

Seaham  
(Off-Street Parking Place)  
Traffic Regulation Order  
2024

Highways Committee  
20<sup>th</sup> February 2024



# Seaham Proposed Pay & Display Car Parks

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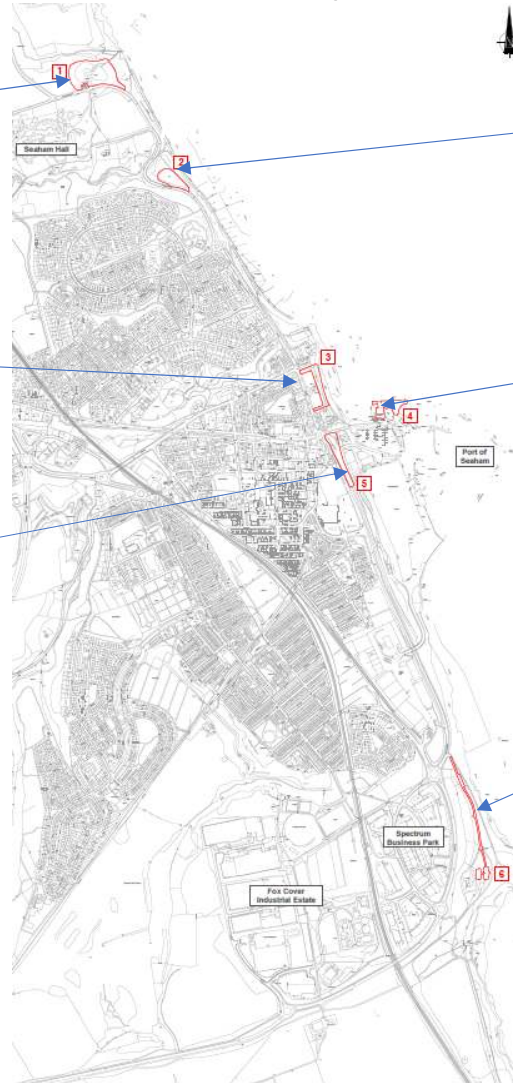
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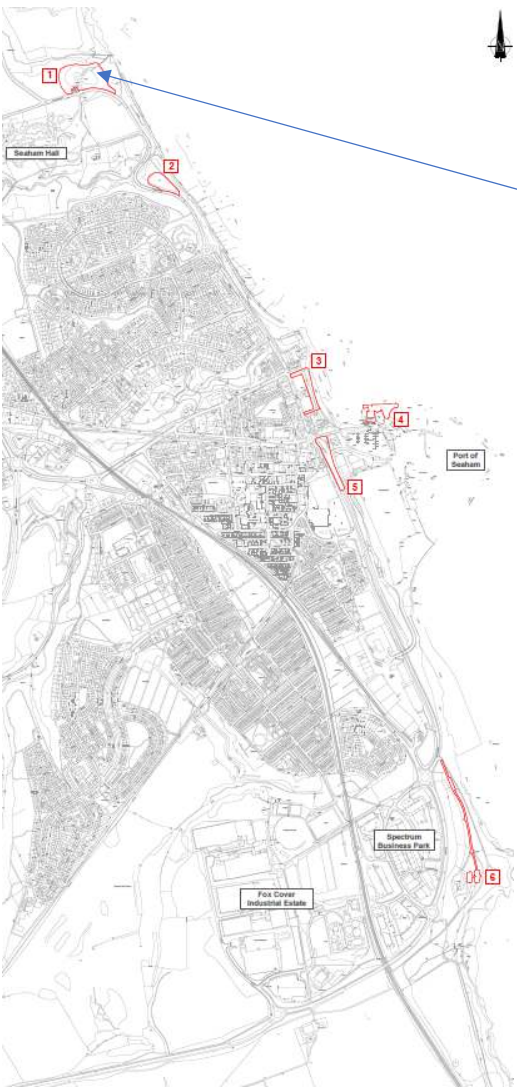
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