

## **PARKS & RECREATION COMMITTEE**

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**Date:** Monday, 04 March 2024  
**Title:** Leys Parking Restrictions - Update  
**Contact Officer:** Head of Estates & Operations

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### **Background**

At the last meeting of the Committee on 15 January it was resolved that parking restrictions should be introduced at The Leys, minute no. PR19 refers.

### **Current Situation**

Since the meeting, Town Council officers have explored options for introducing parking restrictions and enforcement and having initially obtained anticipated costs from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) agreed at the meeting above, it is disappointing to report the OCC Legal Team have advised they will not place a Highway related Traffic Regulation Order on private land.

There is an opportunity for Witney Town Council to add its own Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in this area followed up with a legal agreement to allow OCC Civil Enforcement Officers to enforce.

Town Council officers are regularly requesting detail of how to action this from OCC but there is no response as yet.

The benefits of the scheme were outlined in the report to the 15 January meeting.

### **Environmental impact**

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

### **Risk**

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

The risks relating to the project were included in the report of 15 January. A further report will include any additional risks which need to be considered.

**Financial implications**

To be confirmed however a budget of £3,000-£4,000 could be required for TRO and other associated costs.

**Recommendations**

Members are invited to note the report as an update which supersedes the earlier resolution on this project.