



**LOCAL COMMITTEE
(RUNNYMEDE)**

**WRITTEN PUBLIC QUESTIONS
18 JUNE 2012**

1. Question from Mr Keith Day of Virginia Water

"If Surrey County Council has carried out a cost-benefit exercise for the meter parking proposals in Virginia Water, what will be the total cost initially, and on an ongoing basis, and what is the projected annual revenue?"

The Chairman has given the following response with advice from the Parking team:

I refer you to Annex 2 of the report at Item 9.

There are approximately 30 businesses in Station Parade and Station Approach. There are a mix of businesses, some such as dry cleaners and chemists that only require a short visit and others such as restaurants, hair dressers and estate agents that may require longer visits. There are 106 on street spaces available limited to 2 hours 0800-1800, Mon to Sat.

It is proposed to introduce a tariff to the on street spaces allowing a free initial 30 minutes with a maximum stay of 2 hours at a cost of £1 per hour.

In practice this means visitors would press button 1 on the pay and display machine for a free 30 minute ticket. If they wanted to stay for 1 or 2 hours then they would press button 2 and insert payment.

The estimated income is based on the following assumptions:

- The parking spaces will be used 6 days per week, 52 weeks per year.
- The parking spaces will only be occupied for 70% of the time between 0830 and 1730 (when most of the shops are open), based on observations of the occupancy levels.
- Of the vehicles that do park, only 20% stay for more than 30 minutes.(or 80% contribute no revenue)

The estimated income is therefore approximately £41,500.

It is considered that 5 pay and display machines would be needed to cover both shopping parades. A sum of £2500 has been allowed per pay and display machine to allow for the on going maintenance costs which include:

- Collecting cash - up to 3 times per week
- Repairs and maintenance
- Enforcement Officer time replacing ticket rolls etc.

The operational costs for running 5 pay and display machines are estimated at £12500 per year.

The initial capital set up costs will be in the region of £3000 per pay and display machine. There are also adjustments to signs and legal costs involved, making the estimated initial cost of installing pay and display charges in Virginia Water approximately £20,000.

2. Question from Mr Constantin Schwarz of Virginia Water

[In reference to Item 9 on this agenda] Can you please clarify the number of pay and display machines which are actually supposed to be deployed?

The chairman has given the following response with advice from the Parking team:

The number of pay and display machines required in each location in Runnymede is as follows:

- Egham - 4 machines (10k maintenance cost)
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- Guildford St, Chertsey - 4 machines (10k maintenance cost)
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- Windsor Street, Chertsey - 8 machines (20k maintenance cost)
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- Addlestone - 6 machines (15k maintenance cost)
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- Virginia Water - 5 machines (12.5k maintenance cost)

A sum of £2500 per year has been allowed in the financial estimate to cover the cost of cash collections, repairs, servicing, CEO time and repayment of the initial capital costs.

The locations of the machines are subject to further consultation, particularly in conservation areas so they have not been shown on the plans. The Committee will be able to approve the locations at a later date if consultation is agreed.

The plan for Virginia Water does show 4 machines, however following a more recent review of this location it is considered 5 machines would be required and this figure has been used for cost estimation purposes in the report.

3. Question from Mr Raj Shourie of Coopers Hill Lane, Englefield Green

(In reference to Item 8 of this agenda) If my adjoining neighbours and I have responsibilities to maintain the lane as "street managers", why is it not within our legitimate remit also to maintain any street furniture such as the gate?

The chairman has given the following response with advice from Surrey Highways Information team:

"The proposed location of the gate is on the publicly maintainable section of Coopers Hill Lane for which the County Council are street managers. However, being the street manager of a highway does not provide the power to erect a gate across it. The County Council is the highway authority for the whole of Coopers Hill Lane, including the section that is not maintainable at public expense. Only the highway authority has the power to erect a gate across a highway such as Coopers Hill Lane."