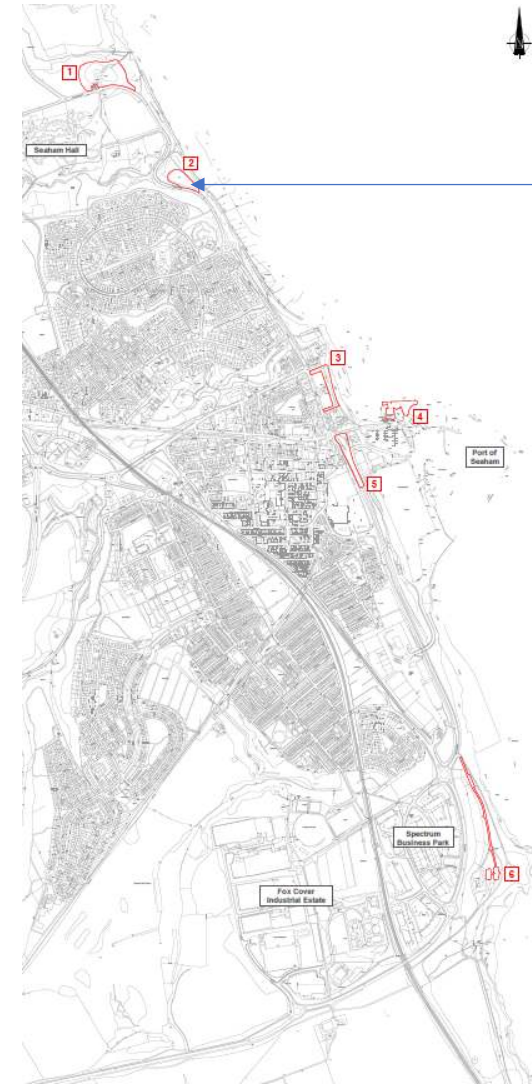
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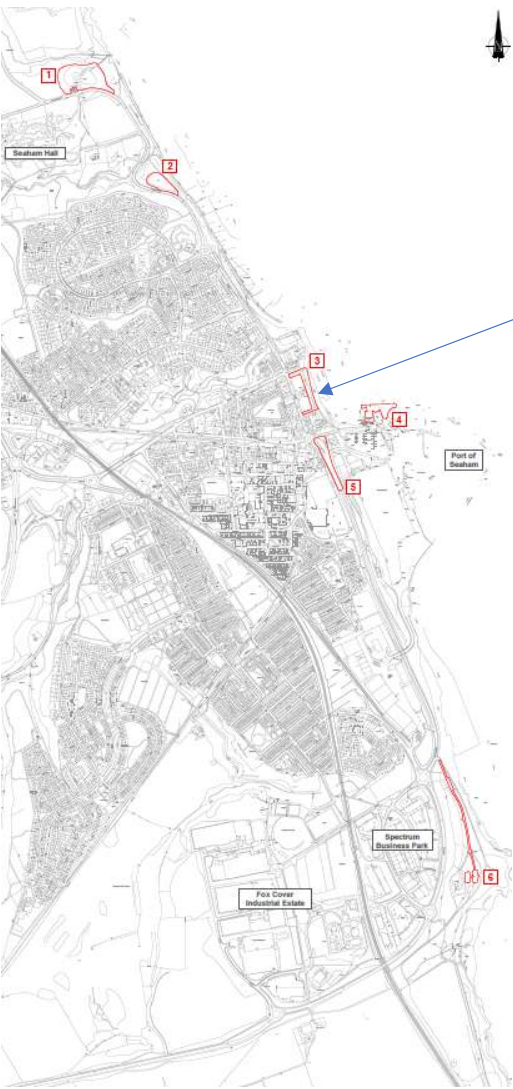
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