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**SOUTH BUCKS**  
District Council

## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Written response to questions asked at the meeting on 8 November 2018**

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Sent via email to:  
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Cc: All Overview and Scrutiny Members

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19 November 2018

### **Questions on Station Road, Gerrards Cross Car Park**

Dear Councillors

Further to the questions you asked at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 8 November 2018 on Gerrards Cross Car Park please find below the written responses to those questions:

1. What will happen with the asset after 40 years and what is the benchmark for Government borrowing for that term?  
After 40 years the Council (or its successor) will still own the asset. The PWLB offers loans to Councils for periods of between 1 and 50 years. It is common for Councils to take out long term loans to finance long term investments. Details of all recent PWLB loans are available from <https://www.dmo.gov.uk/responsibilities/local-authority-lending-pwlb/monthly-loans-report/>
2. With regard to the public consultation in 2016 and 2018 how many people attended and were the public events held over a series of days and times so that people could attend ?

The information events took place on the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2016 and 21 May 2018. They were both held at the memorial hall in Gerrard's Cross from 3pm to 8pm. The events were well attended with a regular flow of people throughout the day. However no formal record was kept of how many people attended.

In addition information boards were left in the Memorial Hall, Capswood, Tatling End and the Library. These were displayed in the library and Capswood for a number of months. The information boards also directed people to the planning portal should they wish to make a comment on the planning application. As was reported to the Overview and Scrutiny meeting, over 300 representations were received commenting on the planning application.

3. With regard to the letter drop what area was covered including the number of houses?

The leaflet drop was undertaken in early October 2016 to all residential and commercial properties on Station Road. Access to one block of flats (Portland House) was not possible as there was no accessible post box and no ability to push leaflets under doors. However that particular property is opposite the site and a number of posters were in the car park at several locations.

4. What information was given to Cabinet with regard to the risk analysis undertaken for the Gerrards Cross Car Park project ?

Risks were set out in the April 2018 report (Item 8) and 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 report (Item 14)

April 2018

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October 2018

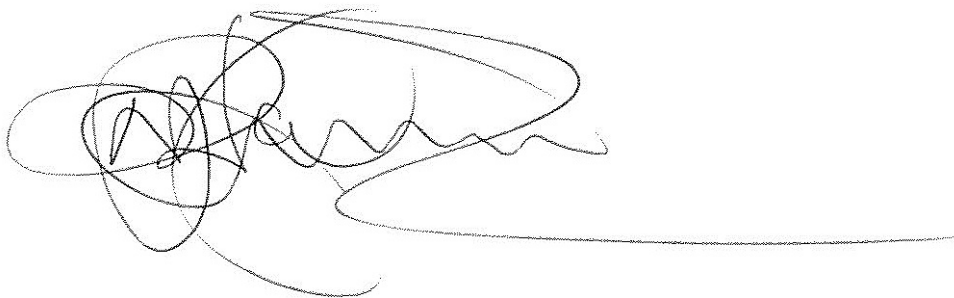
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5. What was the feedback from Members when the alternative options were rejected ?

Minutes of the 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2018 Resources PAG meeting noted that only the full size scheme would meet the potential need and be cost effective. Members also considered a mixed-use alternative scheme but concluded that the scheme would not meet the parking need in Gerrard's Cross and therefore decided not to pursue the scheme. After discussion, the advice given to the Portfolio Holder by the majority of the PAG was that the project should go ahead.

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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nick Naylor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Councillor Nick Naylor  
Leader of the Council