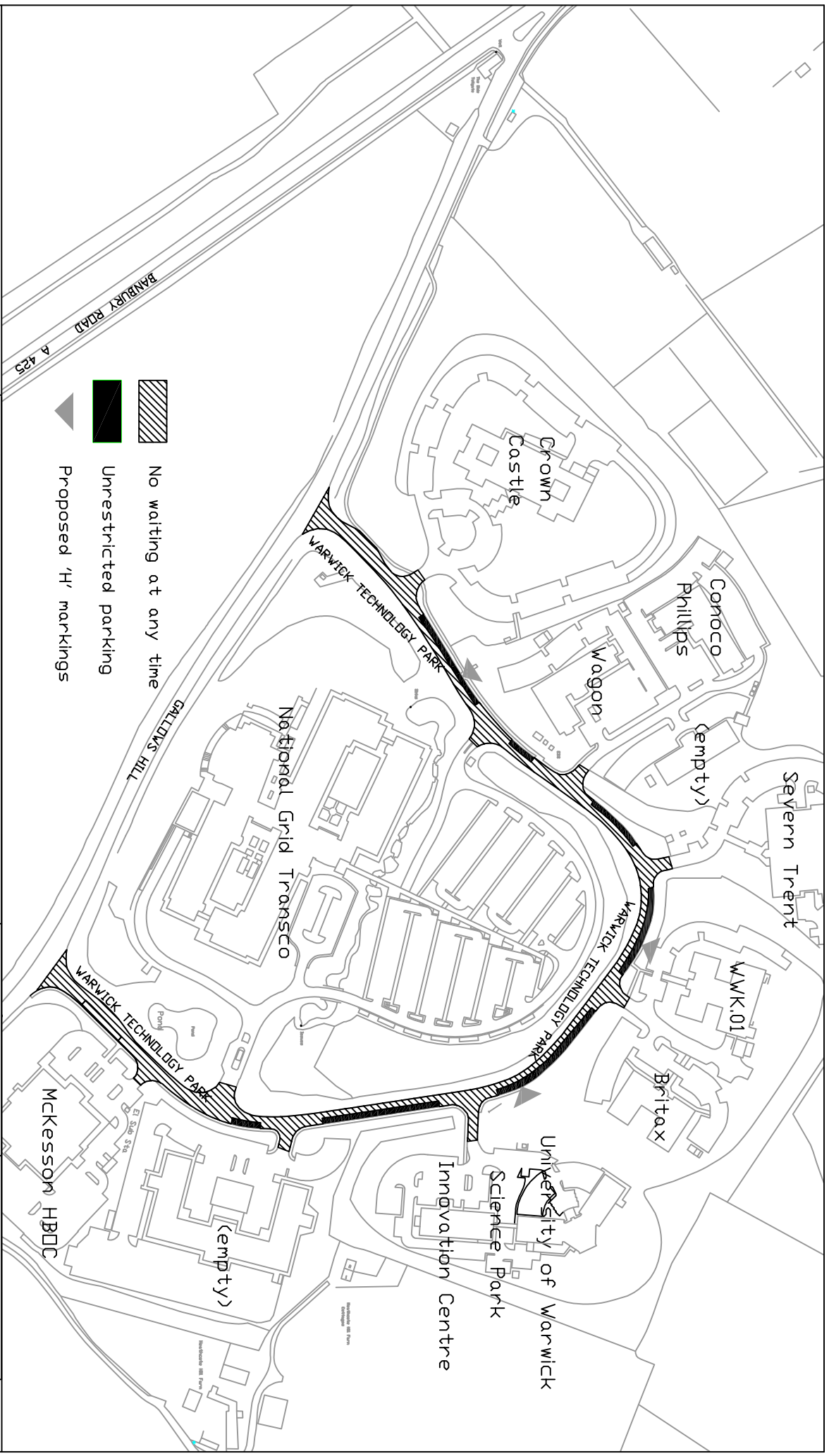
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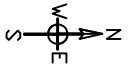
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Plan A

Warwick Technology Park

PROPOSED PROHIBITION OF WAITING RESTRICTIONS



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**Warwick Technology Park - Proposed Prohibition of
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Car Park Survey – Warwick Technology Park – 22nd June 2005

Off-street parking	No of Vacant Spaces	
	11am	3pm
Pecasso	8	9
Wagon plc	0	3
Uni of Warwick	28	49
Conoco Phillips	31	29
Fujitsu	0	0
National Grid	0	0
McKesson	0	0
Crown Castle	4	1
Total No of Vacant Spaces	71	91
Cars parked on spinal road	91	80
On-street spaces with TRO	61	61
Number of cars displaced	30	19