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DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT AGENDA

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018 AT 7.00 PM
DBC COUNCIL CHAMBER - THE FORUM

The Councillors listed below are requested to attend the above meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Membership

Councillor Guest (Chairman)
Councillor Bateman
Councillor Birnie
Councillor Clark
Councillor Conway
Councillor Maddern
Councillor Matthews

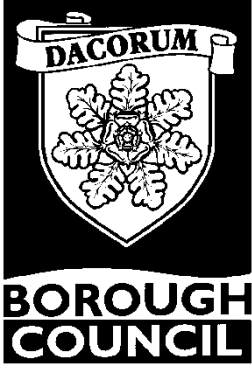
Councillor Riddick
Councillor Ritchie
Councillor Whitman
Councillor C Wyatt-Lowe (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Fisher
Councillor Tindall

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AGENDA

7. ADDENDUM

Agenda Item 7



DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday 8th November 2018 at 7.00 PM

ADDENDUM SHEET

Item 5a

4/01821/18/FUL - TEMPORARY CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO CAR PARK PROVIDING 90 SPACES INCLUDING 6 DISABLED SPACES TO DISCHARGE CONDITION 15i OF PLANNING PERMISSION 4/00122/16/MFA (CONSTRUCTION OF 8 HALF STOREY CAR PARK WITH ASSOCIATED WORK TO PROVIDE 312 SPACES + 15 DISABLED SPACES.)

THE MOOR, MILL STREET, BERKHAMSTED

36 Highfield Road

Objection

I strongly object to this proposal on the following grounds :

1. The Planning, Design and Access statement makes reference to paragraph 97 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2018) - NPPF and concludes that "...the proposed car parking will be temporary and completely reversible. As such the open space would not be "built on" in the context intended by paragraph 97". Paragraph 97 of the NPPF makes no concession to temporary works, as such, the works proposed are still 'built-on'. This paragraph also refers to replacing the loss of the recreation space with alternative space of an equivalent or higher quality and quantity, therefore I object and reject the statement made, as 'context' has been used to justify not providing replacement recreation space, and therefore doesn't meet the NPPF requirements.
2. There is no proposal to identify how the environmental impact from any oil, fuel, or similar leaks, spills or discharges are mitigated, or how any potential contamination to the area, including water courses is dealt with.
3. Whilst the proposals provide for disabled car parking, there is no detail regarding the route a wheelchair user would then take to get to the high street. What is the safe route for these car park users to achieve this? The application does not demonstrate that this can be adequately achieved.

4. The transport statement does not take into consideration the single lane access into Mill Street from Caste Street. The increase in traffic will create severe congestion at this junction, which will result in traffic backing up and queuing across the bridge of the Grand Union Canal, to the junction with Lower Kings Road and Station Road, and along these roads, particularly in the Lower Kings Road direction. This will be compounded at peak times due to vehicles heading to and from the station.

Stonycroft, 9 Shrublands Road

I write on behalf of the BCA Townscape Group, of which I am Chairman. The Group welcomes the revised application and is pleased a way has been found to preserve 3 of the trees previously identified for felling, including to old Chestnut.

33 Cedar Road

Objection

As a landscape architect I am very concerned the this development will severely impact the quality and extent of open space especially play space in Berkhamsted, and its value for urban wildlife for a period of several years while the car park is constructed, used and the park reinstated/ameliorated.

The proposal is in direct conflict with DBC policies on green space and the protection of urban wildlife habitats.

The first two key policies of Dacorum's Green Space Strategy are:

1. To protect green space from development
2. To protect and enhance our natural environment, heritage and habitats

Creating this temporary car park contravenes both policies. Specific concerns include:

SCARCE GREEN SPACE IN BERKHAMSTED

Dacorum's Greens Space Strategy already identifies Berkhamsted as 'deficient of leisure space as defined in the Local Plan' (para 3.1.3). The strategy notes that 'the canal forms an important green corridor through the town'.

PLAY PROVISION

The Strategy also notes that in particular Berkhamsted lacks play space. Action 5 of the Strategy for Berkhamsted is to 'Improve the quality and play value of the remaining play areas (excepting Canal Fields), to mitigate for the greater distances people are being expected to travel to access the service'. A car park next to the Moor will impact on the accessibility and air quality of this scarce resource.

URBAN WILDLIFE

Dacorum Borough Council's Urban Nature Conservation Study (2006) proscribes development that impacts on urban wildlife corridors, and identifies Berkhamsted canal as a key corridor.

'Green wedges and wildlife corridors must be protected and enhanced... Within these areas development ****should not be permitted**** where it would affect their wildlife value or their wider role' (p45)

Within Berkhamsted the report notes: 'Apart from the canal and its immediate environs, there are no recognised major wildlife corridors of any size or continuity within the town. The canal and river Bulbourne provides the most obvious linear link through the town but heavy development either side has severely reduced its ecological integrity and opportunities'. (p57)

DBC's Green Space Strategy Design principles also support this policy (p256):

'All scale of wildlife habitats should be protected, from small ecological stepping stones to a continuous wildlife corridors, with particular regard to the enhancement corridors and zones identified in the Urban Nature Conservation Study.

LOCAL PRIORITIES

Consultation with local people in the Green Space Strategy again identified the dearth of open space in the town as a key concern and highlighted the value of the canal corridor: 'The lack of open space in the centre of the town was linked to a strong desire to resist development... The existing green spaces were also strongly defended, with the canal and its immediate environment being seen as particularly important

40 Greenway

Objection

I've lived in Berkhamsted for a number of years, and I urge you to reject the proposal to install a temporary car park at The Moor in Berkhamsted.

Not only will it damage two 250-year-old trees, with the cars causing fatal root damage as they enter/exit the car park, but by allowing this proposal, you will be causing permanent damage to one of the most beautiful spots in Berkhamsted, as well as being responsible for increased traffic in a bottleneck area of town.

The junction of Mill Street and Castle Street (by the totem pole) is already a hazardous spot for cars (and pedestrians), and by encouraging increased vehicular traffic at this junction, you will indirectly be increasing the risk of RTAs. These are images of Mill Street taken from close to the junction; you can see how narrow the road lanes already are.



Not only that, but there are other, more suitable options to alleviate parking issues in the town.

For example, Berkhamsted train station, just 1-2 minutes' walk from The Moor, has 488 spaces – let me repeat that: **four hundred and eighty-eight spaces** – and remains largely unused at weekends, due to the lack of commuters on Saturdays and Sundays.

This would be a far more practical, sensible solution, which would not cost £100,000 of taxpayers' money; which would not result in the loss of one of Berkhamsted's most treasured green spaces; and which would not result in an increased risk of traffic accidents.

Please oppose the council proposal. We all agree that parking spaces are at a premium in Berkhamsted, but this is not the right way to solve this issue

41 Chaucer Close

Objection

I am writing again to express my wholehearted objection to the plan to use the Berkhamsted Moor as a temporary car park, whilst the unnecessary, hideous, polluting, congesting multistory car park is being built.

The Moor is a valuable green space in the centre of Berkhamsted, which provides benefits to the local community and an important habitat for wildlife. Allowing cars to park on this site will damage the soil, causing compaction and damaging tree roots, very likely hastening their deaths. Pollution from the cars will seep into waterways, both the canal and rare chalk stream habitat of the Bulborne river and irrevocable damaging finely balanced ecosystems.

Currently, the Moor has a children's playground, which will become unsafe to use due to traffic and pollution. The Moor is next to a school so extra traffic in this area put the pupils of the school at risk from both from accidents and pollution. Please remember the young, the old and those with lung conditions such as asthma, are at most risk of the toxic effects of traffic pollution.

Also, the turning over the bridge on Castle Street into Mill Street is very narrow and steep, are you really sure the canal bridge is strong enough to take all that extra traffic weight whilst traffic jams form as vehicles maneuver in and out of this proposed temporary car park? Do you really want to risk a bridge collapse?

Please go back to the drawing board on this one. You need to have some real vision and leadership for the future. Look at alternative ways of addressing parking and traffic issues in Berkhamsted. Provide better, safer cycling routes and more bicycle racks in the centre. Look at improving around-town bus services and a park-and-ride for those coming into the town. Help co-ordinate better links between rail and bus services. We really need to reduce pollution and congestion in the town. Be part of the solution and not add to the problem. Building that eyesore of a multistory car park puts the health and well being of local residents at unacceptable risk. You compound the problem by proposing to damage a valuable green open space in the centre of the town. Do you really want history to judge you as environmental vandals?

52 Kings Road

Objection

I am writing to voice my concerns and object to the proposed temporary car park on Berkhamsted Moor.

The Moor is one of the first things you see when arriving in Berkhamsted by train and it is a well-used and much-loved green space in the centre of town, adjacent to a

school, busy narrow roads, the towpath of the canal and housing a popular children's playground, an area busy with local activities and also home to much local wildlife from the canal and surrounded by many ancient and beautiful trees.

Although it is welcome news that some of the protected trees will no longer be cut down, it is inevitable that there will be long term damage to the area and the roots of the remaining trees. There are other serious environmental concerns such as the air pollution and the impact on the wildlife. Most importantly, it would be a significant loss to the town and cause long term environmental damage. It seems an ill-conceived proposal that has not taken into account the negative impact on the area or worse, does not consider such effects important.

At a time when we are being urged to look after our environment and also our mental health and well-being, which is significantly enhanced by aesthetics and green space and what that brings to the individual and community as a whole, one would hope that developments in towns might take a longer term view to protect green spaces for the many, both now and in the future, rather than making decisions that support a few in the short term only. We are urged to use cars less, cutting carbon emissions and exercise more. Unless local councils take the lead in protecting the environment and perhaps making difficult decisions, not only is it likely that the beauty and essence of our towns will be lost, but also that we contribute to the continued downward spiral for our climate. I am sure with the talent and abilities of your collective group, it would be possible to find other alternatives that can resolve a car parking issue for the town - spending the money on public transport, a park and ride facility.. Although it may take time to reassess and it is surely not the easy option at this stage, it is undoubtedly never too late if the alternative (Not building on the Moor) is actually the best decision?

I sincerely hope that you will consider the negative and wider consequences - both short term and long term - of this proposed car park and not give it your support but work to find an alternative solution.

32 The Rex

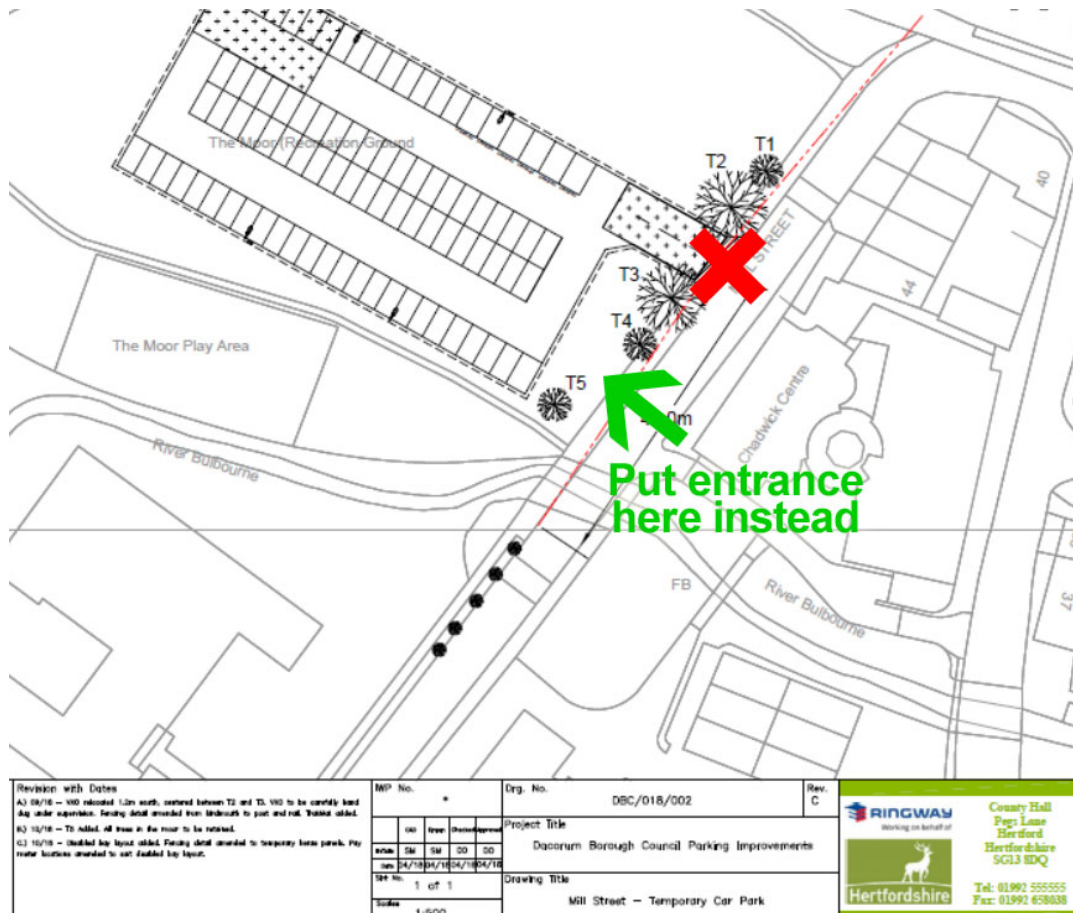
Objection

I realise you are probably getting a lot of irate emails about the trees on Berkhamsted Moor, so I'll keep this really brief.

Your solution is to relocate the temporary car park entrance between trees T4 and T5. There's already a massive gap, and T5 is a diseased old stump which nobody would miss if you chopped it down. Have a look on Google Street View to see what I mean:

<https://goo.gl/maps/nH5XwRFp8Rp>

Then you get to build your car park, the nice old chestnut trees don't get damaged, and the Berkhamsted people have less to complain about. Problem solved.



76 Hilltop Road

Objection

I would like to register my objection to the idea of Berkhamsted Moor being used as a temporary car park. My objection rests on the following:

-Lack of need: Berkhamsted is serviced by several large car parks already, in addition to ample street parking and the station. The town simply does not need another large car park, particularly when people should be discouraged from using their cars for all journeys, and the town being serviced by perfectly adequate bus and train routes.

-Environmental: As citizens and councillors we should be doing our utmost to protect green space, not compromise it. The Moor is parkland that is used by families, residents and visitors. It is by the canal, and contains a play park. There is absolutely no logical sense to the suggestion that it should be used for cars rather than leisure.

Social: The Moor is a valued area of the town, often used by families, children, exercise groups and walkers. There simply isn't a replacement for it. To put a car park there would have a detrimental effect on the lives of thousands of residents and visitors.

In summary, this car park is ridiculous short term thinking. Please don't do it. No one wants it, it's not necessary and it is an environmental and social catastrophe.

6 Bridgewater Road

Objection

I am writing to OBJECT to the revised planning application for a temporary car park on the Moor in Berkhamsted.

Although I welcome the decision not to fell the oldest of the ancient trees I still think the whole proposal is misguided and contravenes a number of the Council's own policies, not to mention common sense. There are also contradictions and factual errors in the documents on the planning portal which I have written to you about separately.

Specifically, I object on the following grounds:

1. TREES

The new plan to site access between the two main trees on Mill Street will cause damage to the tree roots and cut short their expected lifespan. It may be the case that DBC are no longer proposing to fell all of the trees but the latest plan will have the same impact of killing them off, albeit over a longer time frame.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

No environmental impact assessment has been conducted, meaning that we have no data on how the proposed car park and the attendant spills, leaks and emissions will impact on and contaminate the canal, ground water or wildlife.

3. GREEN SPACE

a. The proposed car park will mean that a much loved and used public green space will to all intents and purposes be out of action for a minimum of a year and longer if you take into account the time it will take to restore the land – Berkhamsted already has less than the recommended amount of public green space (see below) and this proposal will severely impact the community. The application's supporting data relating to the amount of public land in Berkhamsted is factually incorrect. The committee should not rely on that information in its deliberations.

b. Dacorum's Green Space Strategy already identifies Berkhamsted as 'deficient of leisure space as defined in the Local Plan' (para 3.1.3). The strategy notes that 'the canal forms an important green corridor through the town'. The Strategy also notes that in particular Berkhamsted lacks play space. Action 5 of the Strategy for Berkhamsted is to 'Improve the quality and play value of the remaining play areas (excepting Canal Fields), to mitigate for the greater distances people are being expected to travel to access the service'. A car park next to the Moor will impact on the accessibility and air quality of this scarce resource. Consultation with local people in the Green Space Strategy again identified the dearth of open space

in the town as a key concern and highlighted the value of the canal corridor: 'The lack of open space in the centre of the town was linked to a strong desire to resist development... The existing green spaces were also strongly defended, with the canal and its immediate environment being seen as particularly important.' The application therefore is not in line with DBC policy in this area.

c. The application also makes reference to para 97 of the NPPF and concludes that "...the proposed car parking will be temporary and completely reversible. As such the open space would not be "built on" in the context intended by paragraph 97". However, paragraph 97 of the NPPF makes no concession to temporary works, so as such, the works proposed are still 'built-on'. This paragraph also refers to replacing the loss of the recreation space with alternative space of an equivalent or higher quality and quantity, which the applications manifestly ignores and therefore does not meet the NPPF requirements

4. PROXIMITY TO PLAY AREA

a. The proposed car park is adjacent to a children's play area – I feel I should hardly have to spell this out but I don't believe that enough attention has been paid to the deterioration in air quality and the presence of noxious fumes that is bound to occur from the cars, with all the attendant health concerns that raises. There is a long report about air quality which 'demonstrates' there won't be a noticeable deterioration in air quality but this deals in generalities and averages, not on the immediate impact of exhaust emissions on a child who is standing or playing next to the car park.

b. In addition, the potential safety hazards of placing a car park next to a children's play park are all too obvious – and the proposal does not go anywhere near far enough in spelling out how DBC plan to prevent a serious accident or fatality involving a small child on this site.

5. IMPACT ON TRAFFIC

The transport statement does not take into consideration the single lane access into Mill Street from Castle Street. The increase in traffic will create severe congestion at this junction, which will result in traffic backing up and queuing across the bridge of the Grand Union Canal, to the junction with Lower Kings Road and Station Road, and along these roads, particularly in the Lower Kings Road direction. This will be compounded at peak times due to vehicles heading to and from the station and by coaches and cars dropping off Berkhamsted School students in Mill Street and the adjacent roads.

6. URBAN WILDLIFE

a. DBC policy identifies that Dacorum wildlife habitats should be protected, from small ecological stepping stones to a continuous wildlife corridors, with particular regard to the enhancement corridors and zones identified in the Urban Nature Conservation Study.

b. In addition the Borough's Urban Nature Conservation Study (2006) proscribes development that impacts on urban wildlife corridors, and identifies Berkhamsted canal as a key corridor - 'Green wedges and wildlife corridors must be protected and enhanced... Within these areas development should not be permitted where it would affect their wildlife value or their wider role' (p45).

c. Within Berkhamsted the report notes: 'Apart from the canal and its immediate environs, there are no recognised major wildlife corridors of any size or continuity within the town. The canal and river Bulbourne provides the most obvious linear link through the town but heavy development either side has severely reduced its ecological integrity and opportunities'. (p57) DBC's Green Space Strategy Design principles also support this policy (p256):

7. ACCESS

No attention has been paid to how disabled visitors are supposed to get from the car park to the town centre

8. OPERATIONS

Because of its location, some distance from the car park it is replacing, I think it highly unlikely that it will actually cater for that displaced traffic – it is much more likely to become a convenient dropping off space for pupils and parents of Berkhamsted School.

9. RATIONALE

a. The application itself contradicts the entire rationale for the MSCP and exposes the fundamental folly of both proposals – if the town can manage for a minimum of a year of construction with the 88 spaces this temporary arrangement will provide, why do we need a new car park in the first place?!

b. Para 7.4.2 of the application's transport assessment states: 'The 88 car parking spaces provided are less than the number of spaces currently available or being used at the Lower Kings Road facility. Nevertheless, a capacity of 88 spaces is still able to accommodate most of the existing Lower Kings Road demand. As set out in Table 4.1 of the Transport Statement, weekday demand rarely exceeds 88 spaces, with Saturday demand below 88 spaces for the majority of the period surveyed in June 2013'

c. DBC's own evidence shows that the MSCP is not necessary and therefore that there is no need to impose this 'temporary' car park on the community that wants to preserve and enjoy its green open spaces rather than cover them in cars.

10. ALTERNATIVE APPROACHES

Finally, I object to this proposal on the basis that the applicant has failed to consider any of the alternative proposals put forward by the community. Those other options

should be explored and given serious consideration before the applicant is allowed to despoil our town with this proposal.

South Lodge, Shootersway Lane

Objection

I am a resident of Berkhamsted, live in Shootersway Lane and always drive to town and park. One might argue that it is in my interest to support this planning application. However, I don't.

In the effort to maintain the provision of parking spaces to one population of Berkhamsted (drivers) the Council is intending depriving another population of Berkhamsted of a facility (open green space) that is well used....by my observation. That is unacceptable, even if temporary.

The same result might be obtained by working with Waitrose and changing the use of their car park, temporarily into a public facility.

Alternatively, the Council might make provision on the edge of town for a temporary car park with a shuttle service to the centre.

I had heard that the ancient oak trees were to be removed to facilitate access. This would be a gross neglect of the Council's duty to its residents, future residents and the environment. It is very short sighted to permanently damage the environment for a temporary and largely unnecessary change.

40 Castle Street

Objection

I object to the proposed use of the moor as temporary parking, as a neighbour, on the following grounds

1. Loss of open space which we and other Berkhamsted residents use everyday
2. Damage to historic listed trees
- 3 Traffic congestion. We live on the corner of Castle St and Mill St , it is narrow and dangerous currently and will become much more so. We have bollards outside our house maintained by highways agency as there have been so many bumps and damage, and it will be much worse with the car park.

32 Meadow Road

Objection

I would like to register my objection to the proposed use of the moor as temporary parking, as a neighbour, on the following grounds

1. Loss of open space which we and other Berkhamsted residents use everyday
2. Damage to historic listed trees
- 3 Traffic congestion and pollution.

The whole idea is unnecessary

Notification of petition against development containing 1221 signatures.

- ~550 can be confirmed as Dacorum residents
- ~290 confirmed UK outside Dacorum
- ~400 No postcode or outside UK

Berkhamsted Town Council Amended Comments

No Objection

DBC would also be asked to investigate the installation of a membrane to protect the grass from oil and petrol seepage.

HCC Highway Amended Comments

Notice is given under article 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 that the Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority does not wish to restrict the grant of permission subject to the following conditions:

1. No part of the development shall begin until the means of access has been constructed in accordance with the approved drawing and constructed in accordance with HCC highway design guide Roads in Hertfordshire.

Reason: In order to minimise danger, obstruction and inconvenience to users of the highway and of the access.

2. Before first occupation or use of the development the access road and parking areas as shown on the approved plan DBC/018/002 shall be provided and maintained thereafter.

Reason: To ensure the development makes adequate provision for the off-street parking and manoeuvring of vehicles likely to be associated with its use.

3. Prior to commencement of the development, the applicant shall submit a Construction Management Plan to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. The Construction Management Plan shall include details of: - Construction vehicle numbers, type, routing; - Traffic management requirements; - Construction and storage compounds (including areas designated for construction staff car parking); - Siting and details of wheel washing facilities; - Cleaning of site entrances, site tracks and the adjacent public highway; - Timing of construction activities to avoid school pick-up/drop-off times.

Reason: In the interests of maintaining highway efficiency and safety.

4. Within 3 months of opening of the multi-storey car park off Kings Road the temporary car park access shall be permanently closed and the footway / highway verge reinstated in accordance with a detailed scheme to be agreed with the Local Planning Authority,

Reason: In the interests of highway safety and amenity.

I should be grateful if you would arrange for the following notes to the applicant to be appended to any consent issued by your council:-

INFORMATIVES:

1. The Highway Authority requires the alterations to or the construction of the vehicle crossovers to be undertaken such that the works are carried out to their specification and by a contractor who is authorised to work in the public highway. If any of the works associated with the construction of the access affects or requires the removal and/or the relocation of any equipment, apparatus or structures (e.g. street name plates, bus stop signs or shelters, statutory authority equipment etc.), the applicant will be required to bear the cost of such removal or alteration. Before works commence the applicant will need to apply to the Highway Authority to obtain their permission and requirements. The applicant may need to apply to Highways (Telephone 0300 1234047) to arrange this, or use link:-

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/droppedkerbs/>

2. Obstruction of public highway land: It is an offence under section 137 of the Highways Act 1980 for any person, without lawful authority or excuse, in any way to wilfully obstruct the free passage along a highway or public right of way. If this development is likely to result in the public highway or public right of way network becoming routinely blocked (fully or partly) the applicant must contact the Highway Authority to obtain their permission and requirements before construction works commence. Further information is available via the website:

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/transtreets/highways/> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

3. Road Deposits: It is an offence under section 148 of the Highways Act 1980 to deposit mud or other debris on the public highway, and section 149 of the same Act gives the Highway Authority powers to remove such material at the expense of the party responsible. Therefore, best practical means shall be taken at all times to ensure that all vehicles leaving the site during construction of the development are in a condition such as not to emit dust or deposit mud, slurry or other debris on the highway. Further information is available via the website

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/transtreets/highways/> or by telephoning 0300 1234047

Section 278 or Section 184 Agreement All works within the highway boundary (including alterations to the footway, creation and subsequent reinstatement of the temporary vehicular access) will need to be secured and approved via an appropriate highways works agreement, either a S278 or S184 agreement.

Description of the proposed scheme This proposal is for the temporary change of use of land to car park providing 88 spaces including 6 disabled spaces. This is required to discharge condition 15i of planning permission 4/00122/16/MFA which allowed construction of 8 half-storey car park with associated work to provide 312 spaces + 15 disabled spaces at Lower Kings Road.

The temporary car park is required by condition 15i. The whole condition stipulates that:

Construction of the development hereby approved shall not commence until a Construction Traffic Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority in consultation with the highway authority. Thereafter the construction of the development shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved Plan. The Construction Traffic Management Plan shall include details of: a. Construction vehicle numbers, type, routing; b. Traffic management requirements; c. Construction and storage compounds (including areas designated for car parking); d. Siting and details of wheel washing facilities; e. Cleaning of site entrances, site tracks and the adjacent public highway; f. Timing of

construction activities to avoid school pick-up/drop-off times; g. Provision of sufficient on-site parking prior to commencement of construction activities; h. Post construction restoration/reinstatement of the working areas and temporary access to the public highway; and, i. Accommodation of the displaced parking as a consequence of the temporary closure of the car park through the duration of construction works.

The 88-space car park would be in the grounds of the Moor Recreation Ground on the northern edge of Berkhamsted town centre and would take the form of plastic or other artificial mesh placed on the grass. It would be surrounded by security fencing and access the highway network via a temporary access off Mill Street. No duration is given for the car park. This will be required by the highway authority.

This scheme was the subject of discussions with the highway authority at the preapplication stage.

The highway authority was consulted by DBC on additional information in support of the application. Elements of interest to the HCC Highways consisted of: • Verge crossover drawing • Footway construction drawing • Construction details drawing • Construction detail notes

Site Description The proposed car park would be built in the Moor Recreation Ground, north of Berkhamsted town centre. The site is bordered by Mill Street to the east, the Grand Union Canal to the north with River Bulbourne and Berkhamsted School to the south. Opposite the site on Mill Street is the Chadwick Centre art and design building of Berkhamsted School.

