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Dear Mr. Glover,

Re: Manor Park and Teston Country Parks, Pay and Display Order

Thank-you for your letter of 20 November, concerning the proposed introduction of a Road Traffic Order for Pay and Display parking at Teston Bridge and Manor Park, Country Parks.

The financial constraints on the Country Parks Service are such that we need to look very hard at all possible sources of additional income. One way in which we do this on other countryside sites, is to charge for car parking and to enforce this by the introduction of pay and display.

All of the income raised goes back directly to fund the running of the Parks. For many years, the car parking charges at Manor and Teston, relied on honesty boxes during the week and a car park attendant was employed on Sundays. The Pay and Display is simply another method of collecting the charge and the Road Traffic order allows us to fine motorists that do not display a valid ticket. It is not proposed that anyone will be 'wheel clamped'. The income generated by this method is considerably more than that from honesty boxes and a Sunday Car Park Attendant. Regular users of the Country Parks are able to purchase an annual

permit for £20.00, which allows unlimited access to all Kent County Council Country Parks, including Manor Park and Teston.

As you point out the toilet facilities at Manor Park are not of a sufficient standard and you will be pleased to hear that a new, sustainable construction, toilet block is programmed for completion in 2009, which will include toilets and a catering facility. There will also be investment into the play area to improve this popular facility.

I hope this response reassures you that Kent County Council are committed to maintaining and improving their Country Parks for visitors and that the modest car parking charges are made to enable us to invest in improvements.

Yours sincerely,

**Graham Dear
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