

Equality Impact Assessment

Name of project/proposal T19 Detailed Country Park ANPR Installation
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Description of Service / Policy

HCC manages a number of country parks and activity centres across the county, which offer a variety of activities including indoor activities, sports, camping, guided walks, seasonal events & corporate days. Activities are offered to a range of service user groups including schools, businesses, families, campers and other adult and child groups. Calshot, Staunton, Royal Victoria, Manor Farm, Lepe & Queen Elizabeth all offer on-site parking which is managed through a Pay and Display system. Compliance with parking charges was approximately 64% across all sites in 2014/15, and there are currently insufficient resources to undertake enforcement.

Geographical impact* All Hampshire

Description of proposed change

To install Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) parking systems at 5 Country Parks and Calshot Activity Centre, which will replace the current Pay & Display systems. (ANPR) technology utilises computers and security cameras for automatically reading vehicle number plates in an effort to enforce parking charges and increase security. The fully implemented system will also increase the quantity and quality of data collected for each site. In an effort to mitigate against any privacy impacts a privacy impact assessment was conducted on 07/03/17 and subsequently approved by the Departmental SIRO. The ANPR system meets the requirements of Blue Badge holders not being charged.

Engagement and consultation

Has engagement or consultation been carried out? Yes

Engagement has taken place with Country Park Staff and forums are planned to take place with other key stakeholders (site users other than visitors e.g scouts club, sailing club, residents). Although parking charges are currently in place the compliance rate for visitors adhering to these charges is low. The implementation of the ANPR would guarantee that visitors pay for their parking and therefore increase compliance close to 100%.

Impacts of the proposed change

This impact assessment covers Service users

Statutory considerations

Age Neutral

Disability Neutral

Sexual Orientation Neutral

Race Neutral

Religion and Belief Neutral

Gender Reassignment Neutral

Gender Neutral

Marriage and civil partnership Neutral

Pregnancy and Maternity Neutral

Other policy considerations

Poverty Low

Impact As stated previously parking charges are already in place at each site and due to the numerical size of the parking charge at each site being relatively low e.g. £2.50, the overall impact on impoverished groups will be very low.

Rurality Neutral

Additional Information