This temporary car park is required in order to clear the existing car park off Lower Kings Road in order for the multi-storey car park (MSCP) to be built there. Planning condition 15 of the MSCP permission (4/00122/16/MFA) specifically requires: 'Accommodation of the displaced parking as a consequence of the temporary closure of the car park through the duration of construction works.'

Analysis The applicant has provided a 90-page Transport Statement (TS) for review as part of the application package. This describes a very detailed modelling exercise based on the Transport Assessment for the multistory car park to assess the likely impacts of the temporary car park.

Trip Generation and Junction Assessment The predicted movements from the new car park are 5 and 1 out in the morning rush hour, 33 in and 50 out in the evening and 58 in and 83 out in the busiest hour (12:45 – 13:45) on a Saturday. These figures were added to flows on the surrounding roads and then fed into computer models of these junctions: Proposed Site Access / Mill Street, Castle Street / Mill Street, Lower Kings Road / Castle Street, High Street / Castle Street and High Street / Water Lane. Junction performance was assessed by predicted RFC (Ratio of Flow to Capacity) and queue lengths. RFC values below 0.85 are usually taken to be acceptable. The maximum value predicted in association with the temporary car park was 0.36 at the junction High Street with Castle Street. The maximum queue lengths predicted are one vehicle.

Road Safety Paragraphs 2.21 to 2.23 in the TS describe an examination of data held by HCC on collisions resulting in injury in the vicinity of the site. I agree with the conclusion that the low incident of collisions in the area and the low level of severity of injuries indicates that the road network operates relatively well with no significant driver behaviour or junction design issues which require further investigation and review.

Concern has been expressed about the safety of Berkhamsted School pupils. The proposed site access would be to the north of walking routes used by Berkhamsted school pupils and would, therefore, not pose a significant risk to their safety since

traffic using the car park would in the main approach the car from and leave it towards the north. Predicted figures are given in table 4.2 of the Transport Statement and these quantify the small increases, particularly during the week.

Vehicle Layout Vehicle Access The TS states that access would be via a crossover facility. Given the size of the car park it is recommended that this is a fully kerbed access bellmouth. This would need to be fully reinstated once the car park is closed. Drawing DBC/018/002 C demonstrates that adequate visibility can be provided to either side on exit.

All works carried out within the highway boundary will be subject to either a legal agreement under Section 184 or Section 278 of the Highways Act, whichever is most appropriate.

Pedestrian Access The TS states that it is proposed that the car parking facility would be accessible to pedestrians from Mill Street only. The justification given is that for security the perimeter of the car park would be fenced off with no secondary access routes from within the Recreation Ground. Since the car park is temporary replacement for the one at Waitrose I recommend that this position is reviewed since the pedestrians desire line would appear to be via the park, towpath and steps up to Lower Kings Road at the SW corner of the road bridge over the canal.

Cycle Parking Provisions None are to be provided give the development's purpose as remote car parking. Cyclists will want to leave their bicycles nearer their trip end points.

Construction A 2-page information sheet on CellPave 'anchored ground reinforcement' was provided for consultees on the DBC website. Presumably this is the material proposed to surface the car park.

The primary concern of the highway authority during construction is the safe and free flow of road users nearby. This means that traffic and pedestrians should continue to be able to use Mill Street with hindrance from construction-related traffic. Stringent efforts should be made to prevent mud from the site being spread on the road and pavement.

Planning Obligations/ Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Dacorum Borough Council has adopted the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) and therefore contributions would be sought by CIL. No S106 contributions would be required by the highway authority. **Conclusion** The Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) Highways Development Management team have reviewed the information provided and consider that proposed development would not likely have a detrimental impact on the safety and operation of the highway network. On this basis, HCC does not wish to raise an objection, subject to the imposition of suitable conditions and informatives.

Revised Arboricultural Report October 2018 180734-PD-11 rev. G

Errors within report correct and following paragraph added:

supervision requirement made more explicit in Section 5:

"A new dropped-kerb shall need to be constructed within the root protection area (RPA) of T2 and T3, because highway risk assessments concluded that constructing the entrance to the south of T4 was not feasible, due to the creation of a crossroad opposite the exit for buildings opposite (that was decided as being an unacceptable increase in risk), in addition to the lime trees along the highway to the south

*significantly obstructing visibility for cars exiting the car park. **This new kerb will be constructed, from start to finish, under arboricultural supervision.***

Recommendation

As per the published report

- 1 **The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.**

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Section 91 (1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by Section 51 (1) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004.

- 2 **After one year operation the use hereby permitted shall cease and any associated plant, materials and equipment shall be removed and any necessary works of reinstatement in accordance with the landscaping scheme approved within condition 6 shall be carried out.**

The reinstatement works shall have been fully completed within 3 months post this one year period.

Reason: The proposed use could be detrimental to the amenities of the locality and the local planning authority wishes to have the opportunity to review the development in the light of operational experience; in accordance with Saved Policies 73, 75, 116 and Saved Appendix 6 of the Local Plan (2004).

- 3 **The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans/documents:**

DBC/018/002 Rev C Received 29/10/18

**Planning, Design and Access Statement & Open Space Assessment
October 2018**

Bat Tree Inspection Report 31st August 2018

Arboricultural Report October 2018 180734-PD-11 rev. F

Air Quality Assessment October 2018

2200/1100/320

HST/1100/001 July 2011

HST/1100/021 July 2011

HST/1100/022 July 2011

Temporary Car Park, Berkhamsted Transport Statement dated 16th July 2018

Built Heritage Appraisal July 2018

Cellpave Anchored Ground Reinforcement Paver Material Detailing

The Moor, Berkhamsted Flood Risk Appraisal Dated 24/08/18

Sequential Test and Exception Test August 2018

Bat Tree Inspection ref:A082119-1 31st August 2018

Reason: For the avoidance of doubt and in the interests of proper planning.

- 4 **No pay and display machines shall be installed until details of the proposed scale of the pay and display machines shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority.**

Works shall be carried out in accordance with these approved details.

Reason: To ensure a satisfactory appearance to the development and to safeguard the visual character of the immediate area; in accordance with Policy CS12 of the Core Strategy (2013).

- 5 **Prior to the first occupation or use of the development hereby permitted a reinstatement landscape plan shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.**

This landscaping plan shall include the following details:

- turfing and tree planting which shall include details of planting plans; location; written specifications; schedules of plants, noting species, plant sizes and proposed numbers/densities where appropriate.
- A plan detailing the closure of the vehicle access and foot path and reinstatement of the highway grass verge; and
- De-compaction measures to restore the surface to its former soil bulk density.

The re-instatement landscape plan shall be implemented after the use hereby approved has continued for a period of one year.

Reason: To ensure a high quality landscaping is restored to the site and to safeguard the visual character of the conservation immediate area; in accordance with Policies CS12 and CS27 of the Core Strategy (2013) and Saved Policies 99 and 100 of the Local Plan (2004).

- 6 **All planting, seeding or turfing and soil preparation comprised in the approved details of the reinstatement landscaping detailed in condition 6 shall be carried out in the first planting and seeding seasons following one year post implementation of the development hereby approved; and any trees or plants which within a period of five years from this date die, are removed or become seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next planting season with others of similar size and species, unless the Local Planning Authority gives written approval to any variation. All landscape works shall be carried out in accordance with the guidance contained in British Standards unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.**

Reason: To ensure proper reinstatement of the site and implementation of the agreed landscape details in the interest of the amenity value of the development; in accordance with Saved Policies 99 and 100 of the Local Plan (2004) and Policy CS12 of the Core Strategy (2013).

- 7 **On-site arboricultural supervision is required during the hand excavation of the crossover, and during installation of the ground protection. Site monitoring reports should be prepared by the arboriculturalist as part of this supervision. The monitoring reports should include photographs of roots seen, including a record of their sizes and whether pruned or retained. The monitoring reports should be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority prior to the commencement of the use of the development hereby permitted.**

Reason: To ensure protection of the trees during site construction; in accordance with Saved Policies 99 and 100 of the Local Plan (2004).

- 8 **Excavation of the kerb for the construction of the crossover shall be undertaken under supervision of a suitably-qualified appointed arboriculturist and suitably-qualified representative of the Local Planning Authority (e.g. Tree Officer). Work shall be undertaken using hand-held tools only, and care shall be taken to preserve roots encountered. Roots with diameters of less than 25mm may be pruned using secateurs or hand-held pruning saw. Roots with diameters exceeding 25mm shall only be removed if given verbal approval by the suitably-qualified representative of the Local Planning Authority whom shall be present on site during construction of the crossover.**

Reason: To ensure protection of the trees during site construction; in accordance with Saved Policies 99 and 100 of the Local Plan (2004).

Informative

If root(s) with diameters exceeding 25mm are assessed to be important to tree health and agreement is not given to their pruning by the Local Planning Authority they shall be retained and an alternative engineered access designed to facilitate their retention.

9 **No development (excluding ground works) shall take place until details of an exterior lighting plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. These details shall include:**

- **Specifications of lighting including: luminaire and lamp type, beam control, wattage, the use of reflectors, baffles, louvres, cowling (including colouring), lux contours/distribution diagrams and column type/colour;**
- **A lighting statement clarifying the precise lighting impact in relation to nearby housing and how the installation minimises light pollution in relation to the control criteria specified by the Institution of Lighting Engineers' 'Guidance Notes for the Reduction of Light Pollution';**
- **Cable route servicing the lights;**
- **A maintenance programme (after-care); and**
- **Hours of use;**

Exterior lighting works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details for the lifetime of the development.

Reason: To safeguard and mitigate light pollution and illumination levels from the scheme; in accordance with Saved Appendix 8 and Policy 113 of the Local Plan (2004).

10 **No development shall take place until a surface water drainage scheme for the temporary phase, based on sustainable drainage principles and an assessment of the hydrological and hydro geological context of the development, has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The drainage strategy should demonstrate the surface water run-off generated up to and including the critical storm event will not exceed the run-off from the undeveloped site following**

the corresponding rainfall event and provide pre-development greenfield run-off rates where possible.

The scheme shall also include:

- 1. Drainage strategy including a detailed drainage plan with discharge into the either the River or GUC.**
- 2. Implementation of runoff control measures**
- 3. Provide source control measures such as permeable paving, infiltration trenches to ensure surface water run-off from the proposed car parking and roads can be treated in a sustainable manner and reduce the requirement for maintenance of underground features.**

The scheme shall subsequently be implemented in accordance with the approved details before the development is completed.

Reason: Due to the nature of this condition it necessary to be pre-commencement to prevent the increased risk of flooding, both on and off site and provide a betterment to flood risk, water quality and biodiversity through the implementation of an appropriate SuDS scheme in accordance with Policy CS31 of the Core Strategy (2013). The pre-commencement nature of this condition has been agreed by the applicant.

11

Prior to construction of the development hereby approved a Construction Management Plan shall have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

The Construction Management Plan shall include details of:

- Construction vehicle numbers, type, routing;**
- Traffic management requirements;**
- Construction and storage compounds (including areas designated for construction staff car parking);**
- Siting and details of wheel washing facilities;**
- Cleaning of site entrances, site tracks and the adjacent public highway; and**
- Timing of construction activities to avoid school pick up/drop off times.**

The construction of the development shall be carried out in accordance with these approved details.

Reason: In the interests of maintaining highway efficiency and safety; in accordance with Policies CS8 and CS12 of the Core Strategy (2013)

It has been brought to the Case Officer's attention that some representations did not pull through onto the committee report. Please find below a full list of representations received and taking into consideration before the committee report was issued:

40 Castle Street

Comment

My comment relates both to this temporary scheme and the planning permission 4/00122/16/MFA. I am concerned about traffic passing through Mill Street outside my house, at the junction with Castle Street. Council/Highways installed protective bollards outside my house after a series of partial demolitions of my pavement, caused by heavy lorries. On rebuilding, I sacrificed the border of the pavement to enable bollards to be built, and since repaired twice after damage by passing traffic. The biggest problem is HGVs squeezing down the road in spite of the warning signs. The situation is likely to be made worse with more traffic arising from the additional car parking space. Also, parents dropping off and collecting from the School in Mill St add substantially to the traffic. What solution do you propose to alleviate the traffic congestion and risk to my property, and I suppose to numerous pedestrians on Castle St crossing Mill St including mothers and young children at peak times.

1 Pirory Gardens

Objection

While I appreciate parking space is limited in Berkhamsted, so are the number of open green spaces. The Moor is one of the largest areas in the town for children to run around and explore and my toddler son and I spend time there almost every day. To convert much needed leisure space to parking, however temporary, does not seem to be a sensible solution.

47 Leverstock Green Road

Objection

Mill Street is not wide enough to take extra traffic. It is single track in places and will cause congestion on the bridge and junction with Station Road and Castle Street. Also this park is used by many people for daily recreational purposes. It would be an accident waiting to happen.

1 Union Court, Bedford Street

Objection

This green space is hugely important for recreation. I cannot believe that a) using this space as a car park wouldn't damage it and that b) it would return to a green space afterwards (without any delay, if at all). As a flat dweller this is one of the few spaces I have to use with my child. I also see it used massively by other families, dog walkers and individuals alike.

30 Castle Street

Objection

I've been reading the planning documentation in relation to the proposed temporary car park on Mill Street in Berkhamsted (4/01821/18/FUL). I am concerned that the proposed access/egress routes to the car park do not adequately take into account the road conditions on the approach to the junction between Mill Street and Castle Street.

It is proposed that there be two-way traffic between Castle Street and Mill Street to give access to the temporary car park, however the road width on Mill Street nearby the junction with Castle Street does not allow for two cars to pass. I've attached a screenshot from Google maps with the area I refer to highlighted in red. This problem is exacerbated by the obstructed line-of-site when approaching this area from the south on Mill Street - it is impossible to see if there is traffic approaching from the other direction until you round the corner to approach the junction with Castle Street.

At present this issue only causes problems at peak times (school drop off and pick up) during which vehicles queue to turn right into Mill Street from Castle Street, often backing up to the junction between Castle Street and Lower Kings Road/Station Road. With the installation of the temporary car park and the introduction of the proposed no-right-turn when exiting the temporary car park onto Mill Street, these problems will inevitably be more frequent.

I am also concerned about the effect this will have on the pedestrian footway that crossed the junction between Mill Street and Castle Street. The crossing here already suffers from limited visibility and increased traffic here will make that crossing increasingly dangerous.

I propose that as part of this scheme Mill Street becomes a temporary one-way street with traffic only able to move from south to north. Traffic wishing to enter Mill Street should do so via Water Lane to create a unified traffic flow. This would mitigate the problems of traffic queueing on Castle Street, remove the prospect of traffic collisions on Mill Street and make the pedestrian footway crossing on the Mill Street/Castle Street junction far safer.

28 Highfield Road

Objection

I'm contacting you because it has recently come to my attention that Moor Recreation Park in Berkhamsted is under consideration for conversion into a temporary car park. I strongly oppose the conversion.

The space is a busy, valued recreation space, used heavily by the local community, myself included. The space itself offers a very unique set up, where the park and

grass area is accessible to families with small children, who can at the same time enable their dogs to exercise. No other recreation park in the centre of Berkhamsted, or conventionally walkable, offers the same facilities where you can do both. I myself use this space for just this.

The space is also regularly used by fitness trainers, conducting public exercise classes and personal training sessions. These are very popular sessions, because of the proximity to the station, which offers convenience to customers and the passing trade to the businesses. Without access to this park, these services would need to relocate. The only park on near proximity to this location would be on the other side of town. This would impact convenience and passing trade, severally impacting the success of the businesses.

As such I think it's an injustice to the local community and business that rely on this facility, and would like the council to reconsider its position.

2 Chapel Street

Objection

2 points against this proposal:

1. I appreciate the parking problem in Berkhamsted entirely. Living on Chapel St, I frequently have to park 3 streets from my home, which with a newborn baby doesn't make life easy. However there are often spaces in Waitrose car park demonstrating that more PAID parking isn't the issue; FREE parking is.

2. Moreover I confess a very personal objection to the temporary car park in that the park is one I visit daily with my baby for a walk and fresh air while encouraging him to nap, walking through the park and up the canal in a loop. Without this rare green space we will lose this enjoyable daily loop, and there is no alternative space that offers this. In addition there are many others who enjoy the park in the same way - I often see other families enjoying this most central green space which will stop being an option

32 Kings Road

Support

Just wanted to drop you a line to voice my support for the proposed temporary car park.

It makes sense while the much needed new car park is built and in fact anything at all that helps alleviate the current chronic and desperate parking situation in Berko is frankly welcomed on my part.

As a resident in Kings Road (number 32) the parking situation is the worse I've ever know in the 10 years I've lived here. The ever constant issue of train station commuters blocking up spaces in Kings Road and Charles Street from 6am onwards to 7pm at night is the biggest blight and issue. The building work by the library is also not helping but at least that is temporary, the commuters are not !

I'm hoping therefore that the council will consider some way of enabling residents parking to help, especially when the new car park is built.

Could we not have a single yellow line that restricts parking on Kings Road and Charles Street say for 1 hour in the middle of a day to stop all day commuters dumping their cars but with residents permits to enable residents to park all day whilst at the same time enabling shoppers to come and go during the day (apart from the restricted hour) and not therefore adversely affect business in the town. The only "losers" in this scenario are the commuters but they are adequately provided for by the station car park but just choose not to use it and block the rest of the side streets up. Seems a fair all round solution to me.

5 Manor Street

Objection

I strongly object to the loss of one of Berkhamsted's most well used park facilities, on the basis that once precedent is set for its use as a temporary car park the cost of reverting it to its original use may not be honoured.

The park is the first sight of the town when you arrive from the train station, so for commuters and visitors stepping off the train, the impression of Berkhamsted as a peaceful and beautiful place to be will be greatly impacted. It is used every day by mums and babies, dog owners and is a sanctuary for many of the birds on the canal. The small space of green and calm simply must be protected.

What's more, the pay and display car park on Lower Kings Road isn't often full as it is, so I question the need for so much additional capacity while it's being developed.

43 Castle Street

Objection

The use of the Moor as a temporary carpark is both unnecessary and dangerous. Mill Street is incredibly dangerous at peak school drop off times and is a thoroughfare for school children crossing from the science block back to the main school quad. I have already witnessed a number of collisions between cars on the tight single lane bend into Castle Street and no amount of traffic management can make this an acceptably safe option.

There is a high risk that this sets a precedent for the use of the land and I am highly sceptical that it will be returned to its current state.

This is one of the few open park areas in Berkhamsted and a vibrant centre to the town where people exercise, walk their dogs and rest with their children. The Council is proposing to mix cars and an unfenced children's playground and remove one of Berkhamsted's prime recreational areas.

Why is the use of one of the fields opposite Hall Park not considered. It is on the edge of town and has good access.

6 Covert Close

Objection

I have read with astonishment about the council's plan to place cars on the beautiful Berkhamsted green space known as the Moor.

The progressive sacrifice of living and recreational space to the tyranny of the car will, in reality, simply bring more cars into town, further overloading our infrastructure and leading to more traffic jams which, in turn, will lead to further destruction of our beautiful town as a viable living-space.

The objective difficulties posed by this plan include safety, the unsatisfactory access from Mill Street and yet more pollution. It is high time that our Council represented our interests by reducing the dominance of cars in our town and improving alternative forms of access.

What is to be done for the many who use the Moor for sport and family leisure - or is this to be sacrificed on the altar of the car?

I am unmoved by the response that 'this will be a temporary measure'. The destruction of long-established trees is irreversible.

Rather than leading to an improvement of amenity this is, rather, another capitulation to the insatiable needs of the motor car and the pollution that it brings to our town.

My position is far from being 'conservative' or 'reactionary' or naive. Progressive towns and their councils have already rejected the tyranny of cars and their drivers. It is high time that Dacorum and Berkhamsted councils showed the imagination needed to bring their policy approach on this matter up to date.

21 Cross Oak Road

Objection

I'm writing to express my concerns at the proposal to turn The Moor into a temporary car park so that a multi-storey car park can be built elsewhere in the town. I understand that the Borough Council considers this proposal on 6th September and I should be grateful if my objections can be brought to the attention of the Planning Committee. My concerns are as follows:

Safety - it's right next to a busy school, at which my son is a pupil

Access from Mill Street is very limited, and the proposal will likely add to the existing traffic congestion within the town, thereby further increasing pollution levels

Environment - I understand the proposal will involve the cutting down of two ancient and beautiful trees, and it will mean the loss of a precious green space where the people of the town can relax, play and walk our dogs.

I believe this proposal demonstrates a lack of vision and concern for the welfare of residents. Quite simply, we need fewer cars coming into the town, not more, and we should be thinking of ways to reduce traffic into the town.

42 Castle Street

Objection (as summarised)

There are very few Green Spaces for recreation in the open air. The Moor is used by children playing, by people for working, doing exercises, having picnics, walking their dogs or just sitting and lying on the grass.

There are lovely trees, geese and ducks and other birds. All these users will be affected by motor traffic, cars and petrol fumes.

22 Upper Hall Park

Objection

Object to the loss of this much valued and well-used recreational calm and peaceful open space in Berkhamsted and call on the Council to pause and review the plan with further consultation with local residents as there has not yet been sufficient consideration of alternative options. Use of the Moor for car parking will increase congestion and air pollution in the area. Sharing the space with a children's play area presents safety risks for pedestrians. Children's developing lungs are particularly vulnerable to the health impacts of air pollution, there is also now evidence associating air pollution with loss of brain function in older people. To allow access it is proposed to cut down two large, beautiful trees causing long-lasting damage to the visual amenity of the space, harm to wildlife, and the release of carbon. The whole space of the Moor is well-used by walkers, mothers and children, for exercising dogs, fitness classes, as well as the only site in the town which is used for a fun fair, and is home to several Canada goose families. It is a scandalous waste of council taxpayers money to spend £100,000 on this, on top of £5 million for the awful Lower Kings Road multi-storey, when that money could be used to reduce the need for car use and car parking in the town through investment in public transport and other solutions.

11 Upper Hall Park

Objection

I have no objection in principle to the siting of a temporary car park on The Moor to provide the spaces displaced during the construction of the MSCP off Lower Kings Road. I request that conditions on the grant of Planning Permission should be set such that (1) the existing surface of The Moor should be protected during its use as a temporary car park, (2) the temporary car park should be closed and the protective surfacing removed within one month of the completion date of the new MSCP, (3) the existing kerb arrangement on Mill Street should be reinstated once the use of The Moor as a temporary car park ceases, (4) new trees are planted in the planting season following the cessation of the use of The Moor as a temporary car park, to replace all those identified in the Arboricultural Report as being recommended for removal, (5) birdsmouth fencing be installed around the temporary car park to ensure that no vehicles are able to access areas not designated for parking, and (6) suitable permanent fencing be erected around the DBC children's play area to ensure the safety of children using that play area.

I am surprised that the Transport Assessment in the Design and Access Statement, states that the impact of the traffic on the surrounding roads is considered to be 'low' (clause 7.4.4). In common with others who have commented on this Planning Application, the impact on Mill Street itself will be 'high' unless mitigating measures are undertaken by the Highways authority. Close to its junction with Castle Street, Mill Street is restricted in its width to a single lane, close to a blind bend, on a gradient. It is not suitable to accept additional traffic wishing to access the temporary car park. I would therefore urge the Planning and Highways authorities to consider implementing a one-way traffic arrangement on Mill Street between Castle Street and the entrance to the temporary car park, so that all vehicles leaving the car park be required to turn right and following Mill Street, Water Lane Car Park and Green Field Lane to exit onto Lower Kings Road. Access to the car park could remain from both directions on Mill Street, but traffic could not exit from Mill Street onto Castle Street.

32 Egerton Road

Objection

This is too close to a school, Access is inadequate. Loss of a civic amenity. Threat to wildlife in the area. This will add to the already high levels of air pollution.

36 Castle Street

Objection

Firstly the use of leisure land as a car park is not appropriate. The Moor is valuable green space, used for exercising, dog walking and children, and is especially important in winter months when local access is needed. Berkhamsted already has very limited green space for local residents, with many houses lacking a garden of their own.

Second the location is only going to add to the on going traffic problems in the area. Has a traffic survey been conducted to understand the impact? The close proximity to the Berkhamsted school, with coaches running down Castle Street twice a day, and the restricted road width of Mill street make The Moor location very difficult to access by car. Will the council be making Mill Street one-way? My concern is that there will be air pollution from idling cars on Castle Street.

Also, I am very saddened to hear that a mature horse chestnut tree will be destroyed for the temporary car park. Mature trees provide a diverse habitat for wildlife and although there are plans to replace this with smaller trees, this is not equivalent in terms of carbon dioxide filtration and habitat to support to invertebrates.

Lastly, I call upon the council to ask for a completion date for when The Moor will be returned to a green space and to ensure it is returned to its original state with grass covering.

I hope these points will be considered in your decision making

71 High Street

Objection

I am writing to you to voice my objection to your plans to turn the Moor in Berkhamsted into a temporary car park during the construction of the new (unnecessary) car park, for the following reasons:

- The land is a beautiful green space where people and families can relax and the environment of Berkhamsted. Green space has positive mental health benefits and encourages people to be more active and healthy. Air pollution is an increasing problem – cutting down trees to make more space for cars seems outmoded at best. At worst it will directly contribute to poorer health of Berko citizens.
- Berkhamsted is already overrun with cars – it would be far better to put extra thought as to car alternatives to keep our town pedestrian friendly. The bus services are terrible unless you live on the High St, and even then they stop running in the early evening. Why are the council not putting more thought into this and cycle lanes (cycling seems to be very popular in Berko!)? If you give people pleasant, convenient and affordable alternatives they will actually use them.
- It is a slippery slope – once it is turned into a car park will it really be converted back into green space?
- Car access to the Moor is fairly terrible, with narrow spaces and next to a busy school. This will increase the already high levels of traffic congestion in Berko and present safety risks to children.

I hope you will decide against these plans, and find an alternative one which encourages heavy car users to switch to more active and less polluting means of travelling into the centre. The idea of building the new car park is a terrible one anyway, as in this day and age we should be discouraging unnecessary car use, not facilitating it.

44 Castle Street

Objection

I am writing to object to this planning application for the following reasons. I live directly opposite the Moor so will be directly impacted. My reasons are:

1. Mill Street is already dangerous and overcrowded at certain times creating danger for pedestrians and other road users - including my family. The top of Mill Street near the canal is only wide enough for 1 car (despite it being a 2 way street) and I can't imagine this being adequate if the Moor is turned into a temporary car park. It will just lead to congestion spilling into Castle Street and the other way into the Tesco

Car Park.

2. This will seriously impact the privacy of the homes that overlook the Moor and create a serious loss of Privacy. It may also pose a threat to these premises. 2 houses on Castle Street have private parking on Mill Street (44 and 43 Castle Street) and there are already issues with people using these spaces. If a car park is placed on the Moor then this will only become worse. Therefore I object on adequacy of Parking.

3. There will be a serious issue with everyday noise and disturbance if there are c90 car parking spaces on the Moor. I can only imagine the impact to mine, and my neighbours daily lives, if this planning app goes ahead. I would urge the planning officers to imagine this car park was being built just 3 metres from their family homes. Thus, I object to Noise and Disturbance from use.

4. At the moment the houses overlooking the Moor have a pleasant Vista - if a car park was placed there then there would be an extremely detrimental Visual Intrusion!

5. Finally, I object on the grounds that Green Spaces and parks for family use are extremely limited in Berkhamsted and I observe several families that enjoy the Moor every day. Turning the Moor into a car park is incomprehensible.

There are other solutions. Car Parking in Berkhamsted is under the most pressure at weekends. The railway car park is least used at the weekends. Strike a deal with the railway to open up the railway car park at weekends at normal car parking rates???

What about a park and ride.

