

		AGENDA ITEM 9
		GTP/08/16
Committee:	GREAT NOTLEY COUNTRY PARK JOINT VENTURE PARTNERSHIP BOARD	
Meeting Date:	20 July 2016	
Report:	CAR PARKING IMPROVEMENTS	
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## **BACKGROUND**

- The Tamdown engineering group is a major employer in the Braintree area and had suggested that parking issues at their office at the nearby Skyline industrial estate had become so critical that their presence in the town might be under review.
- As a way forward the Tamdown group have offered to provide at their expense 100 additional spaces within the existing public car park at the Country Park.
- In return for this investment their staff will be permitted to use the public car park free of charge.

## **PROGRESS TO DATE**

- 20/04/16 - BDC (Operations) submitted a planning application for an extension of the existing car park.
- 10/05/16 - planning permission was granted to reconfigure and resurface the car park to provide an additional 70 parking spaces.
- 17/06/16 - joint meeting held between ECC/BDC and Tamdown to discuss the planning permission and a way forward regarding the construction of the car park as well as the operational details once works are complete. The meeting was attended by Tim Dixon (ECC), Claire Bunn (ECC), Alan Martin (Tamdown), Mark Cain (Tamdown) and Samir Pandya (BDC).

## **AGREED ACTIONS**

The following actions were agreed at the meeting.

- Tamdown to submit method statements for the landscaping works as required in the planning conditions.
- Tamdown to provide construction plans and associated method statements including a programme of works.
- BDC and ECC officers to liaise with their respective legal teams to instruct them to review the draft agreement, to be drawn up by Tamdown.
- Tamdown to only start works on site when all legal and planning matters have been addressed.

Currently we are waiting for the method statements, constructions plans and draft legal agreement from Tamdown.

## **FUTURE DEVELOPMENT**

Looking ahead over the longer term, we are confident that these planned improvements to the existing car park at the Country Park will result in a better visitor experience and increased use of the facility.

This will contribute towards our future vision and aspirations for the development and management of the Country Park as a major visitor attraction in the Braintree District and County of Essex over the next 5 to 10 years.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That Members note the report.

Nick Day

Parks & Open Spaces Manager  
Braintree District Council

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