

**North Yorkshire County Council  
Harrogate and Knaresborough Constituency Committee – 17 March 2022  
Car Parking at Railway Stations**

**1.0 Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 To allow members to follow up on the recommendation from the Rural Commission requesting that the County Council review car parking spaces at railway stations.

**2.0 Update**

- 2.1 Car parking at railway stations is an issue across the rail network across the County but for the purposes of this report the focus is on the car parking at Pannal, Hornbeam Park, Harrogate, Starbeck, Knaresborough, Weeton and Cattal rail stations
- 2.2 The Harrogate Line has seen significant improvements in frequency (including recently York – Harrogate), modern rolling stock, station improvements and the introduction of the LNER services to/from London all potentially increasing demand for rail travel. Pre-Pandemic most of the car parks on the Harrogate line were full, the pandemic has changed this with currently more people working from home.
- 2.3 The current car park facilities are set out in the table below:

<b>Station</b>	<b>Number of Spaces</b>	<b>Daily Charge</b>
Weeton	0*	-
Pannal	40	£3.00
Hornbeam Park	10*	-
Harrogate	117*	£4.00
Starbeck	0**	-
Knaresborough	0**	-
Cattal	0**	-

\* Harrogate Borough Council run the car park or a car park close by.

\*\* Roadside or alternative car parks where available

- 2.4 The rail industry have looked at each station to identify any land available for car parking close to stations and whilst some land has been identified the cost to purchase, access to/from the site and the poor business cases have meant that these were not developed further. Many stations on the line are close to the communities they serve and active travel options, with station facilities that encourage this and the use of public transport is a viable alternative to use of the car.

- 2.5 Any car park developments coming forward would be expected to help deliver the York and North Yorkshire Routemap to Carbon Negative.

<b>Station</b>	<b>Activity</b>
Weeton	No work planned.
Pannal	Provision for a park and rail car park was included as part of the redevelopment of the Dunlopillo site in Pannal. The site is currently under construction and as yet, this has not been provided.
Hornbeam Park	Any changes to car park provision at this station would need to include any potential impact on the local highway.
Harrogate	The multi-storey car park (owned by HBC) adjacent to the station provides extra station car parking capacity.
Starbeck	No work planned.
Knaresborough	No work planned.
Cattal	HBC and NYCC are working closely with the site promoters in connection with the new settlement proposals in the Cattal area. The new settlement will be focused around Cattal railway station and will comprise of enhancements to the rail station including provision of additional car parking. HBC is currently developing a Development Plan Document to guide the development of the new settlement.

### **3.0 Equalities**

- 3.1 See Appendix A

### **4.0 Climate**

- 4.1 See Appendix B

### **5.0 Recommendation**

- 5.1 That members note the content of this report

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<b>Initial equality impact assessment screening form</b>			
<b>This form records an equality screening process to determine the relevance of equality to a proposal, and a decision whether or not a full EIA would be appropriate or proportionate.</b>			
<b>Directorate</b>	Business and Environmental Services		
<b>Service area</b>	Transport Planning		
<b>Proposal being screened</b>	To update on work undertaken to review car parking spaces at the railway stations at Pannal, Hornbeam Park, Harrogate, Starbeck, Knaresborough, Weeton and Cattal		
<b>Officer(s) carrying out screening</b>	<b>Graham North</b>		
<b>What are you proposing to do?</b>	For members of the Harrogate & Knaresborough Constituency Committee to note the report		
<b>Why are you proposing this? What are the desired outcomes?</b>	To continue to work with the rail industry on any car park proposals if they were to come forward.		
<b>Does the proposal involve a significant commitment or removal of resources?</b> Please give details.	No		
<p><b>Impact on people with any of the following protected characteristics as defined by the Equality Act 2010, or NYCC's additional agreed characteristics</b></p> <p>As part of this assessment, please consider the following questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To what extent is this service used by particular groups of people with protected characteristics?</li> <li>Does the proposal relate to functions that previous consultation has identified as important?</li> <li>Do different groups have different needs or experiences in the area the proposal relates to?</li> </ul> <p><b>If for any characteristic it is considered that there is likely to be an adverse impact or you have ticked 'Don't know/no info available', then a full EIA should be carried out where this is proportionate. You are advised to speak to your <a href="#">Equality rep</a> for advice if you are in any doubt.</b></p>			
Protected characteristic	Potential for adverse impact		Don't know/No info available
	No	Yes	
Age	X		
Disability	X		
Sex	X		
Race	X		
Sexual orientation	X		
Gender reassignment	X		
Religion or belief	X		
Pregnancy or maternity	X		
Marriage or civil partnership	X		
<b>NYCC additional characteristics</b>			
People in rural areas	X		
People on a low income	X		
Carer (unpaid family or friend)	X		
<b>Does the proposal relate to an area where there are known</b>	The report is an update on car parks and accessibility to stations needs to be considered		

<b>inequalities/probable impacts</b> (e.g. disabled people's access to public transport)? Please give details.	if new car parks or changes to existing car parks were to come forward.			
<b>Will the proposal have a significant effect on how other organisations operate? (e.g. partners, funding criteria, etc.). Do any of these organisations support people with protected characteristics?</b> Please explain why you have reached this conclusion.	<b>No</b>			
<b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>	EIA not relevant or proportionate:	X	Continue to full EIA:	
<b>Reason for decision</b>	The report produced is for members of the Harrogate & Knaresborough Constituency Committee to note.			
<b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>	Barrie Mason			
<b>Date</b>	04/03/22			

**Initial Climate Change Impact Assessment (Form created August 2021)**

The intention of this document is to help the council to gain an initial understanding of the impact of a project or decision on the environment. This document should be completed in consultation with the supporting guidance. Dependent on this initial assessment you may need to go on to complete a full Climate Change Impact Assessment. The final document will be published as part of the decision-making process.

If you have any additional queries, which are not covered by the guidance please email [beyond.carbon@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:beyond.carbon@northyorks.gov.uk)

<b>Title of proposal</b>	Report to Harrogate Constituency Committee – 17 <sup>th</sup> March 2022
<b>Brief description of proposal</b>	To update on work undertaken to review car parking spaces at the railway stations at Pannal, Hornbeam Park, Harrogate, Starbeck, Knaresborough, Weeton and Cattal
<b>Directorate</b>	BES
<b>Service area</b>	Transport Planning
<b>Lead officer</b>	Graham North
<b>Names and roles of other people involved in carrying out the impact assessment</b>	

The chart below contains the main environmental factors to consider in your initial assessment – choose the appropriate option from the drop-down list for each one.

Remember to think about the following;

- Travel
- Construction
- Data storage
- Use of buildings
- Change of land use
- Opportunities for recycling and reuse
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Environmental factor to consider	For the county council	For the county	Overall
Greenhouse gas emissions	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Waste	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Water use	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Pollution (air, land, water, noise, light)	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Resilience to adverse weather/climate events (flooding, drought etc.)	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Ecological effects (biodiversity, loss of habitat etc.)	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.
Heritage and landscape	Choose an item.	Choose an item.	Choose an item.

If any of these factors are likely to result in a negative or positive environmental impact then a full climate change impact assessment will be required. It is important that we capture information about both positive and negative impacts to aid the council in calculating its carbon footprint and environmental impact.

<b>Decision (Please tick one option)</b>	Full CCIA not relevant or proportionate:	X	Continue to full CCIA:	
<b>Reason for decision</b>	This is a report for information to the Committee			
<b>Signed (Assistant Director or equivalent)</b>	Barrie Mason			
<b>Date</b>	04/03/22			