9 Chestnut Drive

Objection

I am an independent arboricultural consultant. I am a chartered arboriculturist (through the Royal Institute of Chartered Foresters) and am a professional member of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors. I am a Registered Consultant of the Arboricultural Association.

I write to you as a resident of Berkhamsted with a personal interest in the scheme. I have not been instructed by a third party and am not acting on behalf of any other person or organisation.

I have seen the Arboricultural Report prepared by Christopher Wright of Tim Moya Associates dated August 2018. I have also seen the design and Access Statement prepared by WYG.

My concern relates specifically to the mature horse chestnut tree proposed for removal (T2 of the survey). This is a very large tree with high visual amenity value. I looked at the tree this morning and disagree with the assessment by the author of the report that it is of low quality (it has been graded in the report as Category C under BS5837:2012).

The tree T2 has a reported stem diameter of 1340mm. This is very large for the species and indicates that it is an old tree. Using the John White method for ageing trees (*Estimating the Age of Large and veteran Trees in Britain* - Forestry Commission Information Note) this indicates that the tree has an age of 247 years, i.e. originating from 1771 (based on average site, garden, parkland growing conditions). I have attached the FC note to this.

The tree T2 is large enough to qualify as a Veteran Tree; however it does not have sufficient additional features to qualify with that status. However when assessed against criteria set out in the Ancient Tree Forum / Woodland Trust publication '*Ancient and other Veteran Trees - Further guidance on management*' (Lonsdale 2013), the tree can be described as 'notable'.

T2 is structurally sound and I saw no defects which could foreseeably shorten its life expectancy. The report appears to make a case that because it has been pruned within the past five years it will require pruning again in the future to manage the re-growth, and as a consequence its removal can be justified. I accept that future repeat pruning is likely to be necessary, but do not share the view that because of this it gives the tree a short life expectancy such that its grade should be downgraded to Category C and its removal justified. Particularly given the prominent nature of the tree, I would grade it as a high Category B specimen.

T2 is quite substantially the largest (and highest quality) tree along the Mill Street boundary and is dominant over the other trees. Its removal would leave those either side of it one-sided and exposed, particularly T1 and T3.

I have not seen amongst the documents associated with this application full justification as to why the access must be placed in the location proposed. I do not understand why it could not be positioned to the west of the tree T4. If necessary, the loss of T4 would be substantially preferable to the loss of T2 with this being a poor quality, suppressed specimen.

The application is for a temporary access only and I do not consider that the loss of T2 is justified for a development of this nature. Consequently I consider that the proposal is contrary to Policy CS12 of the 2013 Core Strategy, and Policy 99 of the saved policies from the 1991 - 2011 Local Plan.

The proposal is for the construction of a temporary parking area which shall be constructed above ground level using no-dig techniques. I consider it likely that there will be engineering solutions to providing a temporary cross-over without the required loss of T2. An example of this might be the use of steel plate mounted on screw piles to minimise excavation required to raise up to the new temporary parking base.

I note that the regenerating ash stump T5 is also proposed for removal. I see no requirement for this given that the parking bays do not extend over it, and that the surface is to be constructed using no-dig techniques.

6 Bridgewater Road

Objection

I hope I'm not too late for my comments to be included in your consideration of the above application and for my objection to it to be registered.

Due to school holidays and other commitments, I've struggled to spend as much time on this as I would have liked. In order not to miss your deadline, I have simply summarised my objections below. If I can find the time in the next couple of days I will also submit a more detailed objection on behalf of Transition Town Berkhamsted.

Reasons for objecting:

- We have precious little open green space in Berkhamsted - covering a significant area of it with hard standing and cars for a protracted period will be quite a significant loss of amenity for the community
- The proposed area of parking is adjacent to a children's play park and open space where children play and frequent. My concerns over this are three fold: first of all, the loss of amenity, specifically for this vulnerable group; secondly, the increased potential for accident/collision by the introduction of cars into places where kids are used to playing; thirdly; the detriment caused to air quality by bringing cars into green space – especially when the areas are frequented by children who really don't need more pollutants, let alone in their play areas. In addition the proposed safety railing is wholly inadequate given the proximity to areas designed for children.
- A number of community groups use the green spaces for sports and other active purposes eg gym classes, brownie/cub activities etc
- The detriment to the environment both visually and to plants and animals such as swans, geese etc for which it is habitat. Significantly, the proposed cutting down of trees on the Moor is a further blow given the loss of the existing mature trees in the current surface car park of Lower Kings Road.
- Overall, I think it sends a really bad message about our priorities as a town – we value the provision of parking above the active and healthy uses that the green spaces are usually put to

I think the MSCP is a completely misguided project and an almost criminal waste of public funds, but notwithstanding that, I think a different solution has to be found to the inconvenience caused to current users of the surface car park during its construction. Either the timetable has to shift or an alternative needs to be considered – how about a trial run of a frequent free/low cost bus for in town journeys?

Lastly, I would also observe that during the closure period of the current car park last year when there were excavations, current users seemed to be able to make alternative arrangements without too much detriment to the town centre situation.

32 Meadow Road

Objection

I would like to state my clear objection to the proposal. More vehicle traffic in that area will result in increased vehicle pollution; the proximity of a children's play area is a great concern regarding both air pollution and safety; the surrounding streets are narrow and already congested with traffic, particularly around school drop off and pick up times; the parking provision isn't needed with an already existent (and often half empty) car park by the train station; the expense for the two is unjustified against any likely civic benefits; and finally the council should instead invest in more sustainable and environmentally responsible solutions for all (not just drivers) including better and more efficient public transport

5 Swallowtail Walk

Objection

I am very concerned that the council are even wasting their time with this proposal. Berkhamsted does not have a parking problem. Even on Saturday afternoons, the busiest time there are always places to park.

As for taking over this green space to allocate to some developer to allow them to build such a complete waste of parking spaces is beyond me.

There are bigger parking issues in Berkhamsted, Bridgewater Road, Collegiate and Ashlyns drop off that cause bigger holdups than any issue with finding somewhere to park.

As a Berkhamsted resident for 14 years I find this proposal out of scale in relation to the town

9A The Hall Walk, London Road

Objection

This is a awful idea. Part of the reason that Berkhamsted maintains its high house prices and that it is seen as one of Hertfordshire's best towns to live in is because of its green open spaces and its highstreet. Berkhamsted went through a time of awful town planning which left us with many ugly 1960 buildings, but luckily that stopped. If we started turning the open green spaces that are used and admired by all into car parks then slowly Berkhamsted will become a less desirable place to visit. You may find a parking space easy enough but there is nothing worth visiting... who has come up with this idea I don't know.. to turn an open grass area like the Moore into a car park is beyond belief..... why don't we just turn Ashridge Wood into a huge car park and golf course whilst we are at it. Surely permit parking would be a more sensible option. The train station has hundreds of spaces but naturally without permit parking, many of the roads are used for commuter parking. To do anything that takes away from the beauty of the canal is a very short sighted resolution. It may allow a few extra cars to be parked but it would be an eye sore and Berkhamsted would be one step closer to being just another ugly town.

12 Bourne Road

Objection

This will ruin this part of the town! Do not build another car park here!

23 Emperor Close

Objection

The first I've heard of this proposal has been today, by chance, by seeing a post of Facebook. I find it disappointing that residence of Berkhamsted haven't been made aware of this proposed destruction of green space.

I strongly object to this project.

There are already 5 car parks within half a mile of the proposed location. By creating more parking spaces you will be encouraging more people to drive into the center of Berkhamsted. This will result in an increase to the already heavy congestion, pollution and destruction of valuable green space. It is also my opinion that the road is unsuitable for a heavy traffic flow.

Instead of encouraging people to drive Dacorum should be looking to improve its public transport, cycle highways and other options to provide alternatives to travel within Berkhamsted and the rest of Dacorum.

If this car park is built it will very quickly be full as more people see the option of driving into town and then the council will be faced with the same predicament of finding yet another new space to build yet another new car park. Instead you should be looking for long term solutions to foot and vehicle traffic

I would like to back track on my last comment slightly by saying even though all the points raised are relevant but that after reviewing the documentation around the construction of the proposed multi-story car park at lower kings road i can see why this space would be required temporarily.

I still believe this is not an ideal location for the car park and hold concerns of how long the site would remain and that Dacorum would partition for the car park to remain after the lower kings road development was complete. But if the site was truly temporary with a defined short lifespan and the site was successfully converted back to green space after then i would not object to this project going forward

37 Castle Street

Objection

Object to the use of the Moor for a car park for a number of reasons:

1. Living on Castle Street, we already experience high levels of traffic especially around school times, with buses and also large lorry deliveries to the school. The

junction with Mill Street is awkward to negotiate and there is often a backlog waiting to turn in and out. More cars there would result in higher levels of polluting stationary traffic. We should be working hard to reduce cars and pollution levels, not encourage them to an area where there is a school and playground. Is the council aware of the recent studies conducted about the impact of traffic pollution on brain development and long term health?

2. Removal of trees - they may not have official protection orders but as others have commented they are old, large trees which support complex ecosystems that should not be removed. They are also far more effective at removing carbon dioxide than young saplings proposed to replace them.

3. The Moor itself is a valuable green space used by many in the town. It's a beautiful area that will be damaged and unusable for the period this car park is on there. What guarantees are in place about when it will be returned to a green space?

4. I think the timing of this application is cynical - to put it in as the school summer holidays start and have the deadline today meant many were unaware of this change. It has not been well publicised or sufficiently transparent to allow residents to consider it fully.

5. Planning strategy - the council should be working hard to keep this town as lovely as it is and not allow these significant encroachments on the spaces that help make it a beautiful town. Trees, parks, clear spaces where you can see sky and rooflines all count towards this. It's so unimaginative not to value them. Parking has never proved a problem in the 12 years I've lived here. I've never struggled or even had to wait for a space. As a result I find the quest for more spaces difficult to comprehend.

29 Darrs Lane

Objection

This is a terrible abuse of an important green space.

The crazy multi-storey car park scheme should be scrapped. It is an expensive white elephant which will never pay for itself and will not be required.

Car ownership is predicted to fall by 30% over the next 15 years as private cars are replaced by self-driving Uber type vehicles called by an app. These will not need to park in town. They will just need a pick-up and drop-off area.

27 Connaught Gardens

Objection

The moor is a valuable green space enjoyed by many local Berkhamsted residents including my own young family. If a car park even if temporary is built it will cause damage to the area that may never be fixed properly especially if trees are cut down.

I request that this application is rejected.

Orchard Hill, Cross Oak Road

Objection

With the MSCP building works on Lower Kings Road, this temporary car park will add to congestion and pollution at the centre of Berkhamsted, There are only two bridges crossing the canal in the centre, both will be gridlocked by temporary car park traffic and build traffic.

"37 vehicles will be displaced to other parking facilities nearby, where spare capacity is available" This seems to be a statement antithetical to the building of a MSCP in the first place.

"The Transport Statement sets out that given the low number of vehicle trips associated with the proposed temporary car park, it is considered likely that the impact of the additional vehicles on the local road network would be minimal." Again, having just closed a car park and knowing there will be a large amount of build traffic on Lower Kings Road, how can you conclude there will be a low number of vehicle trips on the only other road with a bridge?

Berkhamsted has a deficiency of 16.75 ha of leisure space and has the largest shortfall in the Borough - the planning application does not acknowledge this, stating "Berkhamsted contains sufficient open space for its population".

9 Canal Court

Objection

Removes a well used open space which is enjoyed by many. Impractical to use as access is very poor - traffic will be a nightmare as already issues around the station. Destroys mature trees. All in all a poor solution

2 Castle Hill Court

Objection

This strikes me as an extremely short sighted project, and I would be interested to understand exactly how this is intended to be a temporary project? Can we get further guidance regarding the materials to be used (including the "no-dig temporary surface" in such a project, and how these will be removed after the temporary period is over, and the previous space will be returned to its original state? This also stands in regards to the use of liquid or dry cement products. A public administration project such as this has to take into account the lifecycle of the project, and unfortunately the project managers appear not to have done so in this case.

This is only further exacerbated when one actually takes the time to understand some of the ramifications of such a build, and how they directly run counter to the supposed aims of the council. Be this a dedication to green spaces, fostering physical activity among residents, making the community a safer place, ensuring a

continued dedication to the cultural legacy of the location and ultimately ensuring that this remains a place that people want to live. I suggest you refer to your own "Local Plan" that highlights your desire to "keep the character of Dacorum", and "limit the impact on the countryside" when somehow attempting to justify this decision.

Finally, this is about a more human level. One park may not seem like a lot to those making the decisions at this level, but in doing so they betray the reasons I'm sure they went into government and administration in the first place. It gets rid of the one place someone may have to exercise with their class, the safe environment to take the dog down the road for someone who otherwise might not leave the house much, the fisher who can sit by the field and enjoy a hot day, and the countless other people who pass it each day and consider how lucky they are to live in this community. Cost-benefit analyses shouldn't be used to answer every question, and this is one project that highlights that.

68 Cross Oak Road

Objection

I wish to register my objections regarding the above planning application for 'temporary' car parking on The Moor in Berkhamsted.

- a) The Moor is a learning/recreation area for schools and youth groups
- b) a recreation relaxing area for tourists and working townspeople
- c) for mums and children visiting the playground
- d) for canal boat users, visitors and those living in house boats
- e) for the traditional Fairs and outdoor events
- f) for cyclists and walkers on the public footpath
- g) for wildlife - squirrels, geese, swans and water birds, perching and song birds and bats
- h) mature trees

How do you propose to protect and reconcile these different users ' needs with a temporary car park?

How do you propose to organise access to and from the car park which has the severe limitations both from Castle Street onto the narrow bridge and on to Tesco car park with access to the High street?

Traffic lights and well regulated crossings will be required for the school children who use Mill Street throughout the day to access class rooms. These will further impede traffic flow. The access to the temporary car park will cause considerable congestion around the station access, access to Bridgewater Road, and to businesses and schools in the town and out of town.

has also pointed out the great costs to the council and community and the additional air pollution alongside the children' play area, sports practice fields and children in and around school. Ensuring even adequate safety for all the children will be a very complex and costly operation

I would like to add to my comments that I asked a group of very committed and active people in the Town at the splendid Cemetery Heritage day what they felt about the Moor Temporary car park.

NONE OF THEM KNEW ANYTHING OF IT

As and many others have pointed out to you this was very poorly advertised and such an important matter so nearly touching all our Commoners' rights should have been circulated for at least 6 months and of course NOT at holiday time when so many people are away.

I was told when I came to the town in 1974 that all the land called The Moor which is both sides of the Canal and includes the Mill street area were absolutely sacrosanct from any kind of development because they had Commoners' Rights. What has happened to this ruling? How on earth can the Council ride roughshod over those ancient rights and particularly when there was such a big NO response to the car park itself?

Further Comments

Could you please add the following objections under my name and address. Having read through again the points put forward in this planning application I note that most or many of your points contradict each other.

The summary of considerations 'against' no (7) is contradicted by each of your proposals as the various registered objections have pointed out.

I just wish to repeat in particular those mentioned in the following points:

6.2

3.1 and 3.2

9.12 9.3 in particular your use of the word 'accessibility' takes no regard for the main users of the town centre who are:

parents with young children

school children

increasing numbers of elderly with various difficulties in walking who have moved to Berkhamsted centre precisely so that they can access all facilities on foot

commuters travelling to the station on foot as per the new national plan for health and sustainability Sports and youth and childrens' leisure activities have ONLY Butts Meadow and Victory Road green spaces. Victory Road is severely restricted because of the traffic flow on the A41 and the danger of access to children accessing alone e.g.: from the estates around Stag Lane that have NO gardens.

The increased traffic problems that the new car park and temporary will cause will totally prevent both those trying to access on foot or by car any of the amenities in the town centre. In all our major cities, especially in London but also in suburbs of Birmingham, in Nottingham, Manchester etc. planners understand that to PREVENT car access is the best way forward, both for local business and for the national health and well-being. Your current policy in Berkhamsted runs counter to all national guide lines.

9.41 is contradicted by your own tree experts. It is well known that to remove trees and natural environment can NOT be restored by replanting. Once habitats have gone they vanish for all time. To re-establish new environments takes much time and money and expertise which in the current state of Climate change we cannot afford.

Where will the Fair and other youth activities be able to take place?

Your self-contradictory document shows every sign of a panic re-action to the difficulties of building the large new car park. Why was this need and choice of a temporary car park NOT in the original plan?

The legal accusation made at the time that not all the legal requirements had been thought through seems now to be proved correct.

51 the Lawns, Hemel Hempstead

Objection

This will only work if the Moor is left as it was found after its usage as a temporary car park. Cutting down environmentally important trees is not acceptable, they should not be touched. There's air pollution to consider, the safety of the kids playing in the park, and the poor access from Castle Street is an accident waiting to happen.

There must be alternatives, ruining a beautiful open green Public space is not the answer.

1 Dell Road, Northchurch

Objection

The maturity of the affected trees means this is a complete non starter. This would be a regression in the character and scenic nature of the town we all love and wish to live in. What right do those responsible for this application have to ruin such a place.

53 Lower Kings Road

Objection

Restriction of view for residence and moorings.

Too near children's play area making it unsafe and unhealthy.

Loss of recreational space enjoyed by so many local people.

Disturbing wildlife and destroying trees

Continuous traffic creating noise, pollution and traffic congestion

12 Station Road

Objection

Destruction of old trees, disruption to wildlife, traffic increase around an already busy area.

All of this upheaval for a temporary Car park??
The destruction of old trees is a disgrace!!!

4 Castle Hill Close

Objection

I fully and comprehensively object.

This is a valuable and irreplaceable amenity that this proposal will irrevocably and detrimentally change. Berkhamsted's open spaces should be protected and not regarded as disposable.

Come on local Councillors. It is time you listened carefully and acted on the behalf of people who live locally and will be most affected by this. If you have any doubt, take a walk in the Berkhamsted down to the Moor on a sunny day, appreciate its beauty and that many local people are enjoying it.

38 Upper Ashlyns Road

Objection

Loss of old trees is a very sad affair. Loss of green space, when there is little anyway in what was once a pleasant market town. The area has small roads and becomes congested anyway.

2 Gaveston Road

Objection

Using the limited open space to provide parking completely unnecessary. The multi story car park is a white elephant. There is sufficient parking in this town most of the time. The problem isn't with parking it's with people not wanting to pay for parking. Lower Kings Road on Sunday is clogged with cars whose owners do not want to pay for the car park whilst the car park sits mostly empty. After 6pm, again, the car park will be empty and Lower Kings Road full because people don't want to walk a few extra steps. At peak times there may be an issue, but it is rare anyone leaves town without ever having managed to find a space.

However, The Moor. This is supposed to be a temporary measure, how is removing trees temporary? Mill Street is not suited to the amount of traffic this "temporary" car park will bring so removing the trees will make no difference at all.

You have made arrangements for cars. What arrangements have been made for the people who use that open space?

39 Bridgewater Road

Objection

I am emailing you to express my objection to felling trees on the moor to facilitate access to a temporary car park.

If line of sight is the reason may i suggest Mill Street is temporarily made one way with single lane access between the trees and at the site of the bollards. This would also relieve congestion at the canal end of Mill Street.

However it occurs to me that if a complete funfair can access the site without destruction of trees then surely private cars could also manage this for the temporary period.

Please do not destroy our trees on the beautiful Moor for the sake of temporary car park access.

3 Anglefield Road

Objection

Don't fell the trees on Berkhamsted moor, they will never be replaced. The annual fair has never had problems even with all of their large pieces of equipment so cars should be ok.

Try and think of a way around whatever regs are making you do, if there is a will there is a way, please have a will.

40 Castle Street

Objection

I am writing to protest against the felling of the trees on the moor. We live at 40 castle St and are directly affected by this, as our house looks straight onto the trees. I am also writing for Eleanor Dunphy who lives at No 42 Castle St - she is in her eighties and does not have access to the internet, but greatly values the trees which directly overlook, and shade her garden.

It does not seem essential that these trees, one of which is 250 years old I understand, be destroyed for a few month's temporary car parks. They are of great visual benefit to local people and greatly enhance the view from the railway - entrance point to Berkhamsted for many commuters. The moor is greatly used by schoolchildren, dogwalkers, sunbathers, mothers and children using the playground, canal users.... all these people will lose by their destruction.

The annual fairs get access to the moor each year with a different route, why is this not considered? it will not require tree demolition

Please can you consider the impact on local users and reconsider the decision, looking for less damaging alternatives.

5 Ballinger court, Upper Ashlyns road Berkhamsted

Objection

Leave these trees alone. Your reasons are not good enough. Shame. find another solution.

Ringsell George Street

Objection

You are proposing to fell ancient trees to set up a temporary car park so we can build a bigger car park we don't even really need. This is madness. The children's play area will be unusable for a year due to pollution. The area will not be returned to its original state and the whole entrance to our town will be blighted for a generation.

6 New Street

Objection

I am writing to voice the strongest opposition to the removal of trees on the Moor in Berkhamsted to facilitate the implementation of the temporary car park.

I would remind you that as leader of DBC your role should principally be as a custodian of the environment, preserving as much of it for future generations as possible.

By authorising the removal of the trees, you are committing a gross and willful act of vandalism which defies any reasonable assessment.

Bearing in mind the implementation of the Moor car park is purely TEMPORARY, the effect on wildlife and on the aesthetics of the area will be long lasting, and certainly irreversible within our lifetimes.

At a time when council budgets are under great strain, I feel the unnecessary expenditure of removing the trees delivers NO VALUE to taxpayers, and therefore cannot be justified on any level.

A better solution, and one which would make the removal of the trees completely unnecessary, would be to implement a one way system along Mill Street, thus delivering sufficient line of sight for cars turning in and out of the car park.

In summary, I would suggest that you do what you were elected to do - namely to carry out the wishes of the majority of taxpayers and to preserve the environment - rather than bulldozing through short term, quick fixes to a problem which barely exists.

57 Egerton Road

Objection

I am protesting at the need to fell the trees on Berkhamsted Moor for the temporary car park.

I think that it is very short sighted to get rid of hundred years old trees for such a reason.

Every year there are fairs on the Moor and the lorries can make it onto the field without any problems.

Please, please reconsider this decision and keep the trees.

Landscape South Bank Road

Objection

I am a local resident, living in Southbank Road in Berkhamsted, and I have learned today of plans to fell a number of trees in the Moor in Berkhamsted. I want to note my concern at this proposal, and request that it be reconsidered.

I understand the proposal to fell the trees is in relation to the need to create a temporary car park. My concern is based on an obvious point: the proposed car park may be temporary, but the trees cannot be returned once the car park has been removed. My day job is as an Associate Professor of Sustainable Development at Ashridge Business School near Berkhamsted - the value of our local ecosystems to maintaining our way of life is now clearly established - it is reckless to remove established trees at a whim. I would urge you all to consider alternative means of establishing a temporary car park that do not involve the unnecessary felling of trees.

Beech House, Graemesdyke Road, Berkhamsted

Objection

I am extremely sadden to hear of plans to remove trees from the Moor to aid temporary parking, I urge you to protect the trees and find a better way.

6 Holliday Street

Objection

Heard at the Transition Town drinks Thursday evening that some of the ancient trees lining the temp. carpark to the small common over the road from Berkhamsted Station are to be sacrificed to accommodate access to the temporary Car Park

In the planning application documentation for the Multi Storey Car Park it was stated that the MSCP would be almost invisible from the station side of the town. And I am sure that the planning department would have very seriously taken this factor into consideration when granting permission for this piece of Urban Terrorism.

It is not a marvellous piece of architecture that anybody would seriously desire to see in their town centre, and am sure that its near invisibility would have been a major factor in deciding to grant planning permission for it.

The removal of these trees is surely contrary to the reasons for granting planning permission to Dacorum Council, as they formed a prominent part of the Design Statement for the MSCP submitted by WYG on behalf of Dacorum Council.

The removal of these trees surely mean that this project would have to go back to the Planning department for re-assessment as the conditions for granting permission have now changed.

It would be good to keep the trees and lose the MSCP.

Have attached Kingsgate scandal pdf – which goes into a bit of history on this site.

This article comes off the internet so you need to make your own judgement as to its accuracy.

It seems trees and this site development have an unfortunate history.

39 Hill View

Objection

I just wanted to get in touch to let you know about a petition I started last night, to save the trees on the Moor from the fellings relating to temporary car park. On behalf of the community, can I ask you please to hold off from allowing them to be felled, and look for alternatives, such as taking into account the existing traffic calming measures, more signage and/or a temporary one-way system.

It seems that there is a great depth of feeling that the trees should not be taken down for a temporary car park. It also seems that there was very little knowledge of the plans for the trees. Over 1000 people have signed so far, since 10pm last night, with more signing every few seconds.

Cutting down the trees will be deeply unpopular, so I hope this can be revisited and other measures found.

https://secure.avaaz.org/en/community_petitions/David_Collins_Policy_Holder_Dacorum_Borough_Council_Save_the_Trees_on_the_Moor_Berkhamsted/dashboard/

Heath End Cottage

Objection

It is with great sadness and complete shock that I have learnt today of your proposed plans to destroy a number of valued and historic trees lining the edge of the Moor and the road in order to provide cars access to a temporary car park, also destroying the Moor.

Firstly, this park has an important and interesting history. Not only are several trees of significant age, they provide year round enjoyment, with the autumn a particular favourite of local cub scout, brownie and guide groups playing games in the park as

well as collecting the beat conkers in town!

As a resident of Berkhamsted since the late sixties I have visited this park and walked the tree-lined avenue regularly. My youngest son is a pupil at Berkhamsted School and often waits by the trees to be collected, providing shelter both on very hot days and when it is pouring with rain. As well as absorption of park noise for the local residents.

The trees also provide a visual reminder and therefore protection for young children playing in the park that the park ends at the trees. I hate to think what could happen without them when the park is returned to its normal state. There could be more accidents involving children.

Secondly, why the need to destroy the trees when operating a temporary car park, surely options such as adjusting speed limits, one way route, and better signage would not only address your needs, but would prevent too many people swapping their usual parking habits for this area unnecessarily.

All residents know how the Moor has been used by fairgrounds and other functions over the years where vehicle access, of even very large vehicles, has been managed without difficulty.

Please consider these points along with the many others being made to you by email and via the petition and stop the planned destruction of a beautiful tree-lined Avenue.

10 New Street

Objection

I am beyond horrified to have today received a message from my partner advising me that the trees on The Moor in Berkhamsted are being marked up for felling. As if that news wasn't shocking enough, to now find out that a "temporary" car park is being placed on this area.

On a daily basis our dog is walked down the canal and to this Moor area, it is a lovely picturesque area of Berkhamsted and used by families, friends, fitness classes and dog walkers alike; I don't think I have ever been to this area and not seen someone using the green.

These trees have been there far longer than you or I, and surely deserve to be preserved. How can you justify cutting down 250 year old trees that are both helping the environment and making the area look beautiful. The fairground is regularly set up on this green, and they don't seem to have any trouble getting their lorries/equipment onto this area with the trees there; surely there must be another solution.

I am also upset that the council have not publicised this, and it's been left to local residents to spread the word. You may have fulfilled your legal/regulatory requirements in relation to communicating this with the local area; but living only 10 minutes from this green I knew nothing until today about this plan. I am sure many

local residents are going to be shocked when they go to visit the moor and it's trees are missing and it's being used as a car park! As people come off the train and walk out into Berkhamsted, they are now going to be faced with a car park and no trees.....

We don't even know how long this area is to be used as a "temporary" car park for, when will it be put back? Are the trees going to be replaced? Or are you hoping that everyone gets "used" to the new look and the car park remains in situ for the long term future; ruining a main area of Berkhamsted. The skyline and congestion to the area are already going to be very negatively impacted when this awful multi-story car park is built; which is just not required in Berkhamsted.

