APPENDIX 2 – CONSULTATION RESPONSES

The consultation asked some questions of neighbouring residents and visitors. Their responses, along with the postcodes of the respondents, are set out below. The questions asked were:

Q1: Do you believe there are any advantages to allowing motorhomes to park overnight on North Beach Car Park?

Q2: What are your main concerns about allowing motorhomes to park overnight on North Beach Car Park?

Q3: Do you have any further comments?

R1. (Postcode FY8 2TR)

Q1: No

Q2: Who is going to police this venture if it occurs to ensure the rules listed above are adhered to? I don't believe anyone will because of the cost. This afternoon some young men were playing football in the car park using the new fence as a goal area to kick the ball against and being extremely noisy. The understaffed police can only get involved if they are already in the area and by the time they can get to the car park any perpetrators have already left.

Q3: Cars using the car park as a race track late at night can be stopped by putting in speed bumps strategically placed. Has the Council ever received any money from parking fines in this car park? How much is collected per month for parking fees? How many traffic wardens have we for dealing with illegal parking on Todmordon Road and the North Promenade (as well as all the other areas not in the town centre)? There is plenty wrong with the parking situation at the moment without adding to it with motorhome parking.

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R2. (Postcode FY8 2PP)

Q1: No

Q2: - Excessive Noise particularly during nights -Antisocial behavior -Littering

Q3: I believe allowing motorhomes to park overnight on North Beach car part is not correct.

R3. (Postcode FY8 2TR)

Q1: Defiantly NOT we live here because it is quiet and do NOT want to live next door to a campervan site!!!

Q2: Roads becoming busier + St Annes. More people on the sandunes, using the beach + dunes as a toilet! And leaving rubbish. Disturbance of the peace.

Q3: If this does go ahead we expect to be financially compensated for the hindrance.

R4. (Postcode FY8 2TR) Q1: The possibility of attracting an overflow from Blackpool. Q2: It is unfair to expect the well behaved parkhome owner to "police" any potential trouble. There should be an official council presence to enforce whatever rules are created in relation to noise + fire .ETC Q3: No response R5. (Postcode FY8 2TR) Q1: None Q2: Traffic in and out at unsociable hours. People parking and going socialising in Blackpool and returning at early hours. Q3: Traffic chaos on Clifton Drive. There has been a great increase in traffic noise also so this will not help. It will most probably decrease the value of the surrounding properties. There are no residential properties on the swimming baths car park. Will there be someone patrolling the site to oversee the use of the facilities? R6. (Postcode FY8 2PP) Q1: No unless there is investment in the facilities to visitors Q2: Lack of facilities to motor home owners as a minimum there should be a sluice on the car park and ideally toilet facilities and fresh drinking water. There are no immediate local facilities so consideration should be given to park and ride type facility. Also need to consider how the car park will be policed at night, will there be night time patrols and how will these be financed? Will parking be offered year round or just during summer months? How will out of hours emergencies be covered, will this be by police or by a council officer on cover duty? Q3: There is already a sluice and toilets at Promenade car park, have you considered trailing the motorhome stop over on that car park for this summer and gauge reaction. This would allow a quick test before committing to investing in facilities at this car park. North Promenade is also close to the Town Hall so any issues can be quickly observed and dealt with. Will the proposed charge for motorhomes be more than the daily rate for car parking as if not the council will lose revenue. Will motorhomes take up same space as a car or will larger bays be marked out? How will this impact on revenue? Will there be a more

regular litter and waste collection for the additional waste generated? What impact will motorhomes have

on the night sky? How will noise be monitored and policed?

R7. (Postcode FY8 2PP)

Q1: Yes

Q2: The same concerns already highlighted mess noise open fires travellers
Q3: 3 month trial period max 10 vehicles

R8. (Postcode FY8 2TR)

Q1: No. Only advantage could be reduction in Council Tax.

Q2: 1. excessive noise is inevitable. 2. littering and antisocial behaviour. 3. lack of toilets 4. there is no way we can report problems to the council after 5pm or before 9am.

Q3: We are worried about easy access for travellers. The Coastguard need complete access across the car park at all times. Any overnight parking would hinder this.

R9. (Postcode: FY8 2TR)

Q1: NO. Will cause real problems - noise trouble, anti-social behaviour, no shops or activities nearby.

Q2: No shops or entertainment nearby, so will create their own - noise rubbish, anti-social behaviour, encouraging travellers.

Q3: This is a terrible plan. I'd rather have houses built in north car park. My property is right next door to the car park

R10. (Postcode HD3 3XP)

Q1: Yes. May well keep some off the streets. As a retired Police Officer with a motorhome and a water sports enthusiast I visit this part of the coast many times and would visit more if there was more designated parking.

Q2: Litter and waste disposal.

Q3: Suggest Traffic Wardens would visit site regularly and fine offenders.

R11. (Postcode FY8 2TR)

Q1: NO

Q2: In reply to your communication, the area around the swimming pool car park has a problem with vermin (rats, mice, pigeons & seagulls) I feel that if North Beach car park was used for parking motorhomes on a daily basis this would also attract such vermin due to food waste left behind. However well signposted the sluice unit on North Promenade car park maybe, I can't see the motorhomers taking the trouble to travel a mile from North Beach car park to empty their waste liquids when just a few strides away are the sand dunes. I strongly urge you to reconsider the proposal set out in your letter

Q3: I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER THE PROPOSAL OF MOTORHOMES ON NORTH BEACH CAR PARK

R12. (Postcode FY8 2TR)
Q1: No response
Q2: No response
Q3: 1. Overnight parking on North Beach car park will reduce the value of your property 2. Will increase parking on the yellow lines on Todmorden Rd causing delays to Ambulances etc. 3. Not all motorhome owners are responsible 4. Who will monitor the site. 5. Sites should be away from residential properties 6. Vermin will be attracted to site 7. No residents swimming pool car park 8. To increase revenue parking restrictions on promenade should be enforced, especially at weekend.
R13. (Postcode FY8 2TR)
Q1: No
Q2: Hygiene & Rubbish
Q3: No response

R14. (Postcode FY8 2TR)

Q1: No not at all as our bedrooms overlook the car park

Q2: ST ANNES SWIMMING POOL CAR PARK, No one lives there. We consider it is an invasion of our privacy it is a carr park not a camp site

Q3: Will there be designated spaces, if so how many will there be at one time? Will there be a limit