

RECORD OF DECISION MADE UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY

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SERVICE DIRECTORATE: PLACE

1. DECISION TAKEN

1.1 The proposed application for Simon Market to use the short stay car park at Norton Common, Letchworth for a market stall selling food on 23rd April 2024 is refused on basis that the stall would occupy valuable car parking spaces. Additionally, this application would also require a Street Trading Licence which currently is not in place.

2. DECISION TAKER

2.1. Andrew Mills, Service Manager Greenspace

3. DATE DECISION TAKEN:

3.1 18th April 2024

4. REASON FOR DECISION

4.1 To ensure the short stay car park remains available to visitors to the Norton Common Local Nature Reserve and to comply with the requirements of Street Trading licencing.

5. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 The organisers have approached North Herts Council to host this event although no other locations have currently been considered that could be more suitable.

6. CONSULTATION (INCLUDING THE EFFECT ON STAKEHOLDERS, PARTNERS AND THE PUBLIC)

6.1 Consultation has been undertaken with colleagues in the Safety Advisory Group and Licencing and Enforcement.

7. FORWARD PLAN

7.1 This decision is not a key Executive decision and has therefore not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

8. BACKGROUND/ RELEVANT CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 The organisers have approached NHC for approval to use this location for their event.

9. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 The authority has an obligation to ensure that the public open spaces it maintains are at a standard that are safe for everyone to use. Additionally, the authority has an obligation to ensure that any environmentally sensitive environment is not damaged due to actions or intentions of others.

10. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no financial risks as this event has been refused.

11. RISK IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are no risk implications.

12. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 In line with the Public Sector Equality Duty, public bodies must, in the exercise of their functions, give due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation, to advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between those who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.

12.2 Central Government and national groups have expressed the continued importance of public Green Space in the health and well-being of communities. From April 2013 local authorities at county level are required to take on the statutory duty to improve the health of their communities as required by the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and with it, to acquire many of the public health services currently the responsibility of the NHS. The use of open spaces, parks, playgrounds and relevant leisure facilities are promoted in terms of reducing the impact of obesity on long term health, the importance in the management of wellbeing and in aiding relaxation, as well as sensory' enjoyment.

13. SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are no Social Value implications.

14. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

14.1 Any environmental impacts, such as waste management are mitigated due to the refusal of the application.

15. HUMAN RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

15.1 This item of work is contained within the Place Directorate existing work programs.

16. BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 None

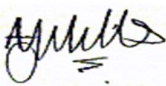
17. APPENDICES

17.1 None

NOTIFICATION DATE - 19th April 2024

Signature of Executive Member ConsultedNot Applicable.....

Date18th April 2024

Signature of Decision Taker 

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