I bought a house in this area, in this location specifically because I loved the setting; which is slowly being ruined by the council and their unthought out "improvements" to the town. If I wanted to live somewhere that had no green space and car parks everywhere I could have spent far less money and got a far larger house somewhere else. There's a reason people want to live in Berkhamsted, but soon that reason will be gone; as will a lot of its current residents; and then town will become an unpleasant place to live like so many others.

I would implore you to find another solution for these trees, and not just take the path of least resistance which is felling them entirely. Please consider what the local people want, and it is not for their trees to be cut down; or for a temporary car park to be placed here, or for a multi-story.

I like others feel very strongly about this, and am quite upset at the thought of now walking down the canal only to be faced by car park upon car park and no useable green space.

Further Comments

Please place on record my dissatisfaction of the plans turn the moor into a temporary car park and even worse to chop down the existing tree's which, once gone, the moor can never be restored back to its current state.

I have only just found out about this and I am shocked to hear that's its actually being allowed to happen?

I have lived in Berkhamsted for a number of years now and have walked through the moor nearly every day during this time, I walk my dog there and as do many other people and it's also used as a children's play area, keep fit classes and other recreational activities.

I believe the plans are all totally unnecessary, the residents of Berkhamsted have already been overruled and have to put up with the eyesore of a car park that is going to be built nearby and now we are going to have to put up with this.

Berkhamsted is a lovely town which is gradually being spoilt for people who don't even live here so they can come and park their cars?

The Moor is a really nice place to have on your doorstep and I can only assume that the people who are approving of these plans either don't live anywhere near it or are if they do they must be in line to receive some significant monetary rewards or career recognition for allowing this to happen.

With things like this continuously being allowed to happen it's no wonder that house prices in the area are declining, as well as crime rising, as the decent residents will just up and leave.

I also feel very sorry the people who live right next to the green who will have lost a nice view out of their window and will soon be looking at building sites, breathing in a load of car exhaust fumes as well as all the traffic, pollution and mess to go along with it all.

I request you to please reconsider this terrible decision for the benefit of the actual residents who have worked hard to buy a home in a nice, decent town and do not allow it to be spoilt any further.

I'd much rather struggle to find a parking space than see such a nice town ruined for the benefit of people who don't even live here or for those disgracefully approving it to make money and/or further their careers.

24 Haynes Mead

Objection

Ruining a great open space with so much History connected to it is an utter disgrace, I really don't know what gives you the right to destroy our town in this way, OK you might be councillors but you want to and need to remember who voted you into that position, you forget we can soon vote you out. Please tell us why you have not looked at other alternatives, i.e. Park and ride, dropping some of the parking restrictions around the town, as you say it will only be temporary, tearing up moorland cutting down 300 year old trees (that seem to have more sense than you lot) is for life and not only that 90 cars what's the point I'm sure a lot of us who feel this strongly won't mind walking to the shops I for one will leave my car at home and walk. I would also like to know how many of you actually live here? If you are outsiders as far as I'm concerned you have no right whatsoever destroying our town. Why don't you all come to the moor this Saturday and face us and tell us WHY? Or let's have another meeting unfortunately I never heard about there being one. SO IF YOU HAVE THE BALLS COME AND FACE US!!

40 Greenway

Objection

This is a terrible idea that has not been properly thought through.

Chopping down two 250-year-old trees for a temporary car park on a green site in

the centre of town is a ridiculous proposal.

There are other perfectly suitable sites, such as the railway station car park, which is incredibly quiet and underused at weekends - and is still close enough to the town centre for shoppers.

The car park would be potentially dangerous, given that Mill Street where it meets Castle Street is not wide enough for two cars, and would also lead to prolonged congestion and an increased risk of collisions.

6 St Johns Well Court

Objection

I object to this application on the grounds of how it will effect the wildlife who use this space and the distruction of plant life. Whilst this is on a temporary change to this use of the space, the damage is long term. Under no circumstamces should trees and plant life be cut down to make way for cars. Under no circumstamces should wildlife (eg. flock of geese who use this space) be displaced for cars. Have the council considered alternative spaces outside the town, and use a bus service to the centre....park and ride? This is a less disruptive option.

34 Upper Hall Park

Objection

Just a quick note to say that I object to your alleged plan to fell some of our oldest trees in Berkhamsted. They need looking after not destroying. I hope that you can find a sensible / pragmatic way to avoid this course of action.

4 New Street

Objection

Berkhamsted is an idyllic place to live and it is the green spaces and trees that bring that idyll to its residents and visitors. Without the beautiful pockets of green spaces and trees that bring vital oxygen and peaceful energy to all, Berkhamsted will simply become another cramped, polluted, characterless commuter town. Nothing can justify chopping down the beautiful trees that have graced the canal side on the moor area for hundreds of years. Especially not a 'temporary car park'. I have only just found out, through word of mouth, about your plans to chop down these ancient trees, some 250 years old I'm told. If every Berkhamsted resident and visitor knew of your plans, you would now be receiving thousands of emails. I now know and this is one email but one that is speaking for so many.

I hope you listen to the voice of those who live in this beautiful town and ensure the trees on the moor opposite the station stay where they are, alive, vibrant and bringing much joy and life to all who frequent the area.

91 High Street, Berkhamsted

Objection

I am emailing to add further support to the residents of Berkhamsted who do not wish to see the trees on Berkhamsted Moor cut down for a temporary car park.

I fully understand and support the growth and developments in Berkhamsted. The country needs more homes and I support more homes being built in Berkhamsted so long as the infrastructure and public amenities are developed too.

I also please that planning control in Berkhamsted generally to an excellent job of maintaining the character of the town.

However, these trees are as much part of the towns rich character and history as the buildings.

Would you knock down the town hall to make a temporary access road?

Would you take down the war memorial at St.Peters church to improve the access road?

Would you demolish the Tudor house on the high street in Northchurch to widen the road?

I'm guessing not. These are all ancient parts of the town just like the trees.

When I undertook a renovation on my home in the town, planning required me to send a brick and roof tile in for inspection as part of the approval process. It seems bizarre that you impose this level of scrutiny on one level and at the same time are prepared to cut down ancient trees for a temporary access road.

9 Cedar Road

Objection

I am horrified to learn of your plans to cut down ancient trees in berkhamsted to provide a temporary carpark . At Dacoram borough council you do not listen to the wishes of people who live in Berkhamsted as you went ahead for a car park which we all objected to . I presume this tree felling is connected to that . I sincerely hope that you listen to the voice of those who live in this beautiful town and ensure the trees on the moor opposite the station stay where they are, alive, bringing much joy and life to all who frequent the area.

Berkhamsted is an idyllic place to live and visit and it is the green spaces and trees that bring that idyll to its residents and visitors. Without the beautiful pockets of green spaces and trees that bring vital oxygen and peaceful energy to all, Berkhamsted will simply become another cramped, polluted, characterless commuter town. Nothing can justify chopping down the beautiful trees that have graced the canal side on the

moor area for hundreds of years. Especially not a 'temporary car park'. I have only just found out, through word of mouth, about your plans to chop down these ancient trees, some 250 years old I'm told. If every Berkhamsted resident and visitor knew of your plans, you would now be receiving thousands of emails. Why were we not all notified.

Littlehurst, Gravel Path

Objection

I am writing to appeal for reconsideration of the trees on the edge Berkhamsted moor that are being considered for felling. I believe these trees add significant value to the environment for canal walkers, park users and road/pavement users as well as the CO2 uptake benefits. I hope that the proposal has come about by just simply following the letter of the law regarding car park siting, not taking into account extenuating circumstances, such as temporary works and that this decision can be reversed.

1 Hillside Gardens

Objection

I am writing to you to ask you to reconsider the felling of the beautiful old healthy tree on Berkhamsted Moor. I understand the need for the temporary car park, but urge you to give some more consideration to a different solution to cutting down this lovely tree. Not only is it a shame to lose the beauty of this tree, but it is at a detriment to the environment.

75 High Street Berkhamsted

Objection

Really disappointed to hear that the council have instructed for several trees on The Moor on Berkhamsted to be culled in the coming days, including a 250 year old chestnut.

This seems to be a very short-sighted move to introduce a temporary car park to the town.

The main reason given by DBC for cutting down these trees as I understand it is to ensure there is sufficient line of sight for cars turning in to the car park. This is a very strict interpretation of the guidelines, and does not take into consideration the speed of traffic on Mill Street, given the narrowness of the road and the existing traffic calming speed bumps.

A local arborist has also challenged the assertion that these are "not trees of value and are in a poor state", as stated in the council's report.

Any planning decision is of course difficult to reach and often faced with challenges of this nature.

9 Castle Hill Avenue

Objection

I wanted to express my heartfelt sadness and anger at this proposition. Putting aside the question of the need for a temporary car park at all (there are alternatives), the children's fair and regular fitness groups regularly access the Moor with large vehicles without any trouble. There is no need to fell an ancient tree that is a much loved part of the landscape.

11 Hempstead Lane

Objection

I am writing to you to ask for immediate intervention to halt the propose felling to two old and beautiful trees for the temporary car park on the moor by the canal.

Fun fairs and other events have been held on the moor easily with the trees causing no issues.

Further, it is a road which people drive slowly along all ready due to the narrowing of it at the corner and so visibility issues from "x" distance really are t a problem. With plenty of signage notifying drivers to the car park entrance location etc...I really don't see why 2 trees so integral to Berkhamsted town centre landscape should be lost for the sake of a temporary car park.

I, and plenty of other Berkhamsted residents feel very strongly about this and would like our views to be taken seriously.

15 Orchard Avenue

Objection

Leaving aside the fact that many people in Berkhamsted objected to the planned carpark, this proposal for temporary parking should be conducted with minimum disruption to our town. First of all, it is in a conservation area, and will deprive the town of a well used open space for the duration. But it is temporary, so any permanent damage to the area cannot be countenanced, in particular the plan to fell trees which have stood there for decades and in one case centuries. This is totally unacceptable and I'm sure unnecessary. I have lived in this town for 40 years. Please note my strong objection.

11 Doctors Common Road

Objection

I seem to have missed the planning meeting on the 24th Sept. However, i would like to lodge my objections to the removal of trees to accommodate the entrance to a temporary car park. One of the trees i undersrand is 250 years old. Clearly can not be easily replanted once the temporary need has passed.

Please think again and try to find a solution that protects these precious specimens. I would like to hear what is ultimately concluded

4 Admiral Way

Objection

I am writing to inform you of my opposition to the appalling plans the council has drawn up to remove the green moor in berkhamsted opposite the station and replace it with a temporay car park, this area is the green heart of berkhamsted, and is the first thing people see when they arrive at the station, in what way does making this a car park do anything but destory the fabric of our town. this is a beautifl green area and is enjoyed by the resieyndts of berkhamsted year round, I drive in berkhamsted every day and I am never in need of parking there is more than enough, and the last thing we need is to prioritise cars over people. This plan has been snuck through without adequate consultation of the people who live here, in fact to most of us its a complete shock, and its appling to think you would consider felling trees in order to build this completely unwanted car park.

As a lifelong resident of Berkhamsted I am completely opposed to this car park and the feeling of trees, there is no need at all to remove one of our most used green spaces to create yet more parking. In whose interests is this car park, certainly not ours.

10 Clarence Road

Objection

The annual fair has no problem setting up, with lorries arriving on the Moor, so there is no reason why cars cannot access it safely.

Please use some common sense and do not commit an act of vandalism by removing trees on the Moor.

39 Regent Road, Aylesbury

Objection

I am sure you will be aware of the petition against the removal of the trees on the Moor at Berkhamsted to allow for access to a temporary car park - <https://goo.gl/2Nr9Xq>

I wanted to express my heartfelt sadness and anger at the idea of felling 250+ year old trees in order to provide access for a temporary car park.

Putting aside the question of the need for a temporary car park at all (there are alternatives), the children's fair and regular fitness groups regularly access the Moor with large vehicles without any trouble.

There is absolutely no need to fell an ancient tree that is a much loved part of the landscape. This is an act of sheer vandalism.

Please do all you can to encourage reconsideration of these plans.

6 Emperor Close

Objection

I was sorry to hear there are plans to remove trees including a 250 year old horse chestnut tree for access to a temporary car park. There are other alternatives suggested, and I hope these will be implemented instead of felling irreplaceable trees.

Beech House, Graemesdyke Road

Objection

I am writing to you regarding of the proposed cutting down of trees on the Moor in Berkhamsted. I was very sad to hear that this was going to be the case especially that one of the trees is a three hundred year old horse chess nut tree.

This particular area on the Moor has such special qualities with beautiful views of the canal a lovely play area for children. These trees add shelter in the sun and the people of Berkhamsted including myself have enjoyed picnics and sitting under these trees which makes our town have this beautiful natural environment, the trees offer a habitat to wild-life in the Moor. I was shocked to see not only you are putting in a temporary car park..... but also proposing to chop these wonderful trees down!.

These trees look healthy and strong I hope you will reconsider and think very carefully NOT to destroy them.

52 Kings Road

Objection

I am emailing to voice my concern about the proposed chopping down of trees on Berkhamsted Moor and use of the Moor to create a temporary car park.

I cannot understand how such an act has achieved approval. There was a lot of dissent in the town against the car park which was given planning in spite of widespread objection and dismissal of much more environmentally sound alternatives. The station car park is rarely busy - why isn't the council looking at solutions that look to use this existing space on a temporary basis rather than

spending money to destroy the moor and trees that are 300 years old that cannot be replaced?

I sincerely hope that someone who receives this email is able to review this decision in favour of a more sensible alternative.

9 Castle Hill Avenue

Objection

In short, stop this I'll-informed nonsense. It makes no sense at so many levels I struggle where to start. My main concern is the narrow road access to the Moor.

I have seen many driver disputes on this very small stretch of road - how can it possibly handle a busy car park. This is a health and safety lawsuit waiting to happen. You have clearly been ill-advised by perhaps biased self-interested parties.

Where is your evidence dismissing other viable options such as the under-utilised station car park?

I was in favour of the multi-storey car park by Waitrose, but now I have completely no faith in you due to severe lack of judgment regarding the Moor.

Stop this nonsense now or resign.

Marchbank, Shenstone Hill

Objection

I am writing to you to ask you to recognise and support the campaign to save the trees on Berkhamsted Moor from being cut down for the temporary car park.

Anyone with common sense will acknowledge that the speed-calmed traffic on Mill Street means that there is no line of sight issue that justifies cutting down trees that are several hundred years old.

You will by now, have registered the very strong resistance to the trees being removed among the citizens of the town. This letter is to demonstrate the views of two more members of the town.

Failure to stop the planned removal of the trees will demonstrate that the civic representatives of our town and borough have lost all touch with what matters to its citizens. As our representatives, we expect you to exercise all measures to resist this action. And we expect you to be visibly supporting our point of view.

Pembroke, Little Heath Lane

Objection

I am writing to protest about cutting down trees on the Moor in Berkhamsted in preparation for a temporary car park.

Local people do not share the view expressed by DBC that the trees are of poor quality, of no value and an obstruction to cars using the TEMPORARY car park. There is a huge shortage of green space in Berkhamsted as it is and the amenity value of some mature trees is an important part of the lived environment.

Recent decisions by the Council on roads, on housing and on traffic management are being taken apparently without regard to the feelings and opinions of local people and this is another regrettable example

Your interpretation of line of sight is a very strict one and there are other ways round the problem such as a temporary one-way system or improved signage.

18 Cedar Road

Objection

I am very concerned to hear that the council is intending to remove three trees from the moor to facilitate a temporary car park. This is quite unnecessary. Vehicles can get access to the moor without destroying our lovely park. When the fair comes to the moor they get all their trucks on to the grass without trouble.

No-one knows how long these trees may live but, given care, they could give pleasure to our people for years to come. Just think that the tree called T2 was planted in the Georgian period, what history that tree has seen! What right has Dacorum Council to kill it?

The design made by these "Experts" that the Council has employed is not sympathetic to the environment. The shape of the park in the first place is a rigid oblong plonked on to the grass and I think that is the reason that they have thought they could take away our trees. If you had found someone sympathetic to the needs of the area the design would not have entailed chopping down trees.

I refer you to paragraph 127 of the NPPF quoted in your documents on page 8. How can you say that chopping down these trees is "sympathetic to local character and history, including the surrounding built environment and landscape setting"? It certainly will not "add to the overall quality of the area".

76 Hilltop Road

Objection

I'm sure you've had many emails by now encouraging you to think again about the plan to cut down the trees at Berkhamsted Moor. I would now like to add my voice to the conversation.

Since his birth earlier this year, my son Rufus has spent many hours beneath one of these tree with his mother (and my wife), Alice. The green space on the Moor has been of great comfort to the both of them over the summer - and being out amongst

such beautiful greenery was a great help to my wife during a period of anxiety, after our son was born.

It's for this reason, among others, that I'm asking you to reconsider these plans. The removal of these trees is entirely needless. Town planners should be encouraging people to take fewer trips in cars, not urge them to take more with increased parking. And even if the space is needed for parking consider the fact that an entire funfair of trucks and vans is able to drive into the Moor, so it shouldn't be a problem for cars. Moreover, no one who has seen the verdant leaves and firm conkers coming off the trees of late would claim they are in poor health, as some have.

Finally, please remember that this is a one way street. Once those trees are removed, they cannot be replaced ever. They are as much a part of our town as any building, business or resident. They were there when current generations arrived, and they should be there when they leave. I firmly believe that anyone who sanctions the felling of the trees will come to deeply regret it.

I hope you reconsider this decision. In the meantime, please be aware that there is widespread public support for keeping these trees and it is surely beholden to you as public servants to follow the will of residents on matters such as this.

4 The Laurels, Potten End

Objection

You will doubtless be aware of the petition against the removal of the trees on the Moor at Berkhamsted to allow for access to a temporary car park - <https://goo.gl/2Nr9Xq> It has now been signed by in excess of 3000 people.

In addition to signing the petition, I wanted to share my personal sorrow at this plan for felling the trees. I appealed against the new proposed multi-story, as I believe many of us Berkhamstedians did and it increasingly seems that the council don't really want to listen to the actual voices of those living in the town.

More housing is appearing and that's fine but the town is already lacking in the right amount of green space for the local population. This piece of land and the trees are one of the more scarce green spots in the town and it provides for a lot of people.

There is absolutely no need to fell an ancient tree that is a much loved part of the landscape.

Please do consider that although we are talking about one ancient tree, it is more than that to us. It is a symbol of the history of the town and this depth of feeling about it a reminder to you that that we very much value our green spaces, where all parts of the community come together. We need more green community spaces.. not less.

4 Admiral Way

Objection

I object to the proposed plan for a car park in the moor. As a lifelong resident of Berkhamsted this is one of the most enjoyed natural parts of central berkhamsted. There is already enough parking in the town. I drive into the town daily and have never been unable to park. Who decided there is need for extra parking, there clearly is not. There is more than enough parking to satisfy the town. This lovely green area is the first thing people see when visiting the town and filling it with cars send entirely the wrong message, this is unwarranted destruction leading to more cars and ruining quality of life for residents. Like most residents I'm appalled at this suggestion. Stop putting cars first. this is unacted and undeeded and a complete waste of money

107 Chiltern Park Avenue

Objection

This is very sad news, please re-look at other options instead of chopping down trees.

8 Station Road

Objection

I object to the use of the Moor as a temporary car park. This is a community space used by many.

It is by a school and the access point from Mill Street is insufficient now for two cars side by side. This will cause issues on the bridge (bottom of Castle Street) and also Station Road and Lower Kings Rd. Causing further issues by the station.

The removal of historic trees - for a temporary solution, some of which are 300 years old is simply unacceptable.

This is a real opportunity for our local councillors and borough councillors to think outside the box regarding a solution. Why not speak to the school regarding the use of their parking facility that the staff and children don't use in a Berkhamsted and provide a shuttle bus. What not look to make Berkhamsted a greener town by parking on the outskirts and have the shuttle bus in... turning a green space in the winter months to a "temporary car park is simply not an acceptable solution.

I whole heartedly OBJECT to this application

29 Cowper Road

Objection

I am writing regarding the decision to fell ancient trees in Berkhamsted in order to make way for a temporary car park. I am shocked at this decision as trees are part of our heritage and once the car park is no longer required, cannot be replaced. It seems disproportionately destructive to fell ancient trees for something that will be required for a short space of time. We should surely be working to preserve our environment and heritage.

I am a resident of Hemel Hempstead but visit Berkhamsted at least once a week to either work or shop. I have to say I never have any problems finding a parking space. I am therefore confused as to why this is necessary and hope that an alternative solution that neither damages the heritage or environment of Berkhamsted can be found.

I hope you will take my comments on board and look forward to hearing a response from you.

43 Victoria Road

Objection

I would like to strongly object to the use of the aforementioned land for the build of a temporary car on the grounds that you have to cut down historic trees to do so.

I would also like to hear how the kids will be safe on the games with the proximity of a car park.

Finally I would like to suggest that the station car park be enlarged by adding an extra level to be used as a temporary car park.

The Croft 3 Anglefield Road

Objection

Why does the council think that they have to take the trees down, they aren't going to jump out on any one and if the answer is they might fall on a car, well they haven't fallen on any fair rides in the past 40 years and they produce lots of vibrations and have heavy lorries rumbling about, they also haven't killed any children playing on the moor. So just put up very large signs if we must have it as a car park PARK AT YOUR OWN RISK OF LIFE LIMB AND CAR.

The sight-line issue is a nonsense. The speeds are very low because there are road humps and a tight bend. There are many existing junctions in Berkhamsted with sub-standard sight-lines; there are roads half the standard s-l with a main road with no extra safety measures. Chartered engineers can consider various levels of departure from the perfect standard accompanied by extra measures so the trees can live,
PLEASE

32 The Rex, High Street

Objection

I object to the plan to chop down mature trees on the Moor. Although this is a temporary car park, the destruction of trees is a permanent act. It is also totally unnecessary. About twice a year a fun fair is held on the Moor and all their HGVs manage to gain access without any problems. Why do shoppers' cars need more

infrastructural works than HGVs?

If this car park scheme absolutely has to go ahead, there is no reason for the vehicle entrance to be located half way up the moor (as shown on the map) - it could be located further south along Mill Street, at the SE corner of the Moor. There is one nearly dead tree stump there which could be removed with minimal environmental impact and there is ample space here for an entrance. Perversely, DBC have decided to ignore this space and instead want to locate an entrance half-way up, where mature trees are located. There is no benefit to this whatsoever.

I cannot see that anyone in Berkhamsted has been properly consulted on this. DBC would do well to behave in a more open and consultative manner instead of hiding documents away on their labyrinthine website, hoping nobody will find out about your latest cunning scheme to concrete over the county.

36 Highfield Road

Objection

I absolutely object to this application.

The Moor is such an important green public area in Berkhamsted, visited by many as recreational space. The wildlife on the Moor is extensive and should be protected.

The access roads are completely inappropriate for the amount of traffic that would be using it, should the application be successful.

The trees that have been there for hundreds of years should absolutely not be felled for a temporary, parking area which is not necessary for the town

75 High Street

Objection

The view of The Moor, the canal and the stunning 247 year old Chestnut tree is what greets visitors arriving to Berkhamsted by train. Removing a treasured and unique view will deter tourism and inwards investment in the town.

This is a treasured public space that is used by so many local people.

12 Oakwood

Objection

Completely illogical. No right to cut down the trees. Inappropriate place for a car park. Access a huge problem...resulting traffic will cause chaos to a road that's

impassable with 2 vehicles. Will cause queues exiting car park to lower kings road or Tesco car park. Strongly object.

9 Castle Hill Avenue

Objection

Have alternative locations for car parks been investigated?

What about the Lidl site? Also the station car park has plenty of space at weekends.

Cars parked on our Moor will be an eyesore for everyone, the playground will be unusable, damage to trees and wildlife will be caused either deliberately (planned felling of trees) or as a consequence of disturbance and pollution.

Also Mill Street is a dreadful road for traffic as it is and will only get worse.

Please reconsider.

Little Corner, Cross Oak Road

Objection

This plan is destructive to a well-used leisure facility. What's more access to this site is very limited as one comes from the canal bridge. Absolutely unnecessary to remove ancient tree that is part of the heritage of a market town and the area adjacent to the canal.

30 Friars Field

Objection

Please reconsider the plan to fell trees and create the temporary car park in Mill Street. Whilst I recognise that this is part of plans to alleviate the parking problems in the town, along with other responders, I am concerned that this is not the place for the temporary parking. Mill street and Castle Street are difficult to negotiate at the moment and this plan will, I fear, create even more contentious situations and increase the dangers, particularly for pedestrians, including our children. We all have a responsibility to safeguard the children of our community.

Parking in Berkhamsted is undoubtedly a problem and much of that is the success of the town. Many residents, business owners and officials have and do work hard to create this enticing place. It is clear that it has become attractive for new residents and visitors. If the character of the town is changed too dramatically I fear that it's appeal will be reduced frustrating all that hard work. The first impression of Berkhamsted when arriving by train will become dismal if the trees and green space are replaced with this car park.

Despite previous council minutes noting that the public should be "reassured that the Moor would be reinstated at the end of the need for the parking". (This is an essential space for so many residents for many reasons.) I fail to see how this can be achieved if the aged, historic, trees have been removed and fear that the "temporary" parking need will be extended indefinitely. This would be entirely unacceptable and further reduce my trust in the officials of my town.

St John's House, Chesham Road

Objection

The Moor is one of the most important green spaces in Berkhamsted, it is appalling that the Council are proposing to ruin this space and cut down beautiful trees for a temporary car park. This is state sponsored vandalism. It will deprive the town of a beautiful green space that is enjoyed by different generations of the town's population. The congestion in Mill Street is very bad anyway due to school traffic and a very narrow T junction where Mill Street joins Castle Street, increasing traffic along there will cause further congestion and increases the risk of a serious accident.

25 Hall Park Hill

Objection

The road leading to the proposed car park is narrow and the bend and slope make it difficult for two cars to pass when accessing the proposed car park. Pedestrians crossing over the canal to walk down Castle Street (and Vice versa) will be at risk. So too will school children walking in Mill Street and crossing between the two school buildings be at increased risk. It is not ecological to destroy trees to improve visibility and access for a temporary period of time especially as this area is used for recreation. I therefore oppose the destruction of magnificent trees and green space for the temporary parking of cars.

82 Greenway

Objection

I strongly object to the loss of one of Berkhamsted's most well used park facilities and the cutting down of healthy, mature trees to may way just for a large temporary, multi storey car park.

The park is the first view you get of the town when you arrive from the train station, so the first impression you have of Berkhamsted is that of a beautiful town. The size and scale of what you are proposing does not fit in with this and we are currently underserved with green, open spaces in our town as your planning notes confirm*.

Currently, our pay and display car parks often have spaces, so our issue is not one

entirely of car parking spaces, but of price. People do not and will not pay high prices for parking, whatever you build. Why is the proposal for so vast an amount of additional capacity when it is evidently not needed?

A petition against the removal of the trees on The Moor to allow for access to a temporary car park - <https://goo.gl/2Nr9Xq> - has now been signed by over 3,000 people. Having been through the shambolic consultation process for the multi storey car park, where the contributions from local residents were not considered, it is with utter sadness that we have to do and go through this process again for the large temporary solution you have planned. The recommended felling of the beautiful trees in our park supports the fact that you have no regard for where we live. You are damaging our unprotected, historic market town. Please do not arbitrarily chop down and remove our trees to support your temporary solution. If you do this, you will not be able to revert the park to it's original use as you state.

