

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I115372
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1. **TITLE:** High Street Multi Storey Car Park - Condition Survey

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Delivery

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

To provide an update summarising the findings of a condition survey and agree the action plan

4. **IS KEY DECISION** No

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

- i. The High Street Car Park be closed at the end of October 2023, following the recommendation made by Structural Engineers.
- ii. The Assistant Director, Property engages with stakeholders affected which includes the commercial unit tenants (9), Council staff, season ticket holders, Town Centre partners and other parties that have an interest to ensure the implications of this decision are understood.
- iii. Savings that will be realised in expenditure budgets in the current year from the midyear closure be used to fund decommissioning work including erecting hoarding, securing the site, and commissioning pre and post decommissioning structural surveys.
- iv. The High Street Car Park site be added to the Bracknell Town Centre Southern Gateway site masterplan area. Outline plans for which will be presented for consideration to the Executive in Autumn 2023.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The Council's structural engineers, advised the council in December 2022 to reduce the number of available spaces in the High Street Car Park by closing every 3rd parking space, which was implemented. A further structural survey was commissioned and undertaken by the structural engineers in May 2023, which with a recommendation that the car park be closed no later than December 2023, as it has reached the end of its design life.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The structural engineers report sets out a number of options that could be pursued. The only viable alternative presented was that loading (usage) of the site could be further reduced from 60% of bays available to 30%. This could extend the life beyond the December 2023 date. However, an increase regime of monitoring would

be needed to offset the increasing risk of structural failure. This was therefore rejected as an option.

9. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Executive Director: Delivery

10. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None

Date Decision Made	Final Day of Call-in Period
18 July 2023	25 July 2023