

Dear Councillor,

**Background**

On 20 March 2024, Cabinet endorsed a proposal for Cornwall Council to change its approach to the management of a selection of its assets.

It was agreed that any decision on land disposals as part of this would be delegated to the Strategic Director with responsibility for the asset.

The Council holds a large number of environment, heritage, and other land-based assets which it cannot actively maintain to the desired level of proper stewardship and maintenance and, in relation to some, the Council is not under a statutory duty to provide them.

Recognising the, often, critical role these assets play for our residents and visitors, the Council may not always be the most appropriate custodian to manage, hold or enhance these assets. Approximately 10% of these circa 2,000 assets to be considered are car parks. Following a successful trial at Towan Headland (Little Fistral) in Newquay (and more recently New Polzeath), a new model of managing some of our car parks has been considered and which supports the principle of decentralisation.

Essentially this involves the transfer of a car park site by means of lease to a Council Owned company, who would then manage the land; paying a rental at least sustaining the income to the Council and ensuring that it is appropriately managed for the community.

These assets are not being devolved or sold, they are being leased for up to 5 years and will continue to be owned by Cornwall Council. Although the management of the car park/land will be the responsibility of Cormac, in the 2 car parks mentioned above, tariffs have remained the same or even fractionally been reduced. They have also indicated that they plan to offer a discount scheme so that people can buy discounted tickets across the car parks that they manage.

**Why are we consulting you?**

The car park in your area, has been identified as an appropriate site to be leased to Cormac. Cormac will retain the land as a car park and use a private company to manage parking using Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR). We are expecting this lease arrangement to happen at the beginning of April 2025.

We want to hear your views on this proposal. Please could you send through your comments or queries by 4<sup>th</sup> December using the pro-forma below and email to [Parking@cornwall.gov.uk](mailto:Parking@cornwall.gov.uk)

**What happens next?**

This letter ensures that you get visibility at an early stage for a car park in your area. We will be going to public consultation as part of the Parking Order revision process to remove the

car park from the Council's Parking Order. Once this is completed, feedback will be collated and analysed and a final decision paper will be prepared for the Strategic Director in Cornwall Council to sign off to disposal of these car parks.

If the report is approved, then an individual lease will be put in place between Cornwall Council and Cormac for each site setting out the obligations in respect of repair and maintenance and set a base rent with uplift depending on trading outcomes across the year.

Please provide your comments/queries below and email back to me:

Question	Response
What is your view on the recommendation?	<p><i>Please delete as applicable:</i></p> <p><b>I support the recommendation YES/NO</b></p> <p><b>I object to the recommendation YES/NO</b></p> <p><b>I neither support or oppose the recommendation YES/NO</b></p>
If you object or support, please briefly explain why?	<i>Please briefly comment below</i>
Would you like an officer to speak to the local Town and Parish Council?	
Do you have any other comments or local knowledge about the asset that may support the discussion of a way forward?	
Do you have any further queries?	<i>Please list below:</i>

Thanks

<b>Town</b>	<b>Car Park</b>	<b>Postcode</b>	<b>Division</b>	<b>Councillor</b>
Camborne	Rosewarne & Extension	TR14 8BE	Camborne Trelowarren	Paul White
Fowey	Readymoney	PL23 1JD	Fowey, Tywardreath & Par	Andy Virr
Helston	Helford Village	TR12 6JU	Helston South & Meneage	Guy Foreman
Launceston	Castle Street	PL15 8BA	Launceston South	John Conway
Launceston	Pannier Market	PL15 7BA	Launceston South	John Conway
Launceston	Walk house	PL15 8BQ	Launceston South	John Conway
Seaton	Seaton Park	PL11 3JD	Looe East & Deviock	Armand Toms
Newlyn	St Peters Hill	TR18 5EQ	Mousehole, Newlyn & St Buryan	Thalia Marrington
Newquay	Albany Road	TR7 2NQ	Newquay Central & Pentire	Louis Gardner
Newquay	Belmont	TR7 1HG	Newquay Central & Pentire	Louis Gardner
Newquay	Dane Road	TR7 1HL	Newquay Central & Pentire	Louis Gardner
Newquay	Tregunnel	TR7 1QT	Newquay Trenance	Oliver Monk
Padstow	Porthcothan Bay	PL28 8LW	Padstow	Stephen Rushworth
Penryn	Commercial Road	TR10 8AQ	Penryn	Tamsyn Widdon
Porthleven	Kittos Field	TR13 9JA	Porthleven, Breage & Germoe	John Keeling MBE
Torpoint	Cawsand	PL10 1PA	Rame Peninsula & St Germans	Kate Ewert
Saltash	Belle Vue West	PL12 6ES	Saltash Tamar	Sheila Lennox-Boyd
St Agnes	Reppers Coombe	TR5 ORS	St Agnes	Pete Mitchell
St Austell	Clifden Road	PL25 4NZ	St Austell Poltair & Mount Charles	Richard Williams-Pears
Newquay	Watergate Bay	TR8 4AD	St Columb Minor & Colan	John Fitter/Paul Willis
St Ives	Park Avenue	TR26 1QE	St Ives West & Towednack	Andrew Mitchell
St Ives	Porthmeor	TR26 1JU	St Ives West & Towednack	Andrew Mitchell
Nr Tintagel	Trebarwith Strand	PL34 0HB	St Teath & Tintagel	Dominic Fairman
Tintagel	Tintagel Visitors	PL34 0AA	St Teath & Tintagel	Dominic Fairman
Torpoint	Antony Road	PL11 2JP	Torpoint	John Tivnan