* Dacorum Open Space Study dated September 2007 states that Berkhamsted has a deficiency of 16.75 ha of leisure space and has the largest shortfall in the Borough.

10 New Street

Objection

Please place on record my dissatisfaction of the plans turn the moor into a temporary car park and even worse to chop down the existing tree's which, once gone, the moor can never be restored back to its current state.

I have only just found out about this and I am shocked to hear that's its actually being allowed to happen?

I have lived in Berkhamsted for a number of years now and have walked through the moor nearly every day during this time, I walk my dog there and as do many other people and it's also used as a children's play area, keep fit classes and other recreational activities.

I believe the plans are all totally unnecessary, the residents of Berkhamsted have already been overruled and have to put up with the eyesore of a car park that is going to be built nearby and now we are going to have to put up with this.

Berkhamsted is a lovely town which is gradually being spoilt for people who don't even live here so they can come and park their cars?

The Moor is a really nice place to have on your doorstep and I can only assume that the people who are approving of these plans either don't live anywhere near it or are if they do they must be in line to receive some significant monetary rewards or career recognition for allowing this to happen.

With things like this continuously being allowed to happen it's no wonder that house prices in the area are declining, as well as crime rising, as the decent residents will just up and leave.

I also feel very sorry the people who live right next to the green who will have lost a nice view out of their window and will soon be looking at building sites, breathing in a load of car exhaust fumes as well as all the traffic, pollution and mess to go along with it all.

I request you to please reconsider this terrible decision for the benefit of the actual residents who have worked hard to buy a home in a nice, decent town and do not allow it to be spoilt any further.

I'd much rather struggle to find a parking space than see such a nice town ruined for the benefit of people who don't even live here or for those disgracefully approving it to make money and/or further their careers.

4 Rosehill

Objection

We need to find a way to make this work without cutting down lovely big trees and ruining the park area for ever.

22 Highfield Road

Objection

Removal of ancient trees for a temporary car park is not acceptable - they can't be replaced

72 Gossoms End

Objection

I STRONGLY object to the felling of the ancient horse chestnut tree on The Moor for the sake of making a temporary car park on The Moor. I am sure you realise by now that feelings about this issue run incredibly high in the town and to destroy such a beautiful tree that has been on this planet for over 250 years for the sake of a car park which will only be in place for approximately one year is not only immoral but totally ludicrous. Whilst I am not formally objecting to the temporary car park, I object most emphatically to destroying this beautiful tree and an important part of the town's history

10 Ilex Court

Objection

I am emailing to voice my concern about the proposed chopping down of trees on Berkhamsted Moor and use of the Moor to create a temporary car park.

I cannot understand how such an act has achieved approval. There was a lot of dissent in the town against the car park which was given planning in spite of widespread objection and dismissal of much more environmentally sound alternatives. The station car park is rarely busy - why isn't the council looking at solutions that look to use this existing space on a temporary basis rather than spending money to destroy the moor and trees that are 300 years old that cannot be replaced?

As a family we spend days every year enjoying the moor. Our children have grown up playing in the park there and we often meet for picnics after work on summers days- with the children guessing where the trains are going.

Now we will be faced with an unsightly car park with the already dangerous approach roads jammed with cars trying to turn onto and off Castle Street.

I sincerely hope that someone who receives this email is able to review this decision in favour of a more sensible alternative.

Please save our beautiful town from ill-conceived development.

7 Kitsbury Road

Objection

I will not add to all the valuable arguments already made against this project, the environmental one being most important to me - a beautiful recreation area destroyed, probably forever!

I remember my Japanese friends - two ladies in their late seventies then - coming to visit us and being over the moon about this haven of peace so close to home.

Spaces like this became victims of commercial interests in their community in Japan a long time ago!

Please do not let this happen here!

47 Water End Road

Objection

Access to this site is poor at best, adding parking even on a temporary basis for 96 vehicles will grind the area to a halt in peak times. As for cutting down trees to gain access to the site, the idea is abhorrent. There has to be a better solution, or don't offer an alternative. Why not lift some of the road restrictions in the town instead. I don't agree with the multi-storey car park either, but am prepared to be

inconvenienced while it is constructed instead of using the proposed temporary parking. I wholeheartedly object.

31 Mandelyns

Objection

This site is an important open area that has been used for entertainment and pleasure for many years. Also the trees are a particular interest and part of this area.

It would be a great loss to the town however temporary. Please leave it undamaged.

46 High Street

Objection

I can't believe that you would consider cutting down 300 year old trees to facilitate the use of this land for cars. The Moor has frequently had larger fair ground vehicles on it with no problems, they just take up the posts. This could easily be made into a large enough access for cars, maybe with removing some of the fencing next to the posts without impacting on the trees at all. I see one of the trees near the path on the canal side of the park also has a ribbon round it. Why on earth would you need to cut this one down? I am not convinced that using this site is at all viable as the entry and exit roads are so narrow and already busy. Also, what are the people who use this public space supposed to do when they want to sit on the grass, take children to the swings, walk their dogs, or just enjoy the peace and quite? Finally, what about the wildlife that also shares this lovely spot. The Canada geese and many other birds, squirrels and other wildlife would be forced to leave, maybe never to return. Are there no other fields, further out of town, that could be used? Why not pay a land own for temporary use? This is a public space and shouldn't be used this way. This plan would add to the chaos on the overcrowded roads in our beautiful old town. This is a very short sighted plan for a temporary use car park that will result in permanent loss of trees and possibly wildlife to the town. An environmental disaster.

11 Connaught Gardens

Objection

I ask you to please reconsider the decision to destroy trees at the Moor in order to create a temporary car park. Please look for alternatives, such as taking into account the existing traffic calming measures, more signage and/or a temporary one-way system which would also be safer for children attending Berkhamsted School.

You will by now be aware that there is a great depth of feeling that the trees should not be taken down for a temporary car park. It also seems that there was very little knowledge of the plans for the trees as it is not immediately clear from the documents submitted that 4 trees would be felled, nor the reasons why this is

considered necessary. Over 3000 people have signed a local petition against the destruction of the trees so far, with more signing every few seconds.

Cutting down the trees will be deeply unpopular, so I hope this can be revisited and other measures found.

7 Frogmore Street

Objection

I am horrified to read of your intention to remove historic trees and make a car park of such an important green space in Berkhamsted. It seems that building a multi-story monstrosity in a beautiful market town is not the last of your destructive decision-making. I also do not believe you will make it temporary should it go ahead.

Please reconsider and start a Park and Ride scheme, or some such, rather than continuing to destroy the beautiful town of Berkhamsted.

113 George Street

Objection

Why chop these down for a car park that no one wants there.. how long did it take to put up the car park in the station ? not 18 months.

Also, has the effect of drainage been considered. ? it will be a swap area when there is heavy rain if these are removed.

I hope you will reconsider this action. you may come to regret the consequences if these trees are removed.

124 George Street

Objection

Logging my support to stop the short-sighted plans to fell trees to make way for a temporary car park. Buildings of this age are afforded protection, yet trees which actually contribute to the well-being of the towns citizens aren't given the same status.

86 George Street

Objection

The Moor is an important green area for local residents of all ages. People walk here, children and young people play. This area will be spoilt by the construction of a car park, even a temporary one. The station car park is less than five minutes walk away and I do not understand why this cannot be used instead. We need to preserve

our natural environment, not contribute to its destruction, as proposed by this application. Most worrying is the proposal to destroy some trees, most especially the 250 year old horse chestnut. A tree surgeon has stated that this tree is not diseased so as to warrant destruction. I strongly believe that the tree must be preserved. Even if it is decided to use the Moor as temporary car parking space, traffic access should be made possible without destroying the trees. The vehicles of the annual fair stallholders manage to park on the Moor. Please take the views of us residents into account.

4 Grantham Mews

Objection

I am writing to you regarding of the proposed cutting down of trees on Moor Park in Berkhamsted. I am extremely sad to hear that this is the case especially considering that one of the trees is a three-hundred-year-old horse chestnut tree that has been in Berkhamsted since the reign of George I

These trees are healthy and strong and will outlive us all. I hope you will reconsider and NOT destroy them.

Further Comments

I would like to object to the car park which nobody in Berkhamsted wants and which I don't think we need. also I would like to object to those very old trees being cut down in the moor. surely there's a way we can get into the temporary car park without cutting them down

Further Comments

I strongly objection to this.

9 Castle Hill Avenue

Objection

As an alternative to the temporary parking on the Moor, please also consider advertising justpark.com.

There are many spaces available to book here at very reasonable rates. A small campaign would encourage even more people to offer their driveways for parking.

12 Gravel Path

Objection

I absolutely object to the felling of the trees in Berkhamsted Moor. I also object to the temporary car park on the Moor. I don't believe it will be returned to its former glory. My family use the moor on a near daily basis.

113 George Street

Objection

No one wants these trees taken down. please urgently re consider this action. you do not realise the consequences if those trees are removed.

20 Haynes Mead

Objection

I would like to object to the proposed temporary carpark on the Moor in Berkhamsted on environmental, health and logistical grounds.

This piece of greenery is a well utilised piece of public space that houses some wonderful trees and gives plenty of enjoyment of all ages to the community. Whilst I also object to the larger multi story car par being built, this proposal damages so much just for a short period of time. The town is resilient and will cope whilst the other car park is being built and there are lots of creative ways to facilitate additional parking and encouraging shoppers to use alternative methods to get their shopping in the town.

Please do the honourable thing and listen to the community of Berkhamsted. The town is against this and as elected officials you should be acting in a constitutional way and listen to the residents.

25 Montague Road

Objection

I am writing to strongly OBJECT to the removal of the trees on the Moor.

I was so upset to find out you are proposing to fell ancient beautiful trees to set up a TEMPORARY car park! This is madness! Did no thought go into this application? They've braved winds, storms, roads being built over their roots but not the Dacorum Borough Council it seems? Please please please reconsider!

23 Ravendell, Hemel Hempstead

Objection

I've just looked at the arboricultural impact assessment. It says they have referred to the British standard but don't confirm they have met all the requirements. The British standard requires a topographical survey to be completed for the tree survey to be based upon. I couldn't see any evidence in the AIA and the other application documents of a topographical survey being undertaken.

This is essential for the safety of the trees to ensure protection of the root protection zone.

Please can you confirm that this topographical survey has been completed?

I object to the tree T2 being cut down it has possibly a further 20 years left of life. Further traffic slowing measures or an alternative site would be preferable to ensure health and safety.

14 Lincoln Court

Objection

11 Hempstead Lane

Objection

I am writing to you to ask for immediate intervention to halt the proposed felling to two old and beautiful trees for the temporary car park on the moor by the canal.

I am saddened to hear that the council is proposing to fell them to make way for cars while the new car park is being constructed.

Fun fairs and other events have been held on the moor easily with the trees causing no issues and they have been there for hundreds of years. It would be a great shame to destroy these assets to the people of Berkhamsted, not to mention the destruction of a habitat for a diverse number of wildlife species.

Air Quality is now being taken very seriously by many towns and cities around the UK and this is another reason not to cut them down.

I think this is a short-sighted approach to town planning. If the trees are left alone, I believe they would outlast the new car-park and certainly the tenure of you as representatives of Dacorum Council. Please do not make your legacy the destruction of such a wonderful natural asset to the town.

I, and plenty of other Berkhamsted residents feel very strongly about this and would like our views to be taken seriously.

Please find a work around and save this unnecessary destruction.

3 Railway Cottages, Bakers Row

Objection

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29 Westfield Road

Objection

I am writing to you to reconsider the plans to fell the trees on the moor it is completely unacceptable and unnecessary to do this they are not in the way to make way for the temporary carpark it's a temporary car park not a permanent one we should not be even thinking along the lines of doing anything to the more that will be permanently changing it I have life's in berkhamsted all my life and there is very few places in berkhamsted that have not had major changes. The Moor is such a lovely place right in the middle of town a breath of fresh air from the busy town the trees make this place seem so far away from town it's lovely. I remember going down there with my dad and friends picking conkers something I now do with my children. It will be a shame to loose these trees due to something so temporary.

I hope you have it in your hearts to change your way of thought on this.

Marchbank, Shenstone Hill

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9 North Road

Objection

I object to the proposal to site a temporary car park on a beautiful green space, The Moor in Central Berkhamsted and as part of that proposal to fell a number of ancient and historical trees, including a 250+ year old horse chestnut tree. Once these trees are gone, they will not grow back for generations. This a short term abomination of a beautiful community space. Home to wildlife and valuable to the welfare of local residents. The plan has not been thought through as the proposed entrance will be on a narrow corner of a narrow street causing unnecessary congestion when there are more appropriate alternatives including expansion/ extended use of current railway station parking, additional parking behind Woods Garden Centre / Well Lane car park, the proposed site of the Lidl development which is at present disused and cleared land. All of these represent viable alternatives to the destruction and felling of historic trees and parkland.

24 Bridgewater Road

Objection

I object to the chopping down of very old trees to make way for this temporary car park. If the fare is able to use this land with the trees in situ then surely the car park can.

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I should like to add my voice to those who have already expressed their concern about and objection to the felling of ancient trees on The Moor.

I fail to see how this can be justified: removal of beautiful old trees apparently in order to improve sight lines for traffic using the proposed temporary car park for a few months only, when there are clearly other less damaging ways of managing this possible issue, eg temporarily introducing a one-way system in the area, signage, convex mirrors.

I have also been informed that root damage could occur and cause problems. This improbable event could be avoided by a simple engineering solution.

As you may be aware, public feeling is running high over this issue, and a bad decision of this nature will not easily be forgotten by the voting public.

13 New Street

Objection

I have just become aware of the proposed plans to cut down the trees on the Moor so it can be used as temporary parking. This plan is an outrage as the space is used by the community on a daily basis. Taking this away from the community is taking away the heart of Berkhamsted!

My partner and I have recently moved to area and one of the appeal was the green areas and we often walk down the canal to the moor! Now rather than seeing the picturesque trees and greenery, we will have temporary parking to look at!

Surely there is another area which could be used. Do we really need the car park? Berkhamsted is not a big town and parking behind Tesco's and Waitrose appears to be adequate.

12 Cromer Road, Watford

Objection

I object to trees being chopped down at the best of times, but this is outrageous. 'Temporary'? Do you think people are stupid.

10 Oakwood, Berkhamsted

Objection

I feel moved to protest at the proposal to create a temporary car park on the green amenity that is The Moor Berkhamsted and including the felling of ancient trees.

I find it hard to believe that such plans can even be considered and hope that the proposal will be dropped and restore my faith in the integrity and environmental conscience of the planning process.

30 Friars Field, Northchurch

Objection

Further to my previous comment I would refer you to the document; Berkhamsted Conservation Area, Character Appraisal and Management Proposal, published by DBC in 2015.

Here is the link. <http://web.dacorum.gov.uk/.../berkhamsted-conservationareacon...>

Paragraphs 5.25 to 5.39 mention the Moor and Trees in particular with recommendation that they should not be altered.

Please can you justify the change in approach from this large and detailed examination of the environment of Berkhamsted.

16 Lombardy Drive

Objection

I object to the destruction of the beautiful and old trees to facilitate a temporary car park on the Moor. This is an important area of leisure rest and recreation in the town. The well-being of the area is enhanced by the trees. They also support wildlife. The plans for a temporary car park on the Moor must be one of the worst options that could have been chosen. Which raises suspicion about how temporary this land takeover will be.

There are a number of alternatives to the Moor if a temporary car park is needed and that is debatable. Other objectors have laid out those options and I will not repeat them.

The whole issue of car parking in Berkhamsted has been exaggerated and the elected representatives are in danger of destroying what makes the town so attractive.

Please rethink this whole issue but at the very least preserve the trees

1 Seymour Road

Objection

Hi, would just like to say that I completely object to the felling of the horsechest nut trees on the moor. I am a local tree tree surgeon (certified arborist isa) and know this is completely unjustified! There must be an alternative solution!? To say theses trees are a category c when a local consultant (of which I know well and respect) says they are a high b is mystifying! Please can you think of alternative options.

15 Dukes Way, Berkhamsted

I object to this application

18 Clarence Road, Berkhamsted

Objection

I am objecting to his application regarding: "TEMPORARY CHANGE OF USE OF LAND TO CAR PARK PROVIDING 90 SPACES INCLUDING 6 DISABLED SPACES" on the grounds of the negative impact to the environment by the unnecessary, and permanent destruction of the ancient trees on The Moor. I cannot

understand how it can be deemed acceptable to destroy trees, some of which I believe to have been in situ for over 200 years, all for a temporary parking solution? I do hope DBC listens to the residents concerns and looks for a better solution that doesn't destroy the local environment

Castle Street, Berkhamsted

Objection

We strongly object to the removal of any trees and the use of this land as a temporary car park. The moor is home to so much wildlife and is in constant use by locals enjoying the wildlife. It's the heart of Berkhamsted and the first thing you see when you arrive here at the station. Killing the homes of wildlife and removing ancient trees for a temporary car park just isn't an acceptable response. The other issue is the access to the car park. Castle St is already a very busy road and trying to cross at the junction with Mill St is hard enough as it's a blind corner. For anyone coming out at the same time as the morning or afternoon school coaches it is already pretty chaotic and this is going to make it unbearable. A better solution must be found. The station car park is rarely full and more often than not, half of upstairs is empty. There is surely some additional land slightly outside the town centre to accommodate the other users during the construction time.

9 South Park Gardens

Objection

The green space and trees are more important than parking. Access to the space is also either via a one way semi pedestrian road off the high street or a only just wide enough to be two way road with a blind corner at the canal end. Neither will be safe for pedestrians.

7 Castle Hill Avenue

Objection

I wholeheartedly object to this application. It is totally unnecessary. The only day in Berkhamsted where there is a problem with parking is Saturday. And yet this the day when the Station car park is virtually empty. An arrangement needs to be made either with the owners of the car park or simply to signpost people to park at the station during the works. I also feel that the use of The Moor in Berkhamsted as a temporary car park is a ridiculous idea. The road is very narrow. And only has a single lane entrance and exit at the Castle Street end. It would be dangerous to direct so many cars to this area. Particularly as there is a school in the street with

young children. The Moor is used extensively by Berkhamsted residents for leisure purposes. And the destruction of ancient trees for temporary purposes is madness.

Further Comments

The proposal is flawed in a number of aspects in my view;

1. There is ample parking space on a Saturday at the station and this could be used with less expense and no capital outlay by the council. The difference in walking time to the town is around 3 mins.
2. Other more innovative less destructive temporary solutions exist eg park and ride; use other spaces eg Majestic car park.
3. The road is narrow, by a school and a main route to walk into town. The proposal will add danger caused by increasing traffic flow. See point 1 for a safer solution
4. The moor is used extensively by families and all in the town for recreation
5. Cutting the trees down and the reason given is frankly absurd. The fair has been parking lorries and large trailers safely for 20 years
6. The proposal involves capital expenditure is is an expensive alternative to non capx solutions; see above
7. No one believes this is temporary
8. Business will suffer as less people are attracted to a town which will have 5 car parks within about a 2 mile square are.

18A Dellfield Avenue

Objection

I object to mature trees being destroyed, the replacements for which which will take many generations to a similar size, for the sake of a temporary car park. Another objection to this proposal by a fully qualified and extremely experienced tree specialist identified that at least one of the trees is of particular importance..

There are many other options as an alternative to using The Moor - a very attractive public space well used by the public including children using the newly refurbished playground - for example the station car park which is virtually empty at the weekend, or creating temporary additional layers of parking (in much the same way as at the station) in St Johns Well lane car park and the car park behind Tesco - this would have less impact on access and resultant traffic congestion, and also less impact on the environment, loss of public space and of course of such valuable natural assets as these trees.

If there is no option other than to put the temporary car park on The Moor, then it is not clear why trees need to be moved at all for access - large vehicles already

access this land when the regular fun fairs take place on it. And there are areas bordering the nuegjboring road which could allow access without the need for removal of trees.

I object strongly to this proposal.

137 George Street

Objection

Do the right thing, DBC. While many of us are in support of alleviating the undeniable parking issues, no one want to lose the Moor, temporarily or otherwise.

Equally, the old and magnificently beautiful trees. Would a fading relic of Queen Anne's reign or the time of Marie Antoinette be pulverised because it only had a few years left? The scheme would be laughable if it wasn't actually real. Mad King George still had his American colonies when one tree first took root. How can something of this age be wantonly destroyed, in these times of architectural salvation? Are they not as important as buildings?

Others have said everything before, much more politely than me. I fear the unthinkable is about to happen in the teeth of fierce local opposition.

The gosh-darned irreplaceable TREES! The tranquil moor. The congestion on Mill Street, with the crooked one-car's-width near the junction. The kids' playpark. The schoolchildrens' safety. The right of the fauna to a peaceful existence - they've been there for a very long time, after all. The fact that temporary might not mean temporary. The local residents' right to enjoy their property without fear of damage and/or unacceptable disturbance. The fact that people want to park for free anyway. The point that there are other options being mooted. I'll go back to my initial request: please, DBC, do the right thing and ditch the proposal to occupy the Moor. We'll all be sorry if you don't.

5 Station Road

Objection

I wish to register my protest against the intended felling of the trees on Berkhamsted Moor.

Please can you advise how trees with a preservation order in a conservation area can be reasonably be felled to make way for a temporary car park? It seems the town planners have a very perverse logic, reasonable requests for home

improvements are constantly rejected in the conservation area on the grounds of it will affect the aesthetic (very questionable most of the time) yet the one thing that thousands of people see every day and genuinely enjoy you are intending to cut down. It is completely wrong this be allowed to happen.

Why cannot the train station car park be used which always has plenty of spaces at the weekend? The cost of creating a temporary car park could surely be reduced in striking a deal with the owners AND an area which brings great pleasure to the community saved.

8 Egglesfield Close

Objection

I object the the cutting down of these two trees. This is for a temporary car park. The notion of destroying something so ancient for a temporary fix is abhorrent. There are other access points to the moor that avoid the trees.

57 Sheldon Way

Objection

Keep the trees and the open space!!! No more car parks.

28 Bridge Street

Objection

The moor is used by everyone , it's always busy. How could you think tearing own old tree for a car park that won't be there long , is a good idea? It's disgusting.

28 Castle Hill Avenue

Objection

It is appalling that the removal of mature trees is being proposed for a car park that will only last a few months. It is also unnecessary and shows considerable lack of imagination by the designers. There is space for access to the Moor already, at present access place and also at the other end nearer the stream. If road access is a concern why not make Mill Street one way temporarily? Then could have narrower in and out roads to carpark. If there is no solution that doesn't involve cutting down the trees then the council must find another site.

7 Cedar Way

Objection

It is a disgrace to destroy trees for a temporary car park that should never have been allowed on our beautiful common.

52 Lower Kings

Objection

I am writing to ask you not to support the plan to cut down trees on the Moor in Berkhamsted to facilitate parking in a temporary car park. The Moor is heavily used and much loved by residents and visitors and to damage its beauty for such a purpose seems not in the best interests of those whom use it and the environment in general. It is bad enough to be losing the use of this valued place for many months and appalling that long term harm damage should deliberately be done to it with the support of our local government officers and elected representatives.

I hope you will feel able to help protect our beloved Moor.

39 Durrants Road

Objection

I'm a local resident of Berkhamsted and moved to the area about 15 years ago, from Luton. This is a lovely and beautiful place to live, full of history and life.

I understand some changes need to go ahead to develop the infrastructure of the small but busy town, even though I (and many others) disagree with them, e.g. the new car park in the town centre. However, I don't understand, and nor am I willing to condone the alteration and destruction of the aged trees on the moor, to make way for a TEMPORARY car parking area. Surely the monies planned for this could be invested in making the building of the new car park more efficient, rather than changing a natural landscape temporarily?

Dacorum has plans to reduce road traffic and yet we are seeing more changes being put in place to allow traffic to increase in the centre of this town, rather than improving public transport links. And, with these changes, we're seeing plans to destroy these healthy and valuable public spaces. These contradictory efforts are so similar to changes I saw in Luton many years ago, where there is huge regret about the loss of open spaces and historical buildings.

Please don't make the same mistake by allowing these trees to be felled. The moor is well-used, particularly in warmer months, and a central open space for everyone, as well as a welcome sight to visitors via train.

I hope you see sense to maintain this beautiful area and impress the need on your fellow colleagues as well.

Very best wishes with your plans and your work for our towns.

Treetops, Darrs Lane

Objection

I STRONGLY object to this, this is our town, the people do not want to see the destruction of trees that have taken years to grow, why don't you listen to the people you are supposed to represent?, These trees have been here long before us, and should be left alone, you don't always have to destroy things to be seen to be making progress. listen to the people that voted you in.

Ivy Todd, Northchurch Common

Objection

What a terrible state of decision making Dacorum has if ancient trees are going to be cut down for to allow temporary car park to be placed there instead. Shame on the council if this goes ahead. Nobody wants these old trees rich in history to be cut down!

56 Wedmore Gardens,

Objection

As a regular visitor to Berkhamsted I was very upset to hear of plans to cut down 300 year-old trees in Moor Park to make way for a temporary car park. We should be protecting nature not destroying it. This seems to be a terrible decision and I hope one that will be reversed.

17 Lincoln Court

Objection

I have no objection to temporarily using the Moor as a car park as long as it does not necessitate cutting down any of the mature trees on the site. These trees are precious and will take years to grow again or to start from replanted small trees to the maturity of the current trees. If you cannot avoid damaging the trees then I do object to that site being used at all as a temporary car park.

5 St Edmunds

Objection

I wish to bring to your attention my objections to the short sighted to cut down the Moor trees in Berkhamsted, for of all things, a temporary car park <https://www.hemeltoday.co.uk/news/outrage-over-plans-to-chop-down-ancient-trees-for-a-temporary-car-park-in-berkhamsted-1-8649090>

To begin with, the Moor is a haven for wildlife, Foxes, birds & squirrels can all be observed and not to mention the local Herons & visiting Canada geese, if this were not bad enough the suggestion that you will tear down the trees including one estimated at being over 247 years old is quite frankly amazing to me.

In the last 20 years the nature of Berkhamsted has completely changed, this sort of idiocy will further contribute to the decline of the character this once charming & quiet town.

If you need a temporary car park, then put it somewhere else, if that is slightly further away and, heaven forbid, people might have to walk for 10 to 15 minutes to the shops, then so be it, please reconsider this decision that will further contribute to the urbanising of this town.

If I wanted to live in outer London, I would move there & blame myself, however I would rather stay put, if you would just do your best to stop destroying the fabric of the town that I have made my home.

15 Queens Road

Objection

I strongly object to The Moor being used as a temporary car park and the cutting down of the mature trees. Berkhamsted is a lovely historic town, but is in danger of losing its character because of thoughtless, unimaginative planning. Furthermore, there is a popular play area close to the proposed carpark area and the children using this will be exposed to deadly pollution from the car exhaust fumes.

4 New Provident Place

Objection

Your complete selfishness astounds me

2 Dellfield Close

Objection

The moor is used a great deal by the community and should not be used as a car park. Felling the beautiful trees would be unforgivable.

41 Chaucer Close

Objection

As a resident of Berkhamsted and appalled at the proposed act of irrevocable barbarism of cutting down trees, some of which are over 250 years old to make way for a TEMPORARY car park. Cutting down these trees will significantly impoverish the town and particularly the lovely open green space of the Moor.

The proposed sighting of a temporary car park on the Moor is ill-advised. The proposed Multistory Car Park is not needed and will bring more congestion and pollution to the town.

Please rethink your whole plans. Try to have some real vision for a 21st Century Berkhamsted that does not involve cutting down trees and clogging our roads with traffic.

Please look at options for Park-and Ride, improved public transport and safe cycling.