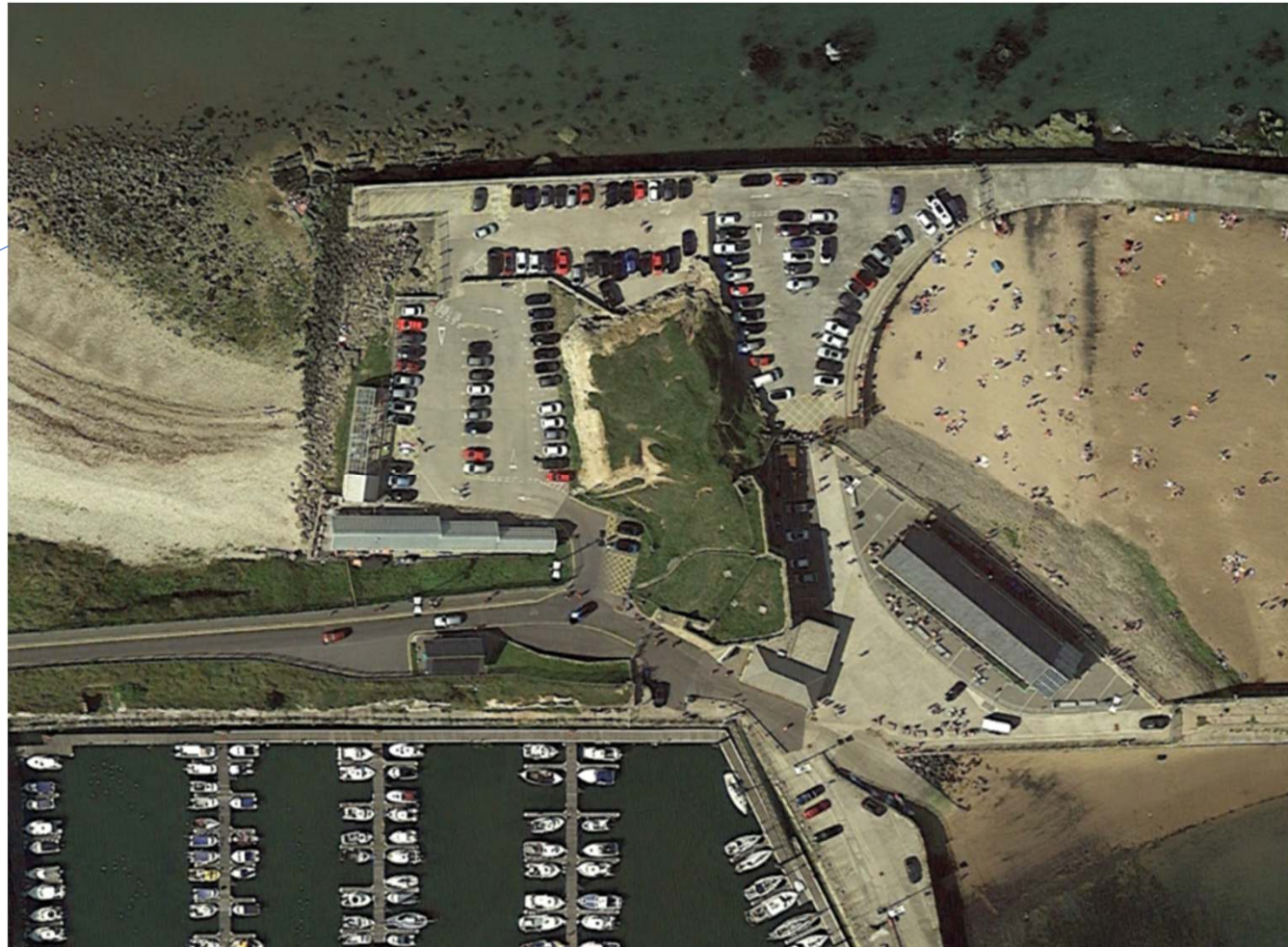
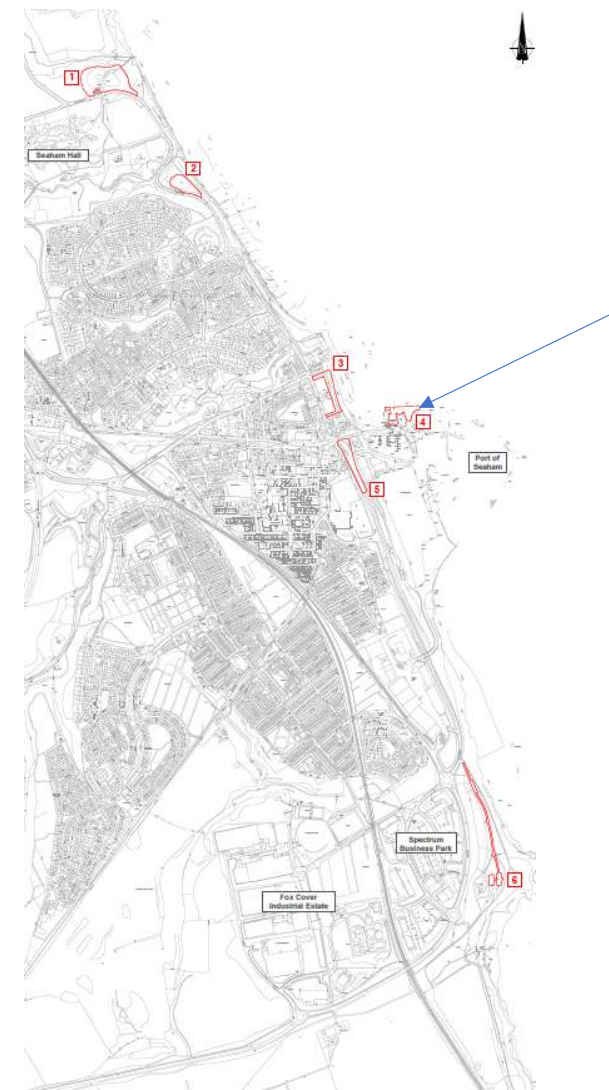
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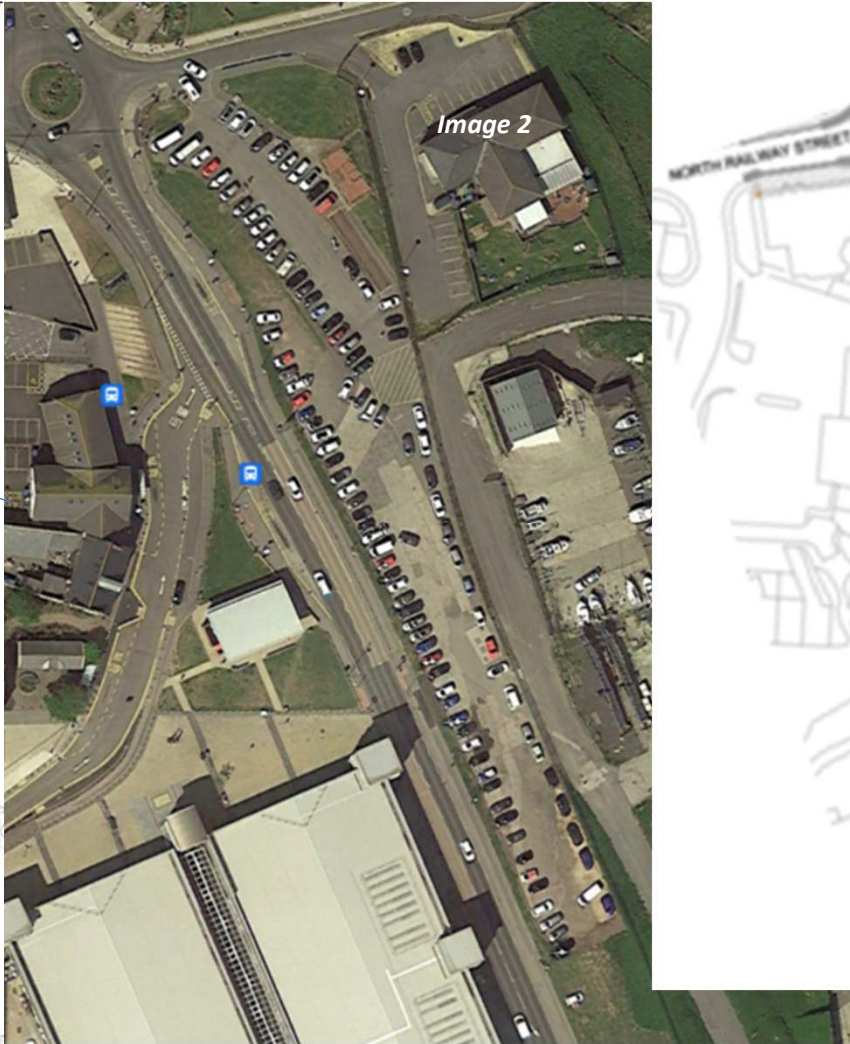
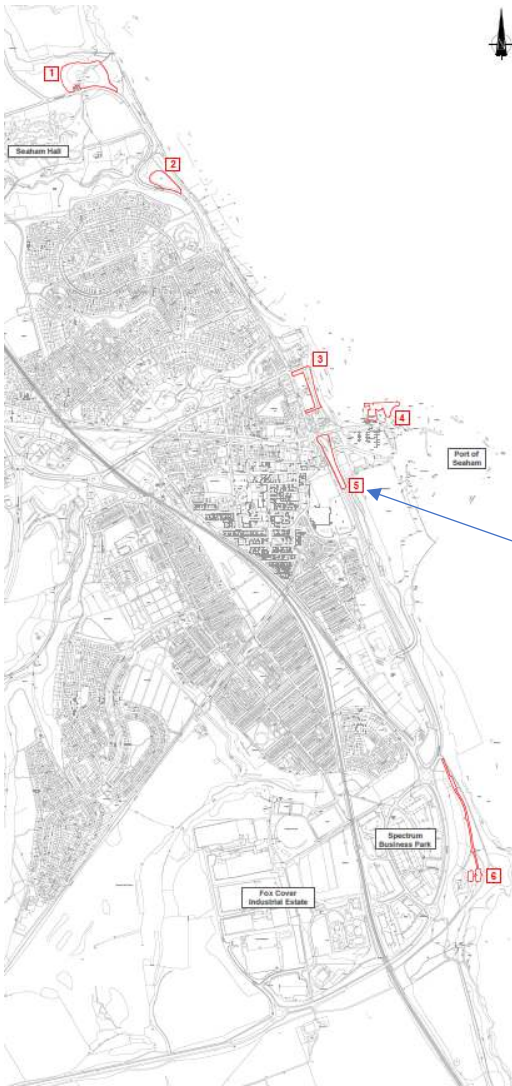
