

Report Title	Car Parking - Nelson
Meeting	Executive
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Lead Executive Member(s)	Cllr Brian Newman
Wards Affected	Nelson and Colne
Public, Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1: Plan showing Clayton St/Calder St Car Park Appendix 2: Location plan for Charles St Car Park Appendix 3: Plan showing New Brown St Car Park Appendix 4: Plan showing Broadway Car Park

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Pendle's draft Car Parking Strategy is currently on hold whilst decisions are made regarding the Council's asset transfer programme due to the fact that several car parks may be transferred to the relevant Town or Parish Council.
- 1.2 However, whilst preparing the strategy and overseeing the maintenance and enforcement of Pendle's car parks some issues have arisen which now need urgent attention regarding car parks in Nelson.
- 1.3 Lancashire County Council's Accessible Nelson Scheme has caused parking issues for the businesses on Scotland Road, this report requests approval to implement a solution that will alleviate the issue.

2. Recommendations

For the reasons set out in this report, Executive is recommended to:

- 2.1 Approve the conversion of Clayton St/Calder St car park into a split-use car park with half short-stay and half long-stay parking sections.
- 2.2 Approve the construction of a new car park (to be designated as short stay) by LCC at the former scout hut location on Charles St, Nelson.
- 2.3 Approve the conversion of New Brown Street and Broadway car parks from short-stay to long-stay.

3. Information: Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations

3.1 Lancashire County Council's (LCC) ongoing Accessible Nelson works have resulted in the loss of car parking spaces on Scotland Road.

3.2 Clayton St/Calder St Car Park, Nelson

3.2.1 Businesses on Scotland Road have lost car parking spaces outside their premises due to LCC's Accessible Nelson scheme. It is proposed to convert Clayton St/Calder St Car Park into a split-use car park with half designated for short-stay and half for long-stay parking. This would help to offset the loss of car parking spaces on Scotland Road.

3.2.2 Long-stay spaces are required for residential use and short-stay for users of the businesses on Scotland Road. Improved signage from Scotland Road to Clayton St/Calder St Car Park should also be considered to increase car park use.

3.2.3 Clayton St/Calder St car park has recently had a lot of problems with abandoned vehicles parked on the car park. The problem has been reported to the MP by one of the businesses on Scotland Road. Pendle Council is issuing Community Protection Warnings to the business and property owners.

3.2.4 Converting half of the car park to short-stay parking will mean the Council's Civil Enforcement Officer will be able to monitor the situation, which should help alleviate the problem.

3.2.5 Costs to convert the car park into split use would be for relining the car park and new signage both on the car park and leading to the car park. The costs will be funded from the £50,000 included in the 2026/27 Capital Programme.

3.3 New Car Park for Charles Street

3.3.1 The site of the former scout hut at the junction of Scotland Road and Charles St in Nelson has been declared surplus to requirements by the Council. The Executive is requested to approve the conversion of this site to a car park to alleviate the parking issues on Scotland Road.

3.3.2 Lancashire County Council has agreed to carry out the works to convert this site to a car park, as well as fund it through the Accessible Nelson scheme. This will support the businesses in this area. It is proposed that the car park be designated as short-stay to support access to the Scotland Road businesses during the day and could be used by residents at night.

3.3.3 LCC has agreed to design and pay for this car park from its Accessible Nelson budget, with no additional cost to PBC.

- 3.4 Short-stay to long-stay car parks in Nelson – Whilst preparing Pendle’s Car Parking Strategy, the Nelson Working Group asked that we consider converting selected short-stay car parks in Nelson to long-stay, including New Brown Street and Broadway. This would provide long-stay parking, close to new businesses, to enable them to park in the town centre without relying on permits or parking discs. As these car parks are located further from the main retail areas, the impact on shoppers and visitors is expected to be minimal, with short-stay disc parking remaining available in the more central locations.
- 3.5 Costs will include the removal of old signage, additional new signage and possible relining of car parks. This will be funded from the £50,000 already in the capital programme referred to above, with no additional cost to PBC.

4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (Providing High Quality Services and Facilities, Proud and Connected Communities and Places, Good Growth and Housing and Healthy Communities)

- 4.1 Ensuring that there is enough car parking for each town and that the car parks are well maintained links to the Council Plan Priorities. The car parks are the first arrival points for visitors, and well-maintained car parks will create a good first impression.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

Funding would be required for new signage and relining if it is decided to convert New Brown St and Broadway to long-stay parking and Clayton St/Calder St to half short-stay and half long-stay parking, as well as for extra signage leading to the car park. This would be funded by the £50,000 included in the approved 2026/27 capital programme for car parks. LCC will pay for the new car park on Charles Street as part of the Accessible Nelson scheme. There are no other financial implications.

5.2 Legal and Governance Implications

To convert Clayton St/Calder St car park into short-stay and long-stay parking and to ensure that it is monitored by the Civil Enforcement Officer, a Car Park Amendment Order will be required before any relining and signage can be installed and before enforcement can start.

5.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications

There are no climate and biodiversity implications from the recommendations.

5.4 Human Resources Implications

The Council would need to ensure that the Civil Enforcement Officer has capacity to monitor the Calder St/Clayton St car park and the new car park at Charles St in addition to the rest of the car parks in Colne and Nelson.

5.5 Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no equality and diversity implications arising from the recommendations.

6. Consultation

- 6.1 The process for Pendle's Car Parking Strategy was initiated with councillor working groups as part of the initial consultation with working groups representing the five areas in Pendle with car parks.

7. Alternative Options Considered

No alternative options have been considered.

8. Statutory Officer Sign off (please put an x in the relevant box below)

Section 151 Officer	X
Monitoring Officer	X

9. Background Documents

None

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