

TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL

RECORD OF OFFICER DECISION

Decision Taken By: Leisure Services Manager Outdoor	Decision No: D250009OFF
Delegated Authority (under which decision taken): Authority under Part 3 of the Constitution and set out in the Scheme of Functions delegated to Officers.	
Decision Type:	Non-Key
Date of Decision:	4 April 2025

Decision(s) and Reason(s)
BAILEY EAST CAR PARK - CLOSURE
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) Car park to be completely closed on 14-15 April 2025 inclusive to enable essential tree work to be undertaken along the boundary of the car park.2) Partial closure of some bays of the car park on 24-25 April 2025 for follow up tree work on the adjacent land.
Reason: The work will reduce the risk from the trees to property and people. Car park closures are necessary for the safety of operatives and car park users, people at work using machinery, and there is only one vehicular access into the car park.

Details of any Alternatives Considered:
<ol style="list-style-type: none">1) For work on 14-15 April 2025, a partial closure of the car park was considered, use of the grassed unpaved area of the car park.2) For work on 24-25 April 2025 – restrict the work area to the grassed unpaved area of the car park.
Reason(s) why rejected: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) The car park is small, a large space is needed to fell and process the trees along the boundary and to work safely. There is only one road entrance to the car park, with a tight turn from the entrance.2) Turning circle needed for truck using towed machinery so some bays will need to be closed for access, only one road entrance so no alternative suitable, the grass area may also be unsuitable for vehicles on the days selected if the ground conditions

are too wet so the vehicle would need to be parked on the hard surfaces of the car park.

Conflicts of Interest/Dispensations Granted:

There were no conflicts of interest declared or dispensations granted by or to any Member who was consulted in respect of this decision.

Background Papers (if any):

None.

Signed Director of Street Scene, Technical and Leisure Services	R Styles
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This decision will come into force immediately as 'call in' does not apply to operational non-key officer decisions