Appendix 5 – Proposal car parking charge increase

Paid parking is in place at Seven Sisters Country Park (SSCP). The current parking tariffs were last increased in 2009. Having reviewed the charges it is proposed to increase the tariffs by the equivalent of CPI (Consumer Price Index) inflation, which rose by 16.9% between 2009 and 2014. Since 2009, our costs of managing the park have also increased by the same rate of inflation, which has not, to date, been matched by an increase in parking fees and car park income.

The proposed increase will raise approximately £23,000 additional income. This extra income will be reinvested back into the management of the park itself. It will also contribute towards meeting wider savings targets and offsetting the inflationary increase in site management costs since 2009.

Table one below sets out the car parking charges in 2015/16 and the income secured through the charges. Table two shows the proposed increase as well as the projected income, assuming the same vehicle usage as 2014/15.

Table one. 2015/16 car parking tariff and income, assuming 2014/15 vehicle usage

	Tariff period	Vehicle usage (14/15)	Current tariff (15/16)	Anticipated Income (15/16)
Car	up to 2 hrs	25,869	£2.50	£64,673
Car	over 2 hrs	20,241	£3.50	£70,844
Coach	up to 2 hrs	336	£5.00	£1,680
Coach	over 2 hrs	152	£10.00	£1,520
Minibus	up to 2 hrs		£5.00	£0
Minibus	over 2 hrs		£10.00	£0
TOTAL				£138,716

Table two. Proposed 2016/17 car parking tariff and income, assuming 2014/15 vehicle usage and retrospective increase in line with CPI inflation

	Tariff period	Proposed increase	Proposed tariff (16/17)	Projected income (16/17)	Projected income increase (16/17)
Car	up to 2 hrs	£0.50	£3.00	£77,607	£12,935
Car	over 2 hrs	£0.50	£4.00	£80,964	£10,121
Coach	up to 2 hrs	£1.00	£6.00	£2,016	£336
Coach	over 2 hrs	£2.00	£12.00	£1,824	£304
Minibus	up to 2 hrs	£1.00	£6.00	£0	£0
Minibus	over 2 hrs	£2.00	£12.00	£0	£0
TOTAL				£162,411	£23,695