



North Yorkshire County Council

Scarborough and Whitby Constituency Committee – 20 March 2019

Scarborough Park and Ride

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To update the committee on the consultation of options to change the level of service provision of Park and Ride in Scarborough and to obtain the committee's comments on the same.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Scarborough Park and Ride service was introduced as part of the Scarborough Integrated Transport Scheme (SITS) on 14 February 2009.
- 2.2 The main objectives of the SITS scheme were:
- to reduce the traffic congestion on the southern approach to Scarborough
 - to reduce the number and severity of road traffic casualties
 - to provide a net improvement in the environment for residents
 - to encourage alternative modes of transport
- 2.3 The two park and ride sites were constructed on the A64 and the A165 on the outskirts of Scarborough to the south.

3.0 Existing Provision

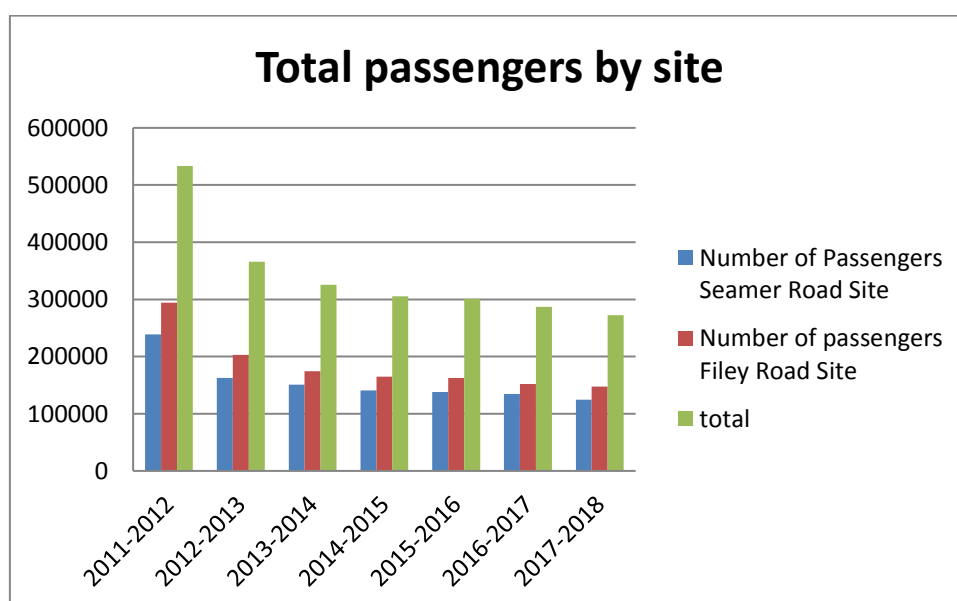
- 3.1 The A165 site is owned by NYCC and the A64 site is leased from Scarborough Borough Council under a peppercorn rent arrangement. Both sites have 600 free car parking spaces and modern passenger facilities which include a heated structure with enclosed seating areas, toilets and information stands. Both sites have lockable gates that make the site secure each evening or when required at other times.
- 3.2 The sites are managed by NYCC Facilities Management staff who provide ground maintenance, cleaning and they open and close the sites at the beginning and end of the day. Additional security is provided through Facilities Management during the week of Scarborough Horse Fair at both sites.
- 3.3 The bus service contract is managed by Integrated Passenger Transport and it has been operated by East Yorkshire Motor Services Ltd for the last 9 years. The current contract is due to expire in April 2020 but the terms and conditions of the contract has provision to extend it by up to one year if required.

- 3.4 The service is currently available seven days a week all year round, including Bank Holidays, except for Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year’s Day.
- 3.5 Buses run every 15 minutes, following a circular route, stopping at South Bay and York Place before returning to the respective park and ride sites. The park and ride offers an affordable alternative to town centre parking and caters for a range of customers from commuters to day trippers. Regular users are able to buy season tickets and benefit from convenient free parking spaces.
- 3.6 The following table sets out an overview of the costs associated with the provision of the whole service as a package.