11-12 New Street

Objection

Taking down a healthy 250 year old tree is an act of environmental vandalism. I don't agree but understand there has to be a temporary car park, however I fail to accept you need to destroy such wonderful trees to do so. It reminds me of boroughs of London when any excuses was used to fell healthy trees in order to negate the expense of maintaining them in the future. Surely they become more valuable with the additional Co2 that will be produced in the area with all the cars being parked there?

11 Station Road

Objection

I am horrified to learn you are to cut down ancient trees for the sake of a temporary car park. It is absolutely unnecessary as there is space either side of the trees for cars to enter and exit. It's bad enough that you are using this beautiful public space for parking, and ruining it probably for several years to come. My children love playing there and it is the first thing visitors see when they get off the train. How tragic to ruin it for car parking. I hope people will boycott it and it will remain empty. But PLEASE do not allow the trees to be cut down, they are a part of Berkhamsted history and should be protected like historic buildings are as they cannot be replaced.

9 Trevelyan Way

Objection

I object to the cutting down of the ancient trees just to provide a temporary car park. There should be no need to sacrifice these trees. Surely we can work around them.

South Lodge, Shootersway Lane

Objection

The Moor is a recreational area, one of only two in the central Berkhamsted area, well used by children, walkers, exercise classes, the circus and many more. the Moor is part of the rural beauty of Berkhamsted having the Grand Union Canal passing it. Even temporary use of the area as a car park will damage the area visually and deprive residents of a valuable facility. The idea that you are considering cutting down trees immediately means that you are doing permanent damage and change to the area. Ultimately replacing a 200 year old tree with a 2 year old sapling is not restoring the area to its original condition. Please do not allow the Moor to be used as a car park, temporary or otherwise. Consider a park and ride scheme if additional car parking is required.

23 Torrington Road

Objection

I feel very strongly that two old trees, and one very old tree, should not be cut down for a car park that will only be there for a year. The trees add much needed green calmness to the moor and are a valued part of our town.

Traffic coming on Mill Street will be travelling very slowly on that extremely narrow road and I am sure that the trees would not cause any accidents.

7 Marlin Close

Objection

I am outraged at the proposed plan to cut down trees and destroy a beautiful part of Berkhamsted, all for a temporary car park. Would you know down houses of this age in order to build a car park? No! Trees are a vital part of our lives. I use the local trees to share nature with my children and reduce anxiety for them. This tree in particular should be honoured and revered. The Moor is a site for families to gather and play, to share wonderful times. As toddlers, we fed the ducks and played in the playground. All that wildlife will be distrusted and destroyed.

Not to mention the fact that there is a school a stones-throw away; increasing traffic will put these children at risk.

I will not stand by and watch this tree or this land be wrenched from our community.

27 Lombardy Drive

Objection

This is such a bewildering proposal I cannot begin to understand how anybody could consider it to be in any of Berkhamsted residents' interests.

11 St Francis Close

Objection

I object to the proposed plan to place a temporary car park on The Moor and cut down some or all of the trees on Mill Street.

However temporary the car park may be, the track bed or temporary surface will cause irreparable damage to the grass and soil underneath. This damage will likely be in the form of destruction of the grass needing it to be replaced; localised water-logging in the winter where the temporary surface dips in winter, leading to the ground needing to be repaired; damage through combustion engine pollution, leaking car oil and other fluids leaking into the ground requiring a pollution clean-up when the car park is removed. I would ask the council to provide evidence of how a professional clean-up, repair and restoration of the ground and grass would take place after the car park is removed.

I would ask the council to provide a further independent assessment of the "poor condition of the trees" as they do not appear on face value to be in poor condition at all. The trees would take tens of years to replace and restore. I would ask the council to provide full evidence of a plan to replace the trees when the car park is removed, providing full mitigation of the displaced wildlife in the meantime.

I would ask the council to provide full evidence of a well-resourced plan to deal with

any extra ground and water pollution arising from all the extra combustion vehicle traffic using the moor land. How will car fluid leaks be cleaned up and managed? Surely a better plan would be to offset the temporary loss of the Lower Kings Road Car Park by providing extra temporary cycle docks throughout the town, a small fleet of mini-busses to provide shuttle services from the surrounding villages and neighbourhoods to the town centre. Something akin to a 'Replacement Bus Service Plus' with shuttle mini busses running every ten or twenty minutes and coordinated with the existing bus services to provide an excellent public transport alternative during the closure of the Kings Road car park.

From looking at maps, plans and the location, it is not clear why the entrance would need to be between those two trees therefore requiring them to be cut down. Please could the council provide evidence as to why the entrance could not be located further down the road towards the canal?

Mill Street is quite narrow and has no pavement at the bottom of the street closest to the canal. I believe the extra vehicular traffic would cause increased danger to the public, particularly school children in the area. I do not believe the council have provided sufficient risk mitigation to protect the public in the area. This would include the public trying to "share" the moor area with the traffic. Please can the council provide evidence of risk management to protect pedestrians and cyclists from the increased road traffic in the area.

For what reason could the temporary car park not be located further out of the town, e.g. un-developed Lidl site at Billet Lane, River Park Industrial Complex, un-used development site at Durrants Lane (including a fully built car park!!), temporary space off Chesham Road or Kingshill Way, un-used car parking/yard capacity at Sportspace Berkhamsted Leisure Centre. Any of these locations (including the fully built car park at Durrants Lane!!) could be used nearly as-is with a shuttle bus service provided to the town centre. I would like to see evidence that the council have considered some or all of these alternatives as well as any other alternatives before resorting to the use of The Moor.

70 Cross Oak Road

Objection

At the outset I'd like to register my objection to firstly using The Moor as a temporary carpark and secondly to the felling of ancient and mature trees to make way for this temporary carpark.

Dacorum council seems hell bent on ignoring the concerns of Berkhamsted residents, the imminent building of a multi-story carpark that has lead to this application already seems to have been forced through against the will of a significant proportion of people in our town.

Now Dacorum not only want to use a valuable community resource and children playground as a carpark, but unbelievably also want to cut down beautiful trees that have been part of Berkhamsted's history for 250 years!

Dacorum council should be improving the environment for it's residents not actively increasing pollution by encouraging more cars into a geographically constrained

town, permanently degrading a lovely public space by killing our centuries old trees and depriving children of a play area for a protracted period of time.

If Dacorum is worried about cars gaining access to a temporary carpark due to the proximity of trees? What about worries due to the proposed carpark's proximity to the school which is immediately opposite, hence bringing a dangerous increase in traffic whilst children use the same road for walking to classes.

Dacorum please stop destroying and defacing our town.

15 Kestrel Close

Objection

I support the temporary use of the land as a car park (provided it is indeed temporary) whilst the multistory is being built. However I absolutely object to the felling of trees to access the site. The trees have stood there for around 100 years and felling them for this purpose does not appear to be soundly justified given the ample space around them which could be used for access. If there are concerns about visibility, the road is a slow one already calmed through speed bumps, which reduces the risk. Temporary traffic lights or convex mirrors could reduce the risk further, or implementing a one way system for traffic flow in the area via the three in/out routes on to George street and around the Tesco car park. Please leave the trees as they are and find alternative means to solve this temporary issue

5 Orchard Avenue

Objection

I strongly object to this proposal on the following grounds.

1. The proposal is to use the Moor as a temporary car park, however removal of these trees will have a lasting and significant impact that is disproportionate to the short-term benefits.
2. It is not clear that removing these trees is the only option to use the Moor as a temporary car park.
3. The car park that is being replaced is not heavily used - especially during the week. Berkhamsted could survive without it for a limited period. In common with other modern forward looking towns and cities the council should be discouraging the number of cars that enter the town.
4. At the weekend the station car park is largely empty.
5. When the the multi-story car park was approved the impact on the Moor was not taken into account.
6. The decision to approve the multi-story was already taken in the face of strong objections from Berkhamsted residents and this additional environmental impact should have been taken into account.

I do hope that the council reconsider this proposal and prevent what is already a poor decision from an environmental, conservation and sustainability perspective into an even worse one.

50 Cross Oak Road

Objection

I would like to strongly object to the felling of the trees on Berkhamsted Moor. To remove ancient trees which enhance the area for a temporary car-park is absolute madness.

Anyone using the temporary car park will be in smaller vehicles than the regular fair ground uses so I can't see any reasons why trees would need to be felled for access reasons.

We need more, not less trees, in this area with the pollution on Lower Kings Road growing by the day.

Please leave the trees alone.

6 Covert Close, Northchurch

Objection

I cannot believe that Dacorum is planning to pave (temporarily or otherwise is irrelevant) the main green space in Berko center. This removes a vital lung for Berkhamsted residents, and only benefits people from outside the town.

There is ample parking around the station which is more than sufficient during the other works.

I question whose interests our councillors are defending: The residents of Berkhamsted who elected them, or someone else?

DBC need a serious injection of common sense.

9 Westridge Close, Hemel Hempstead

Objection

As a regular driver into Berkhamsted I can't understand the need for a multi-storey car park. It's such an overkill for a beautiful town like Berkhamsted. I never struggle to park and come in at weekends and midweek during the day and evening. Paving a park even temporarily is criminal in my opinion.

6 Emperor Close

Objection

I object to the proposal to fell trees, including a 250 year old horse chestnut, in order to provide access for a temporary car park.

8 Queens Road

Objection

The Moor is a beautiful open space in the centre of town, which will be forever spoilt if the temporary car park goes ahead, not to mention the increase in traffic on mill street and the loss of an open space for kids to play during the time the temp car park is in operation. I feel disappointed that the council don't think more radically about car parking. Do we really need the multi story car park anyway? Berkhamsted would be a better place with fewer cars. I think we should start now to encourage people not to drive into town where possible rather than build a new car park which will be full again in a few years. Could the council do more to invest in / subsidise / promote public transport (the 500 arriva service has just cut its service through berkhamsted, making a shocking service even worse!)

Candlemakers Cottage, Church Lane, Berkhamsted

Objection

I see, with horror, that four mature chestnut trees are due to be cut down to make room for a TEMPORARY car park, while the multi-storey car park is being constructed in the Waitrose car park.

Please reconsider this needless act of vandalism. Surely a way can be found to accommodate vehicles on the Moor without chopping down four beautiful and old trees?

Or is there something more sinister going on? Is the Moor destined to become a permanent car park? If so, this would be a disgraceful and underhand way of increasing car parking in Berkhamsted without public consultation.

36 Castle Hill Avenue

Objection

Mill Street is the main road that Berkhamsted School children walk along to get to their games lessons at Kitchener's Fields every day How can we have a temporary car park built here? This is a disaster waiting to happen.

Westmount Gravel Path

Objection

I have just walked past the trees on Mill St in Berkhamsted that you are planning to cut down as part of the plans for a temporary car park. I do not understand why? They do not block any views coming onto Mill St from the car park. 250-300 years old and you are thinking of chopping them down for a temporary car park, unbelievable.

Drumnessie, Ivy House Lane

Objection

I reference the following petition link <https://goo.gl/2Nr9Xq> and wish to raise my concern at the action to fell trees for access to a TEMPORARY carpark (noting the one being build is also extremely unpopular with the locals hence felling these trees really does add insult to injury!).

Has a park and ride not been considered? Why can cars not be parked a little further out of town?

I really do plea for you to make alternative arrangements, consider the neighbourhood and views of local people.

25 Orchard Avenue

Objection

I've just heard of the plans to fell a number of trees in Moor Park, Berkhamsted, to allow a *temporary* car park.

I am just flabbergasted! The trees are more than 10m apart - plenty of room to squeeze through multiple cars. And I am sure that, with some thought, a solution can be found to retain the trees whilst allowing the car park.

What options have been considered please?

These trees are hundreds of years old and I would argue we do not have the right to remove them for future generations.

Yew Tree House, North Road

Objection

I am writing to you regarding the proposal to cut down the beautiful trees on the Town Moor in Berkhamsted. I have only just heard of the proposal and I am incredibly shocked by it and very saddened. All of our neighbours and friends also feel the same way when we talk to them. The trees are such a strong feature of this area of Berkhamsted and it feels like a very disproportionate response for a temporary car park. It feels like the whole area is being decimated with the Multi Storey car park and now this proposal too.

Surely it is important to try to keep the integrity of a historic town. If all of the large fair vehicles can access the town moor would it not be accessible for cars too ? Can I also ask what provision is being made for the open children's play area on the town moor? How will this area be kept safe with hundreds of cars coming in and out everyday? As a resident of the town who's family will grow up here I ask you to please re consider the options as it will change the dynamic of this area for ever.

2 New Street

Objection

Please don't destroy the beautiful trees in this area.

They are historic ancient trees of true value to the town. Their destruction would be counter to your own policies set out in <https://www.dacorum.gov.uk/docs/default-source/environment-street-care/tree-policy-april-2015.pdf?sfvrsn=0>

A Summary of the Trees and Woodlands Policies

Policy 1 The Council will value our heritage of trees, both those retained from past agricultural land use and those planted as part of our townscapes.

Policy 2 The Council will, wherever possible, retain and enhance tree cover within the Dacorum Borough landscape.

Policy 3 The Council will undertake and record routine tree inspections, to the tree stock for which it has a responsibility.

Policy 4 The Council will undertake such works as considered necessary to maintain public safety within areas of public access

Policy 5 The Council will endeavour to take some action in response to residents' concerns about trees, however, felling or pruning work will be constrained by:

? Good practice as defined by BS 3998: 2010 - 'Tree work - Recommendations' ? Available Funding

? The Council's system of prioritising work

? Existing site management plans

Policy 6 Where major programmed works are proposed the Council will provide information to local residents.

Policy 7 Management of Borough woodlands will be undertaken to achieve the following objectives:

? Public safety and access ? Nature conservation

Policy 8 On land for which it has responsibility, the Council will, where able, plant a new tree to replace one that has been lost.

Policy 9 In order to provide residents with excellent value, the Council will procure the highest quality of tree work services at the most competitive rates.

Policy 10 On land for which it has responsibility, the Council will identify ancient trees and undertake any work needed to retain or restore their historic, aesthetic and conservation value.

3 Toms Hill Close

Objection

To use this site as a car park and to cut down lovely old trees for something temporary must be one of the worst planning decisions. The access road is narrow, bendy and runs past a school. The children's playground at the side of the site was recently refurbished. Why cut down the trees? Surely they are not in the way. Did anyone consider alternatives such as leasing spaces in the station car park? It is never full.

The Chippings

Objection

Please spend some time today listening to the voices of the people of Berkhamsted. We do not want the Moor used as temporary parking and we would be horrified if you agree to the felling of the perimeter trees.

This is not a suitable location for an increase in traffic and will result in frustration for drivers and danger for school children.

Please cancel the plans for a plastic temporary car park. Please negotiate with the station to compensate them to provide free parking on Saturday and Sunday. Please also provide a double loop bus service which runs 7-7 mon to sat at £1 per trip with a tracking app. Contact me for more info - this is precisely what we need.

1 New Street

Objection

Myself my wife and my 2 sons who play in the park at The Moor in Berkhamsted would like to strongly object to the proposed felling of the old horse chestnut trees to make way for a car park.

This is a beautiful green space by the canal for all to enjoy and should remain that way.

We urge you not to cut these trees down! Find an alternative solution.

Overburnts, Cholesbury Lane

Objection

We wanted to object to the proposed temporary carpark at The Moor I. Berkhamsted on a number of counts. It's proximity to the school and the extra traffic the carpark will bring to an already difficult access route. The carpark can only be accessed by the route next to Tesco which takes cars down Mill Street where the boys have to cross the Road regularly. The added pollution that the extra traffic will bring is of great concern . The damage to a green space and the newly installed children's play area is totally unnecessary .we cannot conceive that an additional 315 car park spaces is necessary in Berkhamsted at all .

Has the council not conceived that Berkhamsted is an already overly congested town with incredibly limited access roads due to the geography of the area.. . We could not object more strongly to the temporary carpark and the multi-storey carpark.

66 Victoria Road

Objection

I have absolutely no idea why anyone would want to build on an area such as the Moor. There is no need for any form of temporary car Park most of the existing car parks are never full anyway. It is a wonderful area of green space that people who live in and out of Berkhamsted use. I would like to register my total objection.

8 Turner Court

Objection

The Moor is the face of the town, it's what Berkhamsted is all about - family time, lovely canal walks, green spaces. We need more of these, not less. This is not acceptable, not even as a temporary measure. Cannot believe somebody would see sacrificing this unique green space for the sake of 90 cars - outrageous! And following the recent global warming report too - let there be 90 cars less for a while, all will be better off for it.

114 Bridgewater Road

Objection

1. There is presently an over supply of on street and parking lot spaces in Berkhamsted, so there is likely to be sufficient spaces during the redevelopment of the existing parking lot.
2. At the weekend there is many free spaces at the train station parking lot.
3. The council should be encouraging people to walk and/ or take public transportation into town rather than driving. If there is a shortage of parking spaces.
4. The environmental impact to the moor and the surrounding air quality far outweighs the requirement for a extra parking spaces. Given the location of the lot, right next to a children's school the negative impact on air pollution is important given the potential health problems this might cause the children.
5. The access to the proposed lot is down a very narrow street. This is going to cause traffic jams and is also potentially dangerous for other road users including pedestrians including children who use the playground and canal, and also the school children attending Berkhamsted school.
6. This is a Beautiful stretch of green land and is the first area seen by visitors on the train. The view will be ruined by the parking lot.
7. There are few large recreation grounds in the centre of town. This is a well used and enjoyed area for sports and leisure. This should be a priority for the council to promote due to the positive impact on the health of the community.

2 Castle Hill Avenue

Objection

Please do not remove the threatened chestnut trees on Berkhamsted Moor. They are an important element in the beauty of this well-used, popular park at the centre of our town. One is over 270 years old and quite magnificent.

I have read that the issue is visibility when entering and leaving the temporary parking on the Moor. I would argue that it will be virtually impossible to speed on the minor road that runs along the Moor at that side: progress will perforce be slow. Drivers will be able to assess the situation, as they will have to proceed cautiously.

The trees are not diseased and have many more years of life left in them. If replacements were eventually put in place, it would be many years before they reached the maturity and beauty of the existing threesome. It is a case of short-term expediency versus quality of life.

Please leave them in peace for all of us to enjoy.

64 Victoria Road

Objection

I object to the temporary car park being built on the moor in Berkhamsted. The moor is a beautiful area with a park and trees.

If the temporary car park goes ahead it will be an eyesore and one of the first views you get when you come out of the train station. There are plenty of spaces available at the train station car park so maybe liaise with them to provide cheaper car parking using the money you would have spent on the temporary car park and the permanent multi storey one. I think the people who made the decision about the temporary car park and the permanent multi storey car park do not even live in Berkhamsted and would not realise what an impact this would make on the town.

46 Gossoms End

Objection

Access by car to the Moor is extremely difficult. I would be very surprised if the Junction of Mill Street and Castle Street can handle any increased traffic load - it has difficulty with the current load. Mill Street is very narrow, has speed ramps, and cuts through Berkhamsted School. What did your feasibility study show? I would be interested in the details.

The recently rebuilt children's playground will no longer be attractive to children and parents because the air quality will be affected in the area of the car park. Why improve the children's playground only to ruin it for two years?

Are there no better solutions such as park and ride or asking businesses and residents if they have spaces they can offer on a temporary basis?

I have also seen reference to the fact that Berkhamsted does not even need a multistorey car park.

I would be interested in your views

26 Bridge Street

Objection

Outrageous. This is a beautiful piece of nature that is heavily used and relied upon by our wildlife. You are effectively saying you do not care about our wildlife and are happy to destroy their habitat in order to park cars. Disgusting.

Where do you propose they all go, what are your plans for them??? We must preserve our wildlife and also this great place where we regularly all walk our dogs.

Hillcroft, Kingsdale Road

Objection

I have no basic objection to the concept of The Moor being used as a temporary car park if no other site is feasible. However, to hear that this intended use is prospectively to involve the removal of old established trees that are part of the character and fabric of Berkhamsted is appalling to me. I can remember well these trees from my time at school in the late 1950's.

I am a resident in the town and have been for some years now and it is a rarity to find mature established trees close to the centre of town. They add something special to the environment both aesthetically and practically as they soften the surrounding hard landscape and to contemplate their removal simply because the land they fringe is to be used for a temporary activity is in my view irresponsible and ill-conceived. I can think of no convincing argument that could support the idea of their removal. I am advised that the trees represent no risk to the public in terms of their general health so there is no argument that can be supported on those grounds.

It appears that the driving force behind the idea of their removal is visibility for vehicles having egress from The Moor. What an extraordinary reason for promoting such drastic action. Mill Street itself is a narrow road and already has in place speed bumps largely because it is a regular thoroughfare for the school. If there is any substance at all in the suggestion that visibility is slightly affected then surely the obvious and less disruptive way of dealing with this is an appropriate mirror on the opposite side of the road to the entrance, far less damaging than considering the destruction of mature trees as a temporary remedy.

I am very much opposed to such precipitate action for the reasons I have set out.

9 Lower Kings Road

Objection

I agree the site is sufficient for the use of a temporary car park, but the felling of beautiful old trees seems extreme for a temporary solution. There is enough room for the parking spaces without getting too close to the large trees and giving them a few metres of room to prevent damage to their roots. The park will never look the same again if they are felled and walking along the beautiful canal won't be as picturesque.

Tanglewood, Friithsden Copse

Objection

I strongly object to this proposal on three points:

1. Increased traffic down Mill Street poses a significant danger to school children. This road is already problematic with regards to traffic. The road runs directly through the school grounds and students are frequently crossing the road. Current traffic suffers regular jams and the access to the road at both ends is difficult. If any of your staff have visited the site and tried to drive down this road they would immediately see that the proposal to increase traffic volumes is unfeasible and dangerous.
2. The green space of the Moor is regularly used by the local community and removing this space will impact the community negatively.
3. Damage to the Moor and the surroundings will take several years to recover. If any trees are removed in the process that will take decades. This is unacceptable in a central location of the town.

Objection

I object to this temporary car park being located here. Bringing traffic congestion to this area for 6 months will cause chaos. Already there is congestion in this area at drop off and pick up school time. More cars, noise and pollution will be brought to this calm open space, which will be detrimental to the wildlife and the people who use the space regularly for enjoyment. The noise from the increase in car movement in the area will be a nuisance for the wildlife and the neighbours. The Ancient Tree roots will suffer from the weight of the cars driving over them to enter the park.

9 Gravel Path

I am happy that DBC are looking at putting forward a temporary measure for parking whilst the new car park is built. Whilst I am not convinced the new permanent car park will solve the town's parking problems, this is a more realistic attempt at easing than banning cars or taking more radical action. The provision of a temporary car park resolves the issues of potential overspill into streets that may occur if it was otherwise not provided. However, I am keen to ensure that the temporary car park is just that, and that DBC are held responsible for complying with the conditions set out by their Planning Department and ultimately return the Moor to the residents in full working order. In relation to this, I have a number of comments for the LPA to consider:

The submission does not explain why the vehicle access has to be in the position shown, and why either of the existing wider gaps between trees cannot be used. This process of elimination should surely be documented within the application to explain how the designers have reached the less desirable point of constructing a new access between mature trees.

Why can access not be taken from a position south of T4? This would be opposite a little-used vehicular access so would not result in a dangerous crossroad. It would give the trees more of a chance to survive and would enable services for lighting and ticket machines to be dug in a less rooted area.

It does not appear that Herts Highways have made reference to or taken into account the tight bend in the road where Mill Street meets Castle Street, and how this acts as a block to the free flow of traffic, and therefore how the additional car park traffic will impact on this blockage. This is quite important as it relates to the safe use of the highway and should be addressed.

No reference appears to have been made of the additional tree works that would be needed to the low growth on the line of street trees south of the site which currently obstructs the footway and visibility splays. More frequent works must be undertaken on this growth to ensure pedestrians can use the pavement, and to ensure drivers can see what they are doing.

In terms of Flood Risk, the original officer report stated "The Environmental Agency were consulted on the proposal and requested the following amendments...". However this is disingenuous - the comments from the EA at Appendix A of the report says they objected to the scheme. There are no updated comments available on the website and it is not demonstrated how the objection is overcome.

The applicant concludes that this proposal is acceptable in principle (7.1 of the Design Statement) because the Canal Fields location would not be acceptable. However this application has not demonstrated the technical reasons that the Canal Fields location, or the car park to the rear of Waitrose, cannot be adapted to provide this additional car parking capacity. It provides a broad statement relating to trees with no evidence - but as has been seen from this temporary car park application on first submission, statements relating to trees may be proven to be unnecessary or overly cautious and should therefore be critically evaluated.

It is disappointing that in recent weeks, Dacorum BC have provided more information through Facebook than provided by their Planning Consultants as part of this application. This shows a lack of respect for the LPA and the planning process, expecting this application to be shoved through with minimal scrutiny.

In respect of conditions to be attached in the event this revised application is approved, the LPA must ensure the conditions are clear and enforceable, to give the public the confidence that The Moor will be protected, respected, and returned to us.

Previous conditions 4 and 5 and 8 make reference to a Damp Proof Course. However the premise of this application is that the grass can grow back through the proposed ground reinforced paving tile, therefore there should not be a damp proof course, and therefore the suggested conditions would either negate the benefits of the surface, or would not be enforceable.

Previously proposed condition 6 should be amended to secure re-turfing, rather than re-trufing (it is essential that DBC as developer are bound by clear and enforceable conditions)

Previously proposed condition 8 should surely make reference to any lighting having restricted hours and being designed to minimise any adverse impacts on biodiversity, especially bats, in the area. Bats are likely to commute along the existing tree lines bordering the Moor and lighting may have an impact on them,

which needs to be understood and mitigated against.

The conditions make no reference to the signage that would be required on the highway. This should be provided to ensure Mill Street operates as a one-way street, and to direct traffic in a clear way toward the car park to minimise additional use of Castle Street/Station Road by traffic circling trying to find somewhere free/easy to park.

35 Holly Drive

Objection

I feel the plan is flawed based upon the location and access/egress, from Mill Street into Castle Street. The other reason I am objecting, is the Moor is a Medieval piece of land which has historic significance and should be protected, rather than decimated by vehicles.

The Moor is also the first thing visitors arriving on the train see, when they leave the Station.

6 Castle Gateway

Objection

The Moor is one of the only green spaces in central Berkhamsted, providing a place for children & families and a break from the increasingly built-up streets of Berkhamsted. The 'temporary' car park will destroy this. Perhaps cynically I doubt it would ever be returned to a green space once the change of use had been established. Let's keep this green space for people to use and enjoy! Brownfield sites, like that next to Majestic, would surely be more appropriate.

4 Admiral Way

Objection

The entire basis for building new car parking spaces in Berkhamsted is based on faulty and outdated thinking. Speaking to most residents of Berkhamsted they have no problems parking on a daily basis, why is the council so entrenched in this antisocial mindset, putting cars first at any cost. The council seems desperate to waste large amounts of money on something unneeded and unwanted. The underlying idea is completely faulty. The whole thing reeks of corruption building something this expensive for which there is no need, I hope there is an investigation into those behind it to discover the real reason for this awful plan.

15 Orchard Avenue

Objection

The desecration of this widely used and popular green space for a temporary car park is little short of vandalism. Berkhamsted has very few such areas and this one is the first thing visitors see when arriving by train. It is a favourite play area for children and recreation area for families and dog-walkers. Access to the proposed car park is via a very narrow street which also serves the local boys school. Huge traffic congestion is inevitable to say nothing of risk to the schoolchildren. Moreover this is an expensive venture when other options are available - the under-used station car park, the area around the castle or even an out-of-town park and ride - which would be less disruptive. Finally I would like to say that I consider the original plan to build a multi-storey car park off Lower Kings Road (the reason for the temporary car park) to be ill-considered and adopted without proper consultation locally. This is also bound to cause massive traffic congestion. I think the project should be rethought and other solutions considered

72 Gossoms End

Objection

Have you approached local businesses/landowners about renting some space on a temporary basis? For example, the Catholic church has a huge car park, has anyone approached them? As I understand it The Moor is common land and belongs to the people of Berkhamsted, the majority of whom are appalled about the damage and pollution a temporary car park will cause to a children's play area and the environment around the canal. In addition the congestion this plan will cause around Mill Street doesn't bear thinking about.