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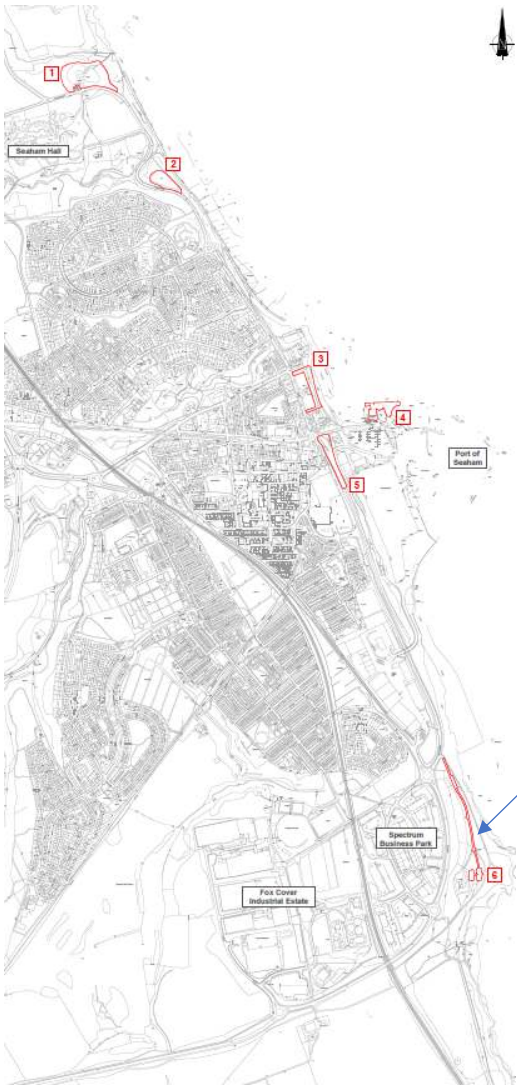
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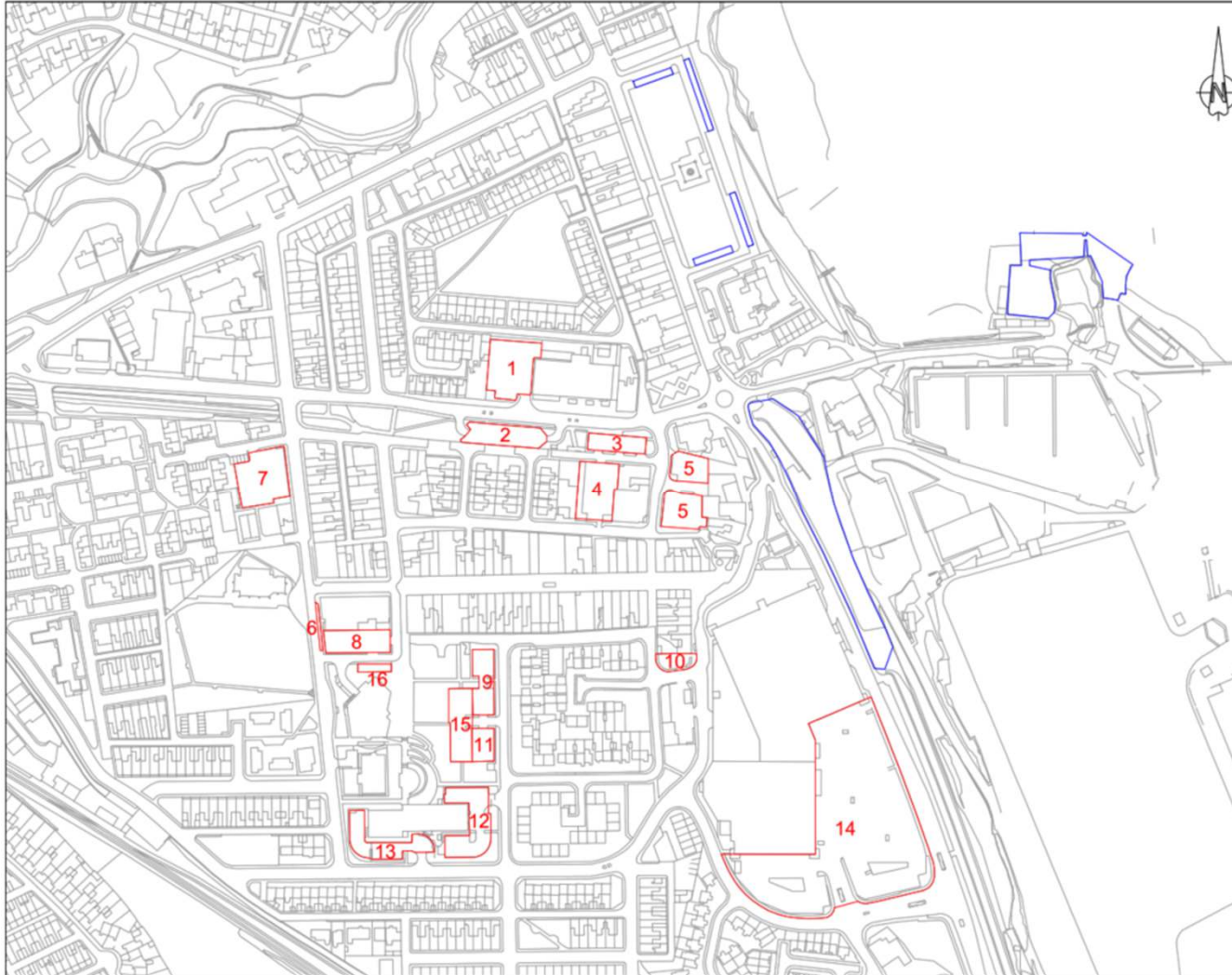


