

SUBJECT:	Gerrards Cross Multi Storey Car Park Development Project
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WARD/S AFFECTED	Gerrards Cross

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to provide an update on the current situation.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. That Members note the current position as outlined in the report.**

2. Content of Report

2.1 A clear need had been identified for additional parking capacity at Gerrards Cross to meet both the current and future demand and it had been proposed to construct a multi storey car park at Station Road in response.

2.2 Following feedback on the initial designs, revised plans were re submitted to be considered at the 6th September planning committee

2.3 200 comments were received via the planning process and a decision was taken on the 25th August 2017 to withdraw the application to enable full consideration of all the representations to be undertaken.

2.4 The need for increased car parking spaces for both long and short term to meet the needs of business, residents, shoppers and commuters within Gerrards Cross still remains and future provision needs to be investigated both on the existing site and other parking opportunities. We will now take a step back and review the options for delivering additional parking provision in the town and continue our engagement with the interested parties in Gerrards Cross including Chiltern Railways and Network Rail. This will take time but we want to ensure we get the best for the town. At this time it is still the intention to provide more parking spaces on this site unless viable alternative options can be found.

2.5 It is clear from the comments that there is a strong demand for commuter spaces and further discussions with Network Rail and Chiltern Railways are necessary to establish if there is any possibility of building at the station car park. The extra spaces would reduce the need for the number needed on Station Road car park allowing for more short term and local business permit parking.

3 Future timetable

- 3.1 The previous build timetable had regard to the trading period of Waitrose. The current lease of the trolley bays and management agreement expire 30 April 2022 with no statutory right to renewal.
- 3.2 All the pre contract work that has been completed relating to design, programming, survey work and approvals on traffic and capacity from Bucks County Council can be re-used when the project proceeds at a later date.

4. Options

- 4.1 Analyse list of objections/support and seek to address these concerns and make alterations to design if necessary and resubmit with a view to meeting the trading window in 2018 /2019.
- 4.2 Further discussion with Network Rail and Chiltern Railways to build a commuter car park on the station car park site and build a reduced height short term car park on Station Road site.
- 4.3 Build a development after 2022 once lease with Waitrose has expired.
- 4.4 Consider a mixed use development.

5. Way forward

- 5.1 Carry out a comprehensive communication exercise with all stakeholders, businesses and residents.
- 5.2 To work with all parties to agree a holistic parking strategy for Gerrards Cross and the future of the Gerrards Cross Car Park.
- 5.3 We will be able to use the pre-design work including ground investigations, legal searches, services and negotiations with adjoining land owners, for any future development on the site.

Background Papers:	None
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