59 George Street

Objection

59 George street massively objects to this. Ruining a piece of land that is enjoyed by all. Wildlife would be massively effected along with the fact it would take years to recover.

17 Falcon Ridge

Objection

Mill Street and Castle Street already struggle to cope with the level of traffic. The junction of Mill Street and Castle Street is narrow with poor viability and pedestrians trying to cross find it difficult already. Building a car park requiring greater use of this road is a terrible idea and one which could create dangerous situations.

The moor is beautiful and is one of the first things visitors to our town will see. Alternative structures should be looked into. Shuttles running on a loop taking in some of the hillier estates would be a great idea.

22 Upper Hall Park

Objection

Despite the amendments made as a result of public pressure to preserve the trees, I continue to object to the loss of this much valued and well-used recreational calm and peaceful open space in Berkhamsted and call on the Council to pause and review the plan with further consultation with local residents as there has not yet been sufficient consideration of alternative options. Use of the Moor for car parking will increase congestion and air pollution in the area. Sharing the space with a children's play area and the close proximity of the school on both sides of Mill St presents safety risks for pedestrians. Children's developing lungs are particularly vulnerable to the health impacts of air pollution, there is also now evidence associating air pollution with loss of brain function in older people. The amended access arrangements risk causing damage to the roots of two large, beautiful trees and long-lasting damage to the visual amenity of the space, harm to wildlife, and the release of carbon. The whole space of the Moor is well-used by walkers, mothers and children, for exercising dogs, fitness classes, as well as the only site in the town which is used for a fun fair, and is home to several Canada goose families. There does not seem to be anything planned to prevent fuel or antifreeze leaking from parked vehicles contaminating the land and finding its way into ground water, or directly into the adjacent Bulbourne and Canal. What power sources will be used for temporary lighting and ticket machines and how will that be provided? It is a scandalous waste of council taxpayers' money to spend £100,000 on this, on top of £5 million for the awful Lower Kings Road multi-storey, when that money could be used to reduce the need for car use and car parking in the town through investment in public transport and other solutions. The costs are now escalating as amended plans and revised reports have had to be drawn up.

22 Hazel Road

Objection

The Moor is a vital area of green space that many use for recreational purposes. I for one often take my children to the play park when we wait for their dad to come home on the train. I have always been worried that the park has no fencing around it what with dogs loose in the field and the close proximity to the canal...and now they want to do put a car park right next to the park. Many people use this area for fitness, relaxation and recreation and it will be ruined for many years if a 'temporary' car park is installed.

On another note to add to this objection, I don't believe the Mill Street junction with Castle Street will cope with the volume of traffic and I dread to think of the accidents that'll happen due to the increased traffic.

31 The Rex

Objection

There must be alternative s to using this rea during the construction of the car park. I suggest that they be examined more closely. Perhaps a higher charge for car parking in berkhamsted during the construction to

reduce traffic or how about a temporary bus service serving the town from car parks on the edge of the town.

14 Station Road

Objection

The Moor is a very important green space for the Berkhamsted community. I regularly take my dog for a walk on the Moor every day as it's a two minute walk from my house. He is happy and runs free off the lead enjoying the wide space. With a car park on half of the land I will no longer be able let my dog run off the lead and we will be forced to find alternative place for him to run.

Secondly, Mill Street is an ill-equipped road for increased traffic. The turning at the bottom of the street by the canal is very narrow and at the best of times is a bottleneck allowing only one car through at a time. During the normal school run there are queues already. Coupled with the T-Junction onto Station Road and the whole junction has the potential to be a nightmare.

10 New Street

Objection

Object to updated plans for reasons previously stated

Area totally unsuitable for car park due to poor access and children's play area along with wildlife that live there. Green space regularly used by local residents.

The green space is too valuable to lose even for a year. Car park isn't needed, the money would be better spent on improving the public transport in the area.

52 Lower Kings Road

Objection

1. I live opposite the Moor observe it is extensively used as a play area, for dog walking, picnics, sports and fitness training and general recreation. Canal boats moor alongside, including some providing holiday trips for disadvantaged children who use the Moor for activities while moored.

2 The unfenced play park is very busy, and the close proximity of a car park must be a risk.

3. Making the narrow roads around the Moor even busier must pose additional risk as there is a school adjacent and a nursery nearby. Also the current exit roads already cause problems for traffic joining the main roads.

4. The town is already short of green space and should not have to lose this much loved amenity.

29 Darrs Lane, Northchurch

Objection

1. I still feel that the MSCP is a mistake which will:
 - a. create a large amount of congestion & pollution on Lower Kings Road;
 - b. cost a huge amount of money which will result in cuts to other services or increased charges for all parking and consequent abuse of free parking in residential areas.
 - c. The expected widespread use of shared-ownership self-driving vehicles will make the MSCP obsolete long before it has paid for itself.

In the short term, it would be far cheaper to introduce free buse services which will also massively reduce traffic and pollution as in Dunkirk in France.

A further measure would be to order Berkhamsted School to ban pupils from driving themselves to school.

2. There is no point in having disabled spaces in the temporary car park which is too far from anywhere. Instead of that, it would make more sense to increase the number of disabled spaces in the other car parks, including the station.

12 Normandy Drive

Objection

Frankly a ridiculous proposal. Totally without merit.

9 Chestnut Drive

No Objection

To summarise my position, I do not object to the new proposals in principle; however I recommend that further clarification is provided and that specific arboricultural planning conditions are imposed.

I am an independent arboricultural consultant. I hold the Royal Forestry Society Professional Diploma in Arboriculture (Level 6), I am a chartered arboriculturist through the Institute of Chartered Foresters (*MICFor*), and I am also chartered through holding professional membership of the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (*MRICS*). In addition I am a Registered Consultant of the Arboricultural Association (*RC.Arbor.A*). I have been working in the arboricultural industry for 24 years, and as an arboricultural consultant for the past 17 years. I have been running my practice for 15 years (since 2003).

To repeat a statement previously made, my interest in the site is purely as a local resident. I have not been instructed by any third party and have no commercial interest in the scheme.

I am very pleased to see that the horse chestnut tree (T2) is now to be retained. I am disappointed however that the council has stated that it nonetheless stands by its original approach when by making just a very minor adjustment it has enabled the retention of this large, high quality, and visually important tree.

I have reviewed the revised plans and the revised arboricultural report and have the following comments:

- Section 4.5 of the arboricultural report states that due to foliar and bacterial pests and diseases (specifically leaf blotch, leaf miner and bacterial canker), horse chestnut trees as a species cannot be awarded a high categorisation under the standard grading system, and it was on this basis that the tree T2 was previously justified for removal. I strongly disagree with this approach; the assessment of each tree should be based on its actual condition. In the case of T2 there is no indication that it has ever been affected by bacterial canker (which is acknowledged in the arboricultural report), and is it not foreseeable that it will be affected by this in the future. The tree is only affected to a small degree by the stated leaf disorders. Leaf disorders might affect long-term vitality if trees are extensively affected by them such that significant photosynthetic capacity is reduced for a large part of the summer for numerous consecutive years (though empirical evidence of this is yet to be provided); however the tree T2 is only lightly affected and photographs taken of it in late September show it has a vigorous green crown functioning well. Use of a Forestry Commission method of ageing trees indicates T2 to be around 250 years old - given its current good health and lack of structural defects it is entirely foreseeable that it will survive for several decades further.

Construction of dropped kerb

- Section 5 of the arboricultural report describes the method to be used when constructing a dropped kerb and lowered footpath. This states that drawings to show cross sectional details do not exist but describes that the cross-over requires a construction depth of 250 - 275mm. Until excavation commences it is not known to what extent roots will be present, though existing cracks in the tarmac pavement surface indicate that some roots exist close to the surface. The report states that excavation for this shall be undertaken by hand and that before work commences the contractor must liaise with the retained arboricultural consultant. I consider it essential that the arboricultural consultant is actually present on site for the duration of the hand-dig process which the report does not make explicit.
- I agree with the report that specific details as to how large roots (if present) are retained and protected should be a matter for the project arboriculturist and engineer on-site at the time that they are exposed. There is a possibility that an alternative approach to conventional cross-over construction might be necessary in the event that large roots of importance exist close to the surface and cannot be retained by other means. An example of this would be use of a steel plate supported by screw piles positioned to avoid roots.

Car park surface

- The arboricultural report states that a no-dig pinned surface shall be used within the root protection area (RPA) of trees T2 and T3. The Tree Protection

Plan shows the RPA of T2 extending to a distance of 15m from it; however this is incorrect. The road adjacent to the tree has not been factored in, which the arboricultural report acknowledges that roots are less likely to be rooting beneath (...*'current highway design will make root presence at the kerb line unlikely'*). Section 4.6.3 of BS5837:2012 '*Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction - Recommendations*' states that the RPA shape should be adjusted from a circle when site conditions (including roads) prevent equal rooting in all directions. The area should remain the same and the shape changed to reflect the road - in reality it's likely that the RPA for T2 should extend into The Moor by approximately 3 metres further than currently shown to take account of the road. Ground protection sheets should extend to the full RPA extent.

- The arboricultural report states that incursions into the RPA of trees T11- T14 are '*considered acceptable and no special methods are thus proposed*'. However, dimensions shown on the Tree Protection Plan show the edge of the car park surface at a distance of 6 metres from T12 - a tree which has a RPA distance of 10.3m. This is a significant incursion and I do not share the view that the tree will not potentially be harmed if ground protection measures are not implemented.
- The implication in the arboricultural report and on the Ringway plan ref DBC/018/002 Rev A is that with the exception of the ground protection sheets shown close to T2 and T3 the remaining car park surface shall be constructed conventionally (which would presumably require a topsoil strip and importation of rolled aggregate). The Ringway plan shows an area of hatching which, in the key shows '*Access to be overlaid with HD trackmats to protect shallow tree roots*'. However, the WYG Design and Access Statement dated August 2018 states (at 4.0.2) '*The temporary car parking spaces will be provided through the use of a no-dig anchored ground reinforcement paving tile that would allow grass to grow back through the tile and would be fully reversible..*' It is not clear how this would differ from the hatched area shown on the plans - it is quite possible that the surface described would suit as ground protection, in which case why show this separately? If the proposed surface for the car park cannot be used as ground protection for tree roots then I consider that the proposals are unacceptable where there is incursion into the RPA of T11-T14, and should be changed to show ground protection in this location as well.

Service installation

- The arboricultural report states that lighting shall be required with the temporary car park, but at this stage the routes for the cables have not been shown. It is essential that this detail be approved by the arboricultural consultant and local authority prior to installation commencing and it is disappointing that this detail has not been shown with the application. There should be no trenching whatsoever through the RPA of retained trees, and most certainly not beneath the temporary access into the site. There is scope to provide a route for this without impacting trees to the north-east of T1

Decompaction after car park removal

- After the temporary car park has been removed, the surface which formerly extended over the RPA of retained trees is likely to be compacted which could have a long-term detrimental impact to tree health. There is no indication as to how reinstatement will restore the surface to its former soil bulk density and I recommend that details of this be provided planning condition. It is likely that air-injection systems such as the Vogt soil aeration system shall be required.

Conclusions

- I recommend that clarification be provided to give details of the proposed car park surface, and how this differs from the ground protection zone shown on the Tree Protection Plan and Ringway site plan. If the proposed car park surface is such that it would not adequately protect tree roots then the Tree Protection Plan and Ringway plan should be altered to show ground protection to the full extent of T2's RPA (following adjustment to take account of the road), and where the hard surfacing extends into the RPA of trees T11-T14. It would also be useful to know the actual product specification proposed for the surface and ground protection.
- If consent is granted I recommend that Arboricultural Planning Conditions are imposed to specify that:
 1. Prior to work commencing on site details setting out the position of the route for the lighting cables be submitted to and approved by the LPA.
 1. Prior to work commencing details, setting out how formerly covered ground is to be de-compacted within the RPA of retained trees during the reinstatement phase, shall be submitted to and approved by the LPA.
 1. Tree protection measures are to be undertaken as set out in the Tree Protection Plan and Arboricultural Method Statement.
 1. The excavation required for the construction of the dropped kerb shall be undertaken by hand tools, with great care taken to preserve roots. The work shall be supervised by the project arboriculturist who shall record roots seen and whether they are pruned or details of recommendations made to enable their retention.
 1. A project arboriculturist is to be appointed who shall undertake site supervision visits. Arboricultural site visits are required prior to any work commencing to discuss the tree protection strategy with the contractors including marking the position of fencing and ground protection, and during the excavation of the pavement during the creation of the dropped kerb. Reports are to be prepared by the

project arboriculturist following each site supervision visit and made available to the LPA on request.

7 Castle Hill Close

Objection

I cannot believe the council are planning to destroy the beautiful Moor area in favour of a car park. This space is a beautiful amenity for the people of Berkhamsted and widely used by a variety of groups of people.

The access to this area by car is notoriously difficult at the best of times. The access from Castle Street onto Mill Street is very narrow and almost impossible to see what is coming in the opposite direction. Mill Street is a busy thoroughfare for many school children walking to and from Ashlyns and Berkhamsted School. Imagine if they have to jostle with cars trying to access the car park as well.

This is a mad idea. The Moor will never be the same again and this will be just another thing to ruin the look and feel of Berkhamsted. It's bad enough having to accept the monstrosity of the multi storey car park without having to accept this too. We should be encouraging other means of transport other than cars into this town.

4 New Street

Objection

Berkhamsted is an idyllic place to live and it is the green spaces and trees that bring that idyll to its residents and visitors. Without the beautiful pockets of green spaces and trees that bring vital oxygen and peaceful energy to all, Berkhamsted will simply become another cramped, polluted, characterless commuter town. Nothing can justify chopping down the beautiful trees that have graced the canal side on the moor area for hundreds of years. Especially not a 'temporary car park'. I found out, through word of mouth from my neighbour, about your plans to chop down these ancient trees, some 250 years old I believe. If every Berkhamsted resident and visitor knew of your plans, you would now be receiving thousands of objections. I now know and this is one objection but one that is speaking for so many. I hope you listen to the voice of those who live in this beautiful town and ensure the trees on the moor opposite the station stay where they are, alive, vibrant and bringing much joy and life to all who frequent the area.

24 Connaught Gardens

Objection

The Moor is a highly valued local green space, adjacent to the canal and full of wildlife. It is totally inappropriate to use this land for car parking. Additionally, the proposed access is along a narrow road, in constant use by pupils from Berkhamsted School Monday-Friday. Access onto Castle St is around an almost 90 degree bend, too narrow for two cars to pass each other.

9 Cedar Road

Objection

I objected to the multistorey car park as did many others in berkhamsted but our objections were unheeded. Now aiming to cut down ancient trees to provide a temporary carpark is completely unacceptable such trees in Berkhamsted's environment is disheartening and suggests that we cannot expect Dacorum to consider the protection of the environment in Berkhamsted as a priority.

Garden House, Cross Oak Road

Objection

I presume the documents added to the website in October constitute the amended application for temporary parking arrangements on The Moor. I would like to endorse fully the list of supplementary comments from 9, Gravel Path (16 October). Furthermore I would wish to be confident that T2 survives the construction process as there have been instances in the past of "accidental" damage resulting in removal. (I am presuming that, unfortunately, DBC will take advantage of the opportunity to fell the other two trees, T5, T13). It is also vital that The Moor is restored to the residents in its present condition.

However, to my mind, the whole MSCP scheme is misguided: recent expert comments on global warming have called for urgent action in curbing emissions and here we are encouraging increased use of vehicles. If the reason is to boost business in the High Street we should bear in mind that on-line shopping is increasing rapidly and even restaurants are closing apace. Additionally the MSCP scheme will result in at least 11 trees being felled on the Lower King's Road site, adding to DBC's woeful record of tree planting and preservation in Berkhamsted. I hope the young trees on the MSCP site are moved and replanted in, say, Butt's Meadow or The Moor. This would accord with DBC's stated Trees & Woodland policy which it so often studiously ignores.

Therefore, on environmental grounds, I object to the MSCP scheme and consequently application 4/01821/18/FUL.

12 Sayers Gardens

Objection

I am a resident in Berkhamsted, and am passionate about preserving our lovely Market Town, its history and its green spaces, and surrounding countryside. If the council allow this, and other proposed developments to go ahead, they risk Berkhamsted losing its status, and promoting the overdevelopment of a congested, polluted town.

The impact of this on the local environment, wildlife, road safety will be significant. Children, including my own, love the Moor as a safe, green, peaceful place, to play, watch the trains and boats, and use the playground. It is the only true green area in the centre of town that is car free (the other playground being hemmed in by a large car park).

Please listen carefully to these objections...

17 Highfield Road

Objection

This is Completely unnecessary for those that live here. The car park at the train station which is 2 minutes from the proposed multi-storey and seconds from the moor temp proposed site is virtually empty at the weekend . This is the arrangement that Dacorum should be seeking to increase capacity overall for Berkhamsted. The train station company win and Residents are not impacted by a unnecessary project and mindless destruction to what should be viewed as not only the Jewel in Dacorum's crown in terms of market towns but of one of the best in the country. Please think outside of the box and not just about chopping trees down and throwing up multi-storey car parks.

32A Charles Street

Objection

I strongly object to the Car park on the Moor as well as the multi storey car park. Berkhamsted has enough parking for a town of it's size. We need to keep as much green space as possible. The temporary car park on the moor will cause damage. Non of the people I know in the town agree with the temporary car park on the Moor or the multi storey. Please listen to the people who actually live in Berkhamsted, we love this town as it is.

33 Ellesmere Road

Objection

Trees, that some of which were planted over 300 years ago should not be cut down for a 'temporary car park'. The life of a tree that has seen the changes of Berkhamsted for this long is worth a lot more then the usage of anything that's going to be temporary. Why should it be ripped up from it's roots for a few extra car spaces when another multi-storey car park is in the process of being built?

42 Castle Street

Objection (as summarised)

Use of The Moor as a temporary car park would result in pollution, noise and dirt and will permanently spoil the area.

The Moor is a pleasant, peaceful and civilized area by the Canal and an asset to the town.

Parking for disabled is unsuitable as the temporary car park would still be located a walk away from the High Street, Lower King's Road and the station.

The proposal will be a real disservice and unkindness to the people of the town.

142 High Street

Objection

Currently there are 5 car parking spaces along Mill Street which are an important facility for those living on the High Street with a need to park their cars overnight or for more than one day. Removing these spaces will result in a long walk from our properties and the need to park in other congested side streets. 5 new additional free street car parking spaces should be provisioned within the plan to replace those which are displaced.

20 Haynes Mead

Objection

I strongly object to a temporary car park being built on the Moor. It will cause damage to the tree roots and Mill Street just cannot cope with additional traffic being so narrow at the junction with Castle Street. This is a beautiful town and many, many residents are using and enjoying this green space. The canal, field and children's playground are used daily. A car park here is unnecessary. If additional parking is required, why not work with the train station? It is virtually empty at weekends and I would happily pay an hourly rate to park here at evening or weekends. I am greatly concerned about the increase in pollution- as well as being next to the playground, the proposed car park is next to a school site. The beautiful trees that line the Moor will have irreparable damage done to their roots with cars constantly driving over them. Why not use the Lidl site for parking and run a shuttle bus from there, back and forth along the high street? I am sure this would cost less than the proposed car park. I STRONGLY OBJECT to this proposal and urge you do the right thing for the residents of Berkhamsted- stop this scheme.

16 Lombardy Drive

Objection

I wish to object to the proposed temporary car park on the Moor Berkhamsted. This is a much used local open space in a town which does not have a lot of public open space. The costs of providing this temporary car parking are excessive and there does not seem to have been much effort to explore more creative options such as use of the railway carpark at weekends. The access and egress are very difficult for the proposal and will add to traffic problems in the location. Please do not approve this proposal.

1 Hill Park Hill

Objection

I object to the construction of the temporary car park on the Moor, Mill Street, Berkhamsted. Doing so is poor for the environment; puts ancient trees in danger of destruction; creates a blot on the landscape of a historic town; deprives the

community of outdoor space and does nothing to help the air pollution which the town suffers from. All of this so people can park their cars.

5 Kitsbury Road

Objection

I OBJECT to the temporary car park planned to be installed on the Moor at Berkhamsted for 3 main reasons.

The additional cost of £100,000 is unacceptable.

I expect the dynamic souls we elected to represent us on Dacorum Borough Council to be more creative in finding solutions to too many cars in Berkhamsted. Why not just see if a few of us (90 to be exact) can do without our cars for a few months. We may find it's easier to walk to the gym instead of driving, walk to the shops instead of taking the car, avoid driving into Berko when we know it's going to be busy. We'd all benefit from the exercise, wouldn't we?

The revised plans do not necessarily protect the trees long term. The new provisions are sketchy with regard to care of their roots. As a consequence we may lose the trees within a year or two anyway because of constant traffic over the roots. This would be a deeply unpopular consequence.

2 Castle Hill Court

Objection

I'm extremely disappointed that, despite recognition of the comments of a large number of constituents, and an organised campaign AGAINST the plan that included the felling of numerous trees, multiple mistakes have been re-made in submitting a re-done application.

This entire project is either being pushed on with either out of a naivety of the opinions of constituents, willful ignorance of the problems that would be caused by such a project, or indeed, an active contempt towards those who may cause officers some inconvenience.

The notion that the Moor is being used as the only suitable site for those who may not be able to walk further distances can be rubbished by the council's refusal to operate a park and ride scheme further from town, the small number of spaces for disabled users and the acceptance of temporary issues regarding the pollution that will be caused by such work, discrediting a supposed dedication to the environment and maintaining air quality, and the needs of those in the community with respiratory problems.

I'm also extremely interested how you think you manage to reconcile policy CS27 and the proposed car park, or indeed, the multi story car park at all. There is also a, as you identify, DEFICIT in the amount of leisure space in Berkhamsted, and the notion that people will go to Ashridge on the weekend not only discriminates against

the disabled (those you claim to be doing this for), but those who cannot afford to drive there. The "temporary" justification you use clearly shows statistical modeling or any form of even a cursory literature review hasn't been used to show the fairly rapid effects that such developments can have on crime rates, accidents and injuries etc.

The absolute fear of engaging with the public on this is also shocking; to hold hearings in Hemel Hempstead is simply cowardice in this case, and betrays the public that the council is here to benefit. Please remember principles of public administration!

This has been an absolute failure in planning from the start to the finish thus far. Please listen to the public and rectify.

64 Victoria Road

Objection

Our household objects to this plan to use Berkhamsted Moor as a temporary car park.

It is sentimental to us, as it's the first place we discovered and came to rest with a picnic having come house hunting from London over twenty years ago.

This piece of land is a wonderful asset to our beautiful town and the first thing you see when entering Berkhamsted by train.

It's an area with historical values and ancient trees that are home to an array of varying wildlife. It's also a much loved leisure and recreational area used by many such as; keep fit and sports minded people, dog walkers, a picnic and play area for families and child carers, a peaceful place for boats, cyclists and anglers. It's also a public footpath used by many children for their journey to and from school, as well as local workers too.

To damage or destroy anything on this area would be a devastating act of environmental vandalism that would cause harm and disruption to all of the above town's people's ways of life.

I believe the parking spaces required could be found by the Council liaising with local businesses and private land owners who have many empty spaces within their properties and offer some sort of compensation to them.

There are many of these places if they go and look like some of us locals have, instead of staring at a map looking to turn the green into grey...!!

46 Gossoms End

Objection

A temporary car park here is really not necessary.

Apple Trees, London Road

Objection

I OBJECT to the planned temporary car park on the moor and implore Dacorum to find an alternative solution to the perceived parking issues during the construction of the multi-storey car park in lower Kings Road road. The constant traffic across the roots of these ancient trees is likely to damage if not kill them, as has been the case up at Ashridge where areas around the trees by the monument have had to be fenced off.

Save our trees!!!

Berkhamsted Collegiate School

I am writing on behalf of the Principal of Berkhamsted Schools Group in response to this planning application, having previously filed a reply in response to the initial application, which did not appear to form part of the committee's deliberations.

Whilst we are neutral about the development, being conscious of the need for adequate parking in Berkhamsted, we have serious concerns about the potential for increased safety risks to pedestrians, including children both crossing and utilising Mill Street, that is likely to arise by the increased volume of traffic in this location.

Our Castle Campus (Senior Boys and Sixth) encompasses Mill Street on both sides for the majority of its length. There are over 800 pupils and 100 staff on the Campus, with no properly designated pedestrian crossing on the road.

The nature of our academic provision means that pupils and staff will cross the road at approximately 20 minute intervals throughout the school day. A much higher volume will cross during the lunchtime period, which may also coincide with increased traffic flow for cars utilising the temporary car park. The school also operates an extensive extra-curricular programme including weekends so our pupils and staff use is not limited to the school hours.

Mill Street has only one school warning sign, which is near the top of the road just after Tesco. The road markings are deteriorated along the road, as are the existing traffic calming measures which are flattened speed bumps, one of which doubles as an informal crossing between the two halves of the campus.

The lower end of Mill Street is tree lined on the west side. These trees have not been pruned for some time, which severely restricts visibility for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and increases the safety risk.

In sections of the road the pavement on the east side is narrow to the point that it is difficult for two pedestrians to walk abreast, and when encountering people coming in the other direction, this leads to pedestrians walking in the road to get past each other.

There are parking restrictions in the form of a single yellow line which is applicable

Monday to Saturday 8.30am - 6.30pm. The yellow lines are worn in places, which could mean that restrictions would be difficult to enforce. The width of Mill Street also means that outside these hours, when vehicles are legally parked, it effectively reduces the road to a single carriageway whilst carrying significant traffic in two directions. We have previously observed vehicles mounting the pavement on the east side of the street to get past cars coming in the other direction, an increased volume of traffic, we would therefore request that the yellow lines be reinstated, and consideration made of double yellow lines along the length of the road whilst the temporary car park is in place.

We would respectfully request that the planning committee take the School's comments into account, and include the requirement for a controlled pedestrian crossing to replace the existing inadequate arrangements. In addition we would suggest appropriate traffic calming measures, suitable tree management to maximise visibility and the provision of stricter parking restrictions on the road. The measures being put in place in order to mitigate the increased risks to our pupils and staff in any planning consent.

10 New Street

Objection

On a daily basis our dog is walked down the canal and to this Moor area, it is a lovely picturesque area of Berkhamsted and used by families, friends, fitness classes and dog walkers alike; I don't think I have ever been to this area and not seen someone using the green.

As people come off the train and walk out into Berkhamsted, they are now going to be faced with a car park....

We don't even know how long this area is to be used as a "temporary" car park for, when will it be put back? Are you hoping that everyone gets "used" to the new look and the car park remains in situ for the long term future; ruining a main area of Berkhamsted. The skyline and congestion to the area are already going to be very negatively impacted when this awful multi-story car park is built; which is just not required in Berkhamsted.

I bought a house in this area, in this location specifically because I loved the setting; which is slowly being ruined by the council and their un-thought out "improvements" to the town. If I wanted to live somewhere that had no green space and car parks everywhere I could have spent far less money and got a far larger house somewhere else. There's a reason people want to live in Berkhamsted, but soon that reason will be gone; as will a lot of its current residents; and then town will become an unpleasant place to live like so many others.