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# Seaham Free Car Parks



Seaham Car Parks	
Car Park No.	Capacity
1. ALDI	42
2. ALDI Overflow	32
3. Opposite Pub	25
4. Golden Lion	41
5. Next to Barclays	55
6. Sophia St Disabled	5
7. Lloyds Bank	49
8. Heron Foods	27
9. NHS Shelley St (right entrance)	32
10. Shaw St	8
11. NHS Shelley St (left entrance)	20
12. NHS Office Shelley St	45
13. NHS Pharmacy Sophia St	24
14. ASDA	348
15. Main NHS	34
16. Caroline St (BBH)	6

## Background

- There are numerous occasions over the course of a year where the coastal car parking areas within Seaham operate over-capacity where free parking can lead to congestion, limited availability, and difficulties for both visitors and local businesses.
- Effectively managing available parking space through the introduction of pay and display parking will:
  - help visitors access Seaham and make trips more attractive, encouraging future visits.
  - reduce congestion and emissions
  - Increase foot fall in commercial areas such as Church Street from those choosing to park in the remaining FOC car parks
  - ensure that it is the end user who contributes to the operational costs of the facility rather than the community at large.
  - lead to a positive impact for those who rely on other modes such as public transport, walking or cycling, as any surplus income generated from parking is ringfenced for transport measures county wide, including Seaham

# Proposals

## ?? BEACH CAR PARK



### CHARGES APPLY MONDAY TO SUNDAY

**8am - 6pm**

**Cars** Up to 1 hour **£1.00**  
All day **£3.00**

**Solo Motorcycles** **FREE**



**Disabled Badge Holders  
charges as above**

### TICKETS NOT TRANSFERABLE

### EXCESS CHARGES

**An excess charge of £50 may become payable for any vehicles left in contravention of the provisions of the terms and conditions.**

### OPERATIONAL HOURS

**24-hour car park – please refer to terms of use.**

**If you wish to discuss any parking enforcement issues, please contact Parking Services on 03000 263 985**

#### Designation of Parking Places / Parking Bays

- The Crimdon Beach car park, which is marked with the appropriate lines/signs, is designated as a Parking Place.
- Each area of the Parking Place, which is marked with the appropriate lines/signs, is designated as a Parking Bay.

#### Conditions of use of Parking Places

- The following are classes of vehicles which are Permitted Vehicles
    - motor cycles
    - motor cars (without caravans or trailers)
  - No person shall cause or permit any vehicle other than the Permitted Vehicles to use the Parking Place.
  - Every vehicle left in a Parking Place shall stand so that every part of the vehicle is wholly within the limits of a Parking Bay.
  - Where a Parking Bay is described as available for vehicles of a specific class the driver of a vehicle shall not, unless authorised in writing by the Council, permit it to wait in the Parking Bay unless it is of the class so specified.
  - Electric Vehicle owners must pay & display in addition to paying for any charge drawn within the car park.
  - No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to wait or park in a Parking Bay marked for disabled persons unless the vehicle displays a valid disabled person's badge in the relevant position and unless the vehicle has been or is about to be used by the person(s) in respect of whom the disabled person's badge has been issued either immediately before or immediately after the act of parking. Where required the vehicle shall also display the disabled person's badge clock in accordance with local regulations.
  - No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to wait or park in a Parking Bay marked for motorcycles unless the vehicle is a motorcycle.
  - No person shall cause or permit a vehicle to wait or park in a Parking Bay marked for electric vehicles unless the vehicle is an electric vehicle.
- #### Power to close or suspend Parking Places / Parking Bays
- Any person duly authorised by Durham County Council may where appropriate temporarily close or suspend the use of any Parking Place or Parking Bay for any class of vehicle for any period.
  - The suspension of a Parking Place or Parking Bay shall be indicated by the use of the appropriate signs.
  - No person shall cause or permit any vehicle to wait in a Parking Place or Parking Bay or part thereof, where an appropriate traffic sign has been placed or erected by any person duly authorised by the Council, indicating that the Parking Place / Parking Bay should not be used.