Costs for operation of sites and services		£
A64 Seamer Road		235869
A165 Filey Road		237046
Total		£473k

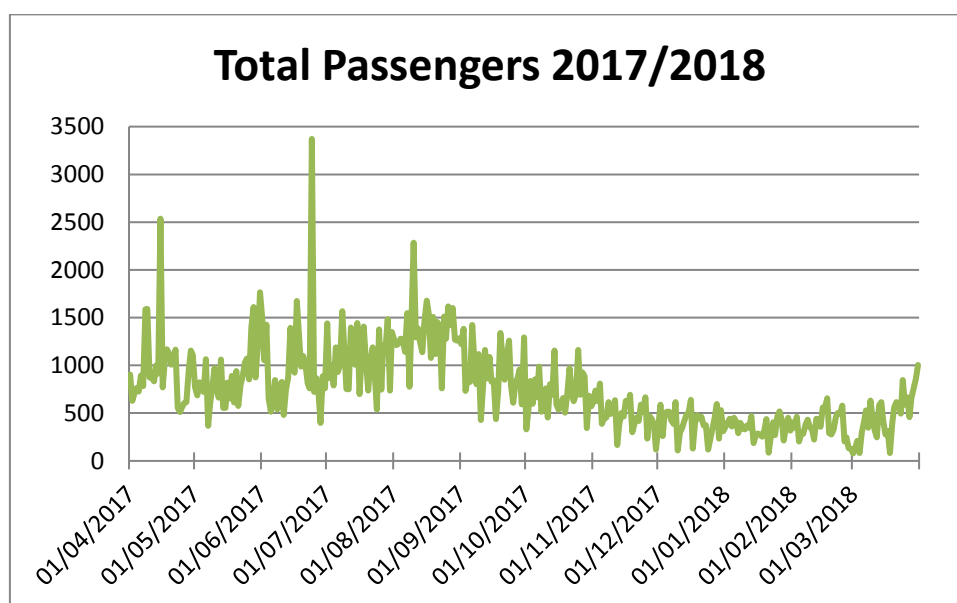
4.0 Performance to Date

- 4.1 Initially the park and ride service had a significant positive impact on congestion and traffic data collected in 2011 showed that it had contributed to, on average, the removal of 500 vehicles a day from Scarborough town centre.
- 4.2 However, data collected in 2012 showed a large reduction in use compared to the same period in 2011. This coincides with the Councils decision to introduce a fare of £1 (return) for concessionary pass holders following the removal of the service from the Concessionary Fares Scheme in April 2012. Prior to that time pass holders could travel for free on the service.
- 4.3 Following the changes in 2012 there has been a steady decline in passenger numbers each year which can be seen in graph and the table below.



	Number of Passengers Seamer Road (A64)	Number of passengers Filey Road (A165)
2011-2012	238694	294468
2012-2013	162902	203166
2013-2014	150844	174650
2014-2015	140671	164864
2015-2016	137948	162762
2016-2017	134839	151935
2017-2018	124786	147331

- 4.4 The graph below shows the pattern of usage throughout a 12 month period. The spike in number at the end of June is as a result of Armed Forces Day. Other peaks can be attributed to Easter and August Bank Holidays.



5.0 Proposed Changes/Options for Future Service Level

- 5.1 The overview of the usage figures above demonstrate it is timely to review the service provision again to ensure that service provision is viable for the current demand. Given that usage is declining three options have been published for consultation, with the consultation closing on 30 April 2019:

- Option 1: Close A64 (Seamer Road) site and Close A165 (Filey Road) site
Completely close both park and ride sites and services.
- Option 2a and 2b: Either Close A64 (Seamer Road) site or Close A165 (Filey Road) site
Completely close A64 (Seamer Road) park and ride site and services. The site is the property of Scarborough Borough Council so there are no opportunities for selling or leasing the site to a third party.

or

Completely close A165 (Filey Road) park and ride site and services. In addition to any operational savings, we could explore opportunities for income by either selling or leasing the site as it is part of the Council's property portfolio.

- Option 3: Cease the park and ride out of season
Close both park and ride sites and services from the second Sunday in November until the second Sunday before Easter.

5.2 The consultation can be found - <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/options-change-level-service-scarborough-park-ride>

6.0 Recommendation

6.1 The committee note the contents of the report and provide comments on the consultation of options to change the level of service provision of Park and Ride in Scarborough.

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