#### Use of Parking Place

- (1) No person shall use any part of a Parking Place or use any vehicle in a Parking Place:
  - to carry out any work of construction overhauling cleaning or repair in respect of the vehicle except as may be necessary to enable the vehicle to be moved from the Parking Place;
  - for sleeping, camping or cooking; or
  - for the playing or taking part of any sport; or
  - to engage in any unlawful activity; or
  - to congregate with others with or without vehicles; or
  - to erect or cause to be erected any tent, booth, stand, building or other structure; or
  - to light or cause to be lit any fire; or
  - to shout or otherwise make a loud noise to the disturbance or annoyance of users of the Parking Place or residents or occupiers of premises in the neighbourhood; or
  - to play music or other recorded sound to the disturbance or annoyance of users of the Parking Place or residents or occupiers of premises in the neighbourhood.
- (2) to engage in the sale of goods.
- (3) for overnight parking.
- (2) No person shall, except with the express written authority of the Council, affix or cause to be affixed any advertising material to any vehicle left in a Parking Place.
- (3) Nothing in these Terms and Conditions shall apply to anything so approved by an authorised officer of the Council.
- (4) No person shall use a vehicle while it is in a Parking Place in connection with the sale of any article to persons in or near the Parking Place or in connection with the selling or offering for hire of his or another person's skills or services in any capacity, unless with the express written permission of the Council.
- (5) No person shall except with the permission of an authorised officer of the Council drive any vehicle in a Parking Place other than for the purpose of leaving that vehicle in the Parking Place or for the purpose of departing from the Parking Place in accordance with these Terms and Conditions.
- (6) No person shall leave an engine running except for the sole purpose of entering, departing or manoeuvring the vehicle in the Parking Place.
- (7) No person shall be permitted to use a Parking Place for the purpose of offering a vehicle for sale.

#### Parked Causing an Obstruction

- The driver of a vehicle using a Parking Place shall not park the vehicle in such a manner or place where it causes an obstruction to any other users of the Parking Place.

#### Contravention and Penalty Charges

- (1) A person who contravenes these Terms and Conditions, or who uses a vehicle, or causes or permits a vehicle to be used in contravention of the Traffic Regulation Order relating to this Parking Place, shall be guilty of an offence under Section 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
- A Penalty Charge may become payable in the event of a vehicle failing to comply with the provisions of these Terms and Conditions.
- Where a Penalty Charge is payable a Civil Enforcement Officer shall attach to the vehicle in respect of which the Penalty Charge has been incurred in a conspicuous position a notice to be called the "Penalty Charge Notice".
- The Penalty Charge shall be paid to the Council in accordance with the instructions contained in the Penalty Charge Notice.
- A person who contravenes section 13 of these Terms and Conditions may incur a Fixed Penalty Notice.
- A Penalty Charge Notice attached to a vehicle shall not be removed or interfered with except by or under the authority of:
  - the owner or person in charge of the vehicle; or
  - the Council for the Parking Place in which the vehicle in question was found.

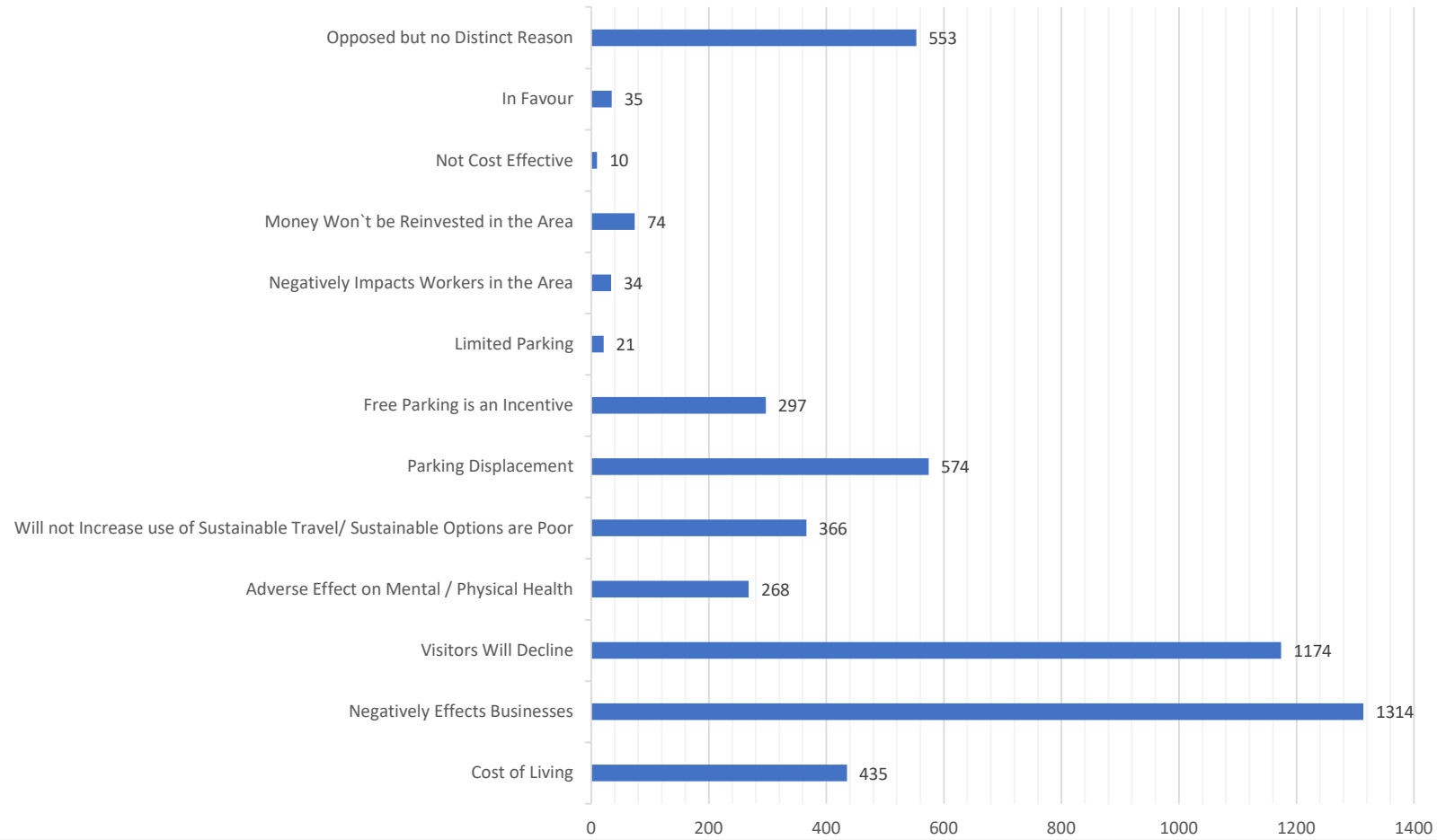
#### Movement and Removal of Vehicles and Other Equipment

- If a vehicle is left within a Parking Place in a position other than in accordance with the provisions of these Terms and Conditions Durham County Council may alter or cause to be altered the position of that vehicle so that it is in accordance with the Terms and Conditions.
- The Terms and Conditions shall apply equally to any other equipment deposited in the Parking Place which in the opinion of a person authorised by Durham County Council constitutes a contravention of the Terms and Conditions and these provisions are extended to include for the disposal of the equipment where it is deemed appropriate by Durham County Council.
- If a vehicle is left in a Parking Place in contravention of any of the provisions of the Terms and Conditions a person authorised by Durham County Council in that respect may remove the vehicle from the Parking Place or arrange for such removal.
- If an emergency occurs, Durham County Council or a police officer in uniform may alter or cause to be altered the position of a vehicle in a Parking Place or remove or arrange for the removal of a vehicle from a Parking Place.
- Any person altering or causing the alteration of the position of a vehicle or removing or causing the removal of a vehicle may do so by towing, lifting or driving the vehicle or using such other manner as may think reasonably necessary to enable the position of the vehicle to be altered or the vehicle to be removed.



# Objections

## Seaham - Consultation Responses



## **Recommendation**

Officers recommend that the Committee resolves to set aside the objection/s and endorse the proposal, in principle, which will then guide the Corporate Director in the exercise of delegated decision making.

**Any questions?**