Please consider what the local people want, and it is not for their trees to be cut down; or for a temporary car park to be placed here, or for a multi-story.

I like others feel very strongly about this, and am quite upset at the thought of now walking down the canal only to be faced by car park upon car park and no useable green space.

30 Friars Field

Objection

I am grateful that DBC have listened to the views of residents and agreed not to fell the trees. However I am concerned that the solution does not fully protect the trees. With vehicles driving so close to them there is a danger of them being damaged which would provide "justification" to fell them anyway.

I still object to the use of this site as a temporary car park and am also concerned that there is no evidence of alternative sites being fully explored. I appreciate that all and any site present problems and I would be interested to know what possible solutions to those problems have been considered. I still have concerns about safety and vehicular congestion at this site.

Berkhamsted Collegiate School, Castle Street

I am writing on behalf of Berkhamsted School in response to this planning application.

Our Castle Campus (Senior Boys and Sixth) encompasses Mill Street on both sides for the majority of its length. There are over 800 pupils and 100 staff on the Campus, with a crossing approximately half way along the road, which has little sign posting, deteriorated road markings and limited traffic calming measures in place.

Whilst we are neutral about the development, being conscious of the need for adequate parking in Berkhamsted, we have serious concerns about the potential for increased safety risks to pedestrians, including children crossing Mill Street, that is likely to arise by the increased volume of traffic in this location.

The lower end of Mill Street is tree lined on the west side, which restricts visibility for both pedestrian and vehicular traffic, and increases the safety risk.

We would respectfully request that the planning committee take the School's comments into account, and include the requirement for a controlled pedestrian crossing to replace the existing crossing, adequate traffic calming measures, suitable tree management to maximise visibility and parking restrictions, in order to mitigate the risks to our pupils and staff in any planning consent.

The Garden Cottage, Nettleden Road

Objection

I object to the use of the moor as a temporary car park. It is impractical and positively dangerous when Berkhamsted School is in term. The access to the moor is appalling and already a hazard for all concerned. The damage to both wildlife and existing trees will be irreparable.

7 Dellfield Close

Objection

This proposal is completely senseless and will be disruptive on many levels, I therefore fully object to it.

The moor has historical significance and it makes no sense to ruin it to build a car park which is not needed.

79 Ellesmere Road

Objection

This piece of green land right in the middle of Berkhamsted is widely used by residents and visitors. It is deplorable for the council to turn it into a car park of any kind - however temporary. There will soon be no space anywhere in Berkhamsted for anything. It must be stopped.

9 Castle Hill Avenue

Objection

Thank you for the revised plans for the temporary car park on The Berkhamsted Moor. I applaud that the Council have listened to the residents of Berkhamsted and will not be destroying the ancient trees.

However, I still have two major issues with the plans:

1. The planned entrance to the car park passes over the roots of the ancient trees. My concern here is that the trees will be damaged and ultimately die so will need to be removed anyhow (is that the plan?). Why not move the entrance away from the trees?
2. In my previous email to you I expressed concern about access to and from the temporary car park. Where Mill Street joins Castle Street there is a bottle neck where the road narrows to the the width of one car. Two way access is therefore not possible and is likely to result in frustration and accidents. Creating a one-way system would mean cars travelling through the Tesco Car Park, which is also not practical. Traffic control measures may work but that is likely to cause major congestion on the busy Castle Street. Obviously there are also many school children who continuously use Mill Street. This all indicates an accident waiting to happen - car and pedestrian. So I still do not believe that the the planned temporary car park on the Moor is a practical and safe solution.

I request that the council to look at alternative safer and more environmental solutions. Please don't destroy our fantastic town through short-term, blinkered and l'll-informed action.

20 Haynes Mead

Objection

I have seen the amended plans and still object on the grounds of my previous objection.

Rosebank, Donkey Lane

Objection

I wish to object in the strongest terms to Dacorum plans to wreck Berkhamsted Moor by parking cars on it.

This space is used by many people for many recreational purposes and has been sacrosanct for a long time.

Please DO NOT DO THIS. Thank you.

132 Bridgewater Road

Objection

Please do not do this! All of Berko is walkable and excessive car use especially for short journeys should be discouraged. I suspect parking is mainly an issue at weekends so an arrangement should be made with London North Western to use the station car park for this overflow/ short term usage.

If you really really must, then provide a CCTV or traffic marshal solution to provide sight lines for access egress. These should be funded from parking fees not my council tax. Do not chop down greenery.

And why a multi-story car park at Waitrose? If you really must to this, it should be underground with nice gardens/ town square above. Berko is so lacking in spaces for PEOPLE. It's all about traffic. Dacorum BC have this so wrong.

21 St Katherine's Way

Objection

This email is being sent to you because I would like to emphasise that I am strongly opposed to Dacorum Council building a car park on The Moor, even if it's only meant to be temporary.

The site is a special green space in the middle of town.

The access road (Mill Street) down to the Moor is very narrow, and there is bad visibility at the entrance onto the canal bridge.

Berkhamsted School uses Mill Street a lot – this would mean an increased risk to their students while they are moving between buildings.

Dacorum Council could explore other options like park and ride – maybe from the Lidl site, which has been empty for a considerable amount of time now.

10 Bridgewater Road

Objection

I strongly object to the proposal to make the Moor into a car park.

I use the moor on a daily basis, throughout the year - firstly as a route to walk my daughter to school and secondly to walk my dog.

Removal of a green space and turning it into parking cannot be allowed. The removal of this green space will cause more pollution.

The playground is unlikely to get any use if a car park is built next to it - who wants to allow children to play next to the fumes of all the cars in a car park. Plus the playground has no fencing, so safety must be an issue.

The access to the Moor is not suitable - there is already congestion at the end of Mill Street where it meets Castle street and the addition of a car park will only make this worse.

Surely the council can find a better solution - car parking during the week is generally not a problem, its only at the weekends when spaces are limited and it would make sense for Dacorum to work with the Train station and use car parking there instead. And surely encouraging the public to walk and cycle would be a sensible idea?

I also have concerns about the trees that surround the Moor - despite the council saying trees wont be removed, how can they be sure that any works done wont damage the roots which may have a long term impact and lead to the death of the trees.

This car park must not be allowed to happen, a better solution must be found.

14 Lincoln Court

Objection

Like many long-term Berkhamsted residents I am delighted and relieved that you have revised plans for the temporary car park to avoid destroying old trees on the Moor. Incidentally, the oldest tree, T2, is now marked as Veteran tree by The Woodland Trust.

However I still strongly object to any plans for a temporary car park on the Moor. Since the revised plans do not offer detail of root protection, I am sceptical of the level of care that will be taken by the council and their contractors of the trees. Root damage is easily caused but invisible to the eye and will only be noticed when the trees begin to die.

I object too because the Moor is a treasured green space for the community, a habitat for wildlife, and the first thing visitors see when they exit the train station. As a resident of Berkhamsted for 30 years I would expect DBC to be more creative in finding solutions to their perceived parking problems. Furthermore, and vitally, DBC should be working towards a Zero Carbon future, encouraging walking, cycling and public transport over driving.

Please do not build a car park on the Moor, temporary or otherwise. And please ensure a safe environment for my six-week-old grandchild by putting health and the survival of the species ahead of parking.

6 Castle Gateway

Objection

I was pleased you no longer intend to destroy ancient trees but feel the Council should look into brownfield sites for the temporary car park. The Moor is the central green space in Berkhamsted and the first you see as you arrive. To destroy this, albeit temporarily, will damage the appearance and appeal of the town. Please think again.

33 Broadwater

Objection

Please note that i object strongly to berkhamsted moor being used as a car park.please add this objection to the petition.

40 Greenway

Objection

I've noted that the plans for the temporary car park at The Moor, Berkhamsted, have been revised. However I still strongly object to any plans for a temporary car park on the Moor.

The revised plans do not offer detail of root protection and frankly I am sceptical of the level of care that will be taken by the council and their contractors of the trees. Root damage is easily caused but invisible to the eye and will only be noticed at a stage too late in the near future when the trees begin to die.

I object further to the temporary car park as the Moor is a treasured green space for the community, a habitat for wildlife, and the first thing visitors see when they exit the train station.

As a resident of Berkhamsted, I expect DBC to be more creative in finding solutions to their perceived parking problems. Furthermore for health and environment reasons we are at a stage now where walking, cycling and public transport should be encouraged over driving.

Given that Berkhamsted Station car park is largely empty at weekends, I would have thought that a deal could be struck to use this car park on a temporary basis.

Please do not build a car park on the Moor, temporary or otherwise. I will personally be ready to manage a boycott campaign should the car park go ahead

13 Castle Mill, Lower Kings Road

Objection

This proposal is a total outrage. Forcing through agreement to the actual car park was bad enough but to impose a temporary car park, costing thousands of pounds in an unsuitable and vulnerable area is quite beyond the pale.

As you can see from my address, I overlook the Moor from my apartment and balcony. The thought of the noise and disruption this will cause is unpalatable not to mention the extra fumes wafting across the canal. I paid a lot of money to secure such a peaceful setting for my home of 10 years and it's shocking that such a proposal can disrupt the everyday enjoyment of my property at whim, just appalling.

Lower Kings Road is already an extremely busy road which will be made worse by the new Waitrose Car Park let alone the prospect of cars clogging up the nearby streets trying to access a temporary one.

I object, object, object. Please DBC show some consideration and plain common decency and forget this ill-conceived idea forthwith!!!

7 Castle Hill Avenue

Objection

I strongly object to the proposal that the Moor in Berkhamsted be turned into a temporary parking lot.

The Moor is an area of calm and relaxation for many residents in the area, particularly those who reside in flats or other accommodation without outside space. On any sunny day, families and groups of friends can be seen having picnics or taking children to enjoy the play area.

The Moor is one of only two green areas in the town centre. The other being across the canal from Waitrose near to Tennis Court Cottage's. To take away 50% of the town's green space for a year or more is completely unacceptable.

There are also potential impacts on the canal wildlife. There are many birds along that section of the canal whose migratory patterns could be disrupted. The same flock of Canada Geese arrive each autumn to enjoy, what for them, is a summer holiday. They stay all winter and hatch their chicks. After doing so they presumably return to Canada. To interfere with this natural pattern seems cruel and unnecessary.

There are also indigenous species, like the swans and herons that live and nest in the area, whose lives could be affected by the disruption to their natural habitat.

Please reconsider the decision to deface a place of beauty with a car park.

28 Coppins Close

Objection

Planners - I object to you building - even temporarily - on the Moor in Berkhamsted. I believe strongly that your reasoning for the multi-storey car park is flawed and you will be destroying something important unnecessarily.

It's clear that in Berkhamsted a multi-storey car park will be out of keeping. Why not go with Lindy W-Foster's exciting idea of an underground car park and a central pedestrian area?

Berkhamsted deserves better than this. It pulls in the money for you; look after it and it will continue to bail you out.

57 George Street

Objection

The access road to the proposed temporary car park is woefully inadequate for the volume of traffic that is likely to use it and will cause considerable traffic congestion in that part and other parts of the town.

7 Dellfield Road

Objection

Thank you for revising the plans for the temporary car park, and avoiding the felling of our historic and beautiful trees. However I still strenuously object to the plan for a temporary carpark on the Moor.

The moor is ancient common land, a space that has been handed down to us and protected from development by our ancestors, and we need to do the same so that the future residents of Berkhamsted can enjoy the benefits of it for centuries to come.

In this age, when climate change can be seen and felt by us all we need to do everything in our power to protect our green heritage. I am deeply concerned that if the carpark goes ahead that the change of use of the site, will inadvertently weaken the legal status leaving the moor vulnerable to future development.

The council should be leading the way in making Dacorum green, now is the time to discourage our reliance on the car. It is more important than ever to protect our ancient common land.

Money would be better spent on a decent bus service, serving Berkhamsted and it's surrounding villages, and for Dacorum in general, rather than decimating our green spaces. Why not be ground breaking and creative, the council could trial a shop and drop service for the area. Take the bus to the town, or walk or cycle, do your shopping, and once or twice a day a van will drop the shopping to your home .

Visitors come to Berkhamsted because it is a vibrant, beautiful , historic town, the temporary carpark, and any resulting damage will be the first thing visitors see from the train, it will not look like an attractive place to visitand we need people to visit by public transport.

Lastly you have given no guarantees in the revised plan that the root system of the trees will be protected so they are still in danger of long term damage. There has been no assessment of the impact on her wildlife of the moor or provision made for the protection of that wildlife.

We live in a changing world, building carparks and chopping down trees is very twentieth century, Dacorum, please move into the twenty first century, be leaders, be creative , go green, more busses less car parks

Protect our oxygen giving green spaces, please don't build on the moor.

25 Hillside Gardens

Objection

Unacceptable loss of open space in the Centre of town (even temporarily). Damage and/or removal of old, healthy trees unnessecary. Proposals like this are part of the continual erosion of green spaces in and around the town.

36 Highfield Road

Objection

I strongly object to this proposal on the following grounds :

1. The Planning, Design and Access statement makes reference to paragraph 97 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2018) - NPPF and concludes that "...the proposed car parking will be temporary and completely reversible. As such the open space would not be "built on" in the context intended by paragraph 97". Paragraph 97 of the NPPF makes no concession to temporary works, as such, the works proposed are still 'built-on'. This paragraph also refers to replacing the loss of the recreation space with alternative space of an equivalent or higher quality and quantity, therefore I object and reject the statement made, as 'context' has been used to justify not providing replacement recreation space, and therefore doesn't meet the NPPF requirements.

2. There is no proposal to identify how the environmental impact from any oil, fuel, or

similar leaks, spills or discharges are mitigated, or how any potential contamination to the area, including water courses is dealt with.

3. Whilst the proposals provide for disabled car parking, there is no detail regarding the route a wheelchair user would then take to get to the high street. What is the safe route for these car park users to achieve this? The application does not demonstrate that this can be adequately achieved.

4. The transport statement does not take into consideration the single lane access into Mill Street from Caste Street. The increase in traffic will create severe congestion at this junction, which will result in traffic backing up and queuing across the bridge of the Grand Union Canal, to the junction with Lower Kings Road and Station Road, and along these roads, particularly in the Lower Kings Road direction. This will be compounded at peak times due to vehicles heading to and from the station.

Stonycroft, 9 Shrublands Road

I write on behalf of the BCA Townscape Group, of which I am Chairman. The Group welcomes the revised application and is pleased a way has been found to preserve 3 of the trees previously identified for felling, including to old Chestnut.

Item 5b

4/00147/18/FUL DEMOLITION OF DETACHED DWELLING AND CONSTRUCTION OF FIVE FLATS WITH REPOSITIONED ACCESS AND PARKING

FAIRVIEW, HIGHFIELD LANE, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HP2 5JE

Letter from Mike Penning MP

A letter has been received from Mike Penning MP saying that he has received many objections from his constituents regarding the application, that he has visited the site and met with the residents, and requests that the objections are taken into account when the planning application is considered.

Additional consultation response to latest plans

Please be advise that we have **no objection to the proposed development in relation to Noise, Air Quality and land contamination.**

However, considering the nature of proposed end use i.e. residential use, the following planning conditions and informative are recommend should planning permission be granted.

1a). Contaminated Land Condition

No development, shall take place until a Phase I Report to assess the actual or potential contamination at the site has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. If actual or potential contamination and/or ground gas risks are identified, further investigation shall be carried out and a Phase II report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority prior to the commencement of the development. If the Phase II report establishes that remediation or protection measures are necessary, a Remediation Statement shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

For the purposes of this condition:

- A Phase I Report consists of a desk study, site walkover, conceptual model and a preliminary risk assessment. The desk study comprises a search of available information and historical maps which can be used to identify the likelihood of contamination. A simple walkover survey of the site is conducted to identify pollution linkages not obvious from desk studies. Using the information gathered, a 'conceptual model' of the site is constructed and a preliminary risk assessment is carried out.
- A Phase II Report consists of an intrusive site investigation and risk assessment. The report should make recommendations for further investigation and assessment where required.
- A Remediation Statement details actions to be carried out and timescales so that contamination no longer presents a risk to site users, property, the environment or ecological systems.

Reason: To ensure that the issue of contamination is adequately addressed and to ensure a satisfactory development, in accordance with Core Strategy (2013) Policy CS32.

1b). All remediation or protection measures identified in the Remediation Statement referred to in Condition 1a above shall be fully implemented within the timescales and by the deadlines as set out in the Remediation Statement and a Site Completion Report shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority prior to the first occupation of any part of the development hereby permitted.

For the purposes of this condition: a Site Completion Report shall record all the investigation and remedial or protection actions carried out. It shall detail all conclusions and actions taken at each stage of the works including validation work. It shall contain quality assurance and validation results providing evidence that the site has been remediated to a standard suitable for the approved use.

Reason: To ensure that the issue of contamination is adequately addressed and to ensure a satisfactory development, in accordance with Core Strategy (2013) Policy CS32 and the NPPF (2012).

Informative:

Paragraph 121 of the NPPF states that all site investigation information must be prepared by a competent person. This is defined in the framework as 'A person with a recognised relevant qualification, sufficient experience in dealing with the type(s) of pollution or land instability, and membership of a relevant professional organisation.' Contaminated Land Planning Guidance can be obtained from Regulatory Services or via the Council's website www.dacorum.gov.uk

2). Construction Management Plan Condition

No development shall take place until a Construction Management Plan has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The plan should consider all phases of the development.

Therefore, the construction of the development shall only be carried out in accordance with the approved Construction Management Plan which shall include details of:

- a) Construction vehicle numbers, type, routing
- b) Traffic management requirements
- c) Construction and storage compounds (including areas designated for car parking)
- d) Siting and details of wheel washing facilities
- e) Cleaning of site entrances, site tracks and the adjacent public highway
- f) Timing of construction activities to avoid school pick up/drop off times
- g) Provision of sufficient on-site parking prior to commencement of construction activities
- h) Post construction restoration/reinstatement of the working areas and temporary access to the public highway.
- i) Construction or Demolition Hours of Operation
- j) Dust and Noise control measure
- k) Asbestos control measure where applicable

Reason: In order to protect highway safety and the amenity of other users of the public highway and rights of way, in accordance with Core Strategy (2013) Policy CS8.

3). Demolition Method Statement

Prior to demolition works commencing a Demolition Method Statement shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority for a management scheme whose purpose shall be to control and minimise emissions of pollutants from and attributable to the demolition of the development. This should include a risk assessment and a method statement in accordance with the control of dust and emissions from construction and demolition Best Practice Guidance published by London Councils and the Greater London Authority. The scheme shall set out the secure measures, which can, and will, be put in place.

Reason: In order to protect highway safety and the amenity of other users of the public highway and rights of way, in accordance with Core Strategy (2013) Policy CS8.

4). Un-expected Contaminated Land Informative

In the event that contamination is found at any time when carrying out the approved development that was not previously identified, it must be reported in writing immediately to the Local Planning Authority with all works temporarily suspended because, the safe development and secure occupancy of the site lies with the developer.

(31/10/11)

Additional neighbour representations on latest plans

11 The Apple Orchard - All the houses in the area are detached, we do not want the look and feel of the area spoilt by standing up flats. The High Field lane area in Adeyfield is highly sought after and flats will detract from the natural beauty of the area and will not be aligned with the look, feel and build style that all the houses have in the vicinity.

(30/10/18)

9 The Apple Orchard - I have seen the most recent revision of these plans dated 'October' 2018, posted on Dacorum website 11th October 2018, regarding the proposed demolition of the 2-storey 4 bed roomed house known as Fairview in Highfield Lane, and construction of a 3 storey block of 5 double bed roomed 'luxury' flats on the plot. The revisions fail to address any of my original or subsequent objections. I write to express my continued **objection** to this development as revised. This is on the following grounds, the same as before:

1. Completely out of character for the area
2. Highways concern regarding increased traffic
3. Impact on my property

Details of my objection on these grounds are at the end of this letter, pages 3-4.

The points set out in the Aitchison Rafferty statement regarding the National Policy Planning Framework cause me to comment further:

4.5 This proposal does not work to improve the economic, social or environmental conditions of the area. The applicants have already had an adverse impact on the local area by chopping down the majority of the trees on the proposed development site, perhaps in anticipation of being granted this application.

4.7 I have no faith that any developer will take account of any conditions, as it does not appear that there are any sanctions the planning authorities can or will take for breaking conditions.

5.10 I have no objection to the demolition of Fairview and replacement with a well-designed building. The proposal is not a well-designed building for the area as it is far bigger than surrounding residential dwellings and has an adverse impact on neighbouring properties.

5.29 The proposed block of flats, being larger and occupying much more of the plot than the existing house, would have an unacceptable and negative impact on the occupiers of neighbouring properties. The properties would be overlooked and presented with a large walled structure of an as yet unspecified colour and material. I feel that the points regarding windows in section 5.35 are at best disingenuous and at worst, intentionally misleading.

5.37 The parking level of less than 2 spaces per flat will inevitably lead to parking on the road

5.38 It is a stretch to call the additional landscaping 'substantial', and it does not change sufficiently the visual aspect of the front parking area.

6.1, 6.2 I have no objection to the site being used for residential development. It is stating the obvious to say this is a good place to build housing, since it is in the middle of a housing area. I would support plans for a suitable development in keeping with the scale of surrounding properties, that made adequate provision for parking adjacent to such a sharp bend, and did not impact surrounding properties or mine.

In addition, the internal dimensions are now missing from the plans, allowing the development of the ground floor 'study' rooms as bedrooms. This would then invalidate the claims regarding living space, recreational space and parking made in the statement.

Existing objections from previous two sets of plans:

1. Character.

Highfield Lane and satellite streets are comprised entirely of houses, none smaller than three bedrooms and some substantially more. This end is large, spaciouly detached properties. The houses in The Apple Orchard also appear to be spaciouly separated, despite actually touching at opposing corners. The houses in the nearby streets Nicholas Way, The Grazings and Tannsfield Drive are also large, two storey detached properties.

Nowhere in the area are there any blocks of flats or any three storey structures. The revised plans are still for a three storey construction with a foot print nearly twice as big as the existing dwelling (245 m² v. 127 m²)

In addition, this revised proposal continues to violate several of the Council's own development policies:

CS11 Quality of Neighbourhood Design

Within settlements and neighbourhoods, development should:

- (a) respect the typical density intended in an area and enhance spaces between buildings and general character – **This proposal reduces space between existing dwellings as it is substantially closer to next door Rosebank bungalow and nos 2-5 The Apple Orchard**
- (f) avoid large areas dominated by car parking, large unbroken expanses of parking or excessive hard surfacing at building frontages are undesirable – **This proposal still has a large area of car parking at the front**

CS12 Quality of Site Design

On each site development should:

- c) avoid visual intrusion, loss of sunlight and daylight, loss of privacy and disturbance to the surrounding properties; - **The proposal reduces sunlight and daylight to properties adjoining in The Apple Orchard, overlooks the adjoining properties in Highfield Lane, Tannsfield Drive and The Apple Orchard, aligns the headlights of manoeuvring vehicles directly into the bedroom of Rosebank, and moves the property much closer to Rosebank**
- f) integrate with the streetscape character; - **there are no blocks of flats in the area, and no three storey buildings**
- g) respect adjoining properties in terms of: iv) scale; v) height – **this proposal is taller and larger than the existing Fairview house, which is already of maximum size within the neighbourhood**

Local development plan for area HCA23, as per Area Based Policies 185 Supplementary Planning Guidance, May 2004.

This states policy as 'Maintain existing layout and building form characteristics whilst allowing certain opportunities for new development.' Namely:

- Should pay respect to the type, style, size and mass of nearby and adjoining development
- Should not normally exceed two storeys
- New development should follow the building line where this is clearly present. Spacing should respect that of nearby and adjacent development

The proposal does not pay respect to size and style of nearby and adjoining properties, exceeds two storeys despite trying to disguise this with roof apartments, and does not respect existing spacing.

This document also mentions that there are 'Notable designs at The Apple Orchard...' and these would be overshadowed by the block of flats.

In their statement, Aitchison Rafferty believe "The proposed dwellings would not have any unacceptable impact on the occupiers of neighbouring properties.", however, those living in neighbouring properties feel that having a towering brick wall and fully occupied upper stories overlooking their gardens instead of an open garden is adverse and unacceptable.

Aitchison Rafferty also point out that the original dwelling has been considerably extended. This is irrelevant. The extensions that make up the existing property have not made it out of character with some of the larger dwellings on Highfield Lane, unlike this application for three storeys of flats.

Other applications for flats in the area have been refused, e.g.:

24 Tannsfield Drive 4/03915/15/FUL – refused because it was out of keeping with the established character of detached dwellings in the area, highway safety, the scale of the car parking, and contrary to policies CS12 and CS13

The Stores, St Paul's Road APP/A1910/W/17/318402 – refused, appealed, refusal upheld because of the effect on character and appearance of the area, effect on highway and pedestrian safety, living conditions of future occupiers; conflicts with policies CS11, CS12, CS13, development principles of St. Paul's character

2. Highways Concern

There is a sharp, steep blind bend at this end of Highfield Lane. Traffic to and from this development is most likely to use this end of Highfield Lane as it is only a few yards from Queensway, rather than travel up Highfield Lane. Increased traffic will increase the danger of accidents on this bend.

In 2017 a vehicle failed to negotiate this bend, colliding with and destroying the illuminated 40mph sign at the junction with Queensway (which still has not been replaced). Had the vehicle avoided the sign it would have collided with the three BT junction boxes, thus removing telephone and internet services for the area.

The revisions reducing parking spaces to eight without reducing the number of dwellings increases my concern regarding overspill parking. It will now create an even greater additional vehicular and pedestrian hazard. On pushing my child in his pram down the pavement from The Apple Orchard I have had to walk in the road due to existing parked cars. The aforementioned blind bend makes this extremely hazardous, and overspill parking will only exacerbate this risk. It will also increase the risk of collisions as vehicles travelling along the lane avoid parked cars and stray into the path of those coming around the bend.

3. Impact on my property

Whilst not suffering the light restrictions, loss of privacy and close proximity of my neighbours adjoining the site, from the front of my property I look directly between a gap in the houses opposite to the rear corner of Fairview. This blends in nicely and there are no direct windows looking towards me. The proposed new three storey building will be visible over the roofs of the houses opposite me, I will have sight of a multi-windowed modern structure with brick colour 'to be agreed', and the windows will be able to look directly into my house unlike the offset of the Apple Orchard houses.

Further concerns

1. There is also the matter of what will actually be built. As a resident of The Apple Orchard, our street has been adversely impacted by the concrete monstrosity at no. 17 Tannsfeld Drive that now overlooks my garden and faces down the street. Although planning permission was granted to this property, that development has not followed the plans that were approved. Since no effective enforcement has taken place to correct this, I fear this will encourage the development of Fairview to be even more intrusive than those plans in front of you today.
Since my original letter, these concerns have been increased by the felling of nearly all trees on the site, as if preparing to begin construction before the application has been considered.
2. I am aware of the acute shortage of housing throughout Dacorum and the urgent need to build new homes. However, 'luxury' flats are not going to help alleviate the housing crisis or assist first-time buyers. In order to return a reasonable profit to the developers for purchasing the plot, demolition and new construction these will be sold at a price that will attract 'buy-to-let' investors, thus exacerbating the shortage of housing available to buy. Additionally, there are not many houses of this size in this area of Hemel Hempstead. They are usually to be found in more expensive areas, e.g. Boxmoor and Fields End. Demolishing this property means one less home at a more affordable price being available for a larger family in Dacorum.

(25/10/18)

Amended Condition

Vehicular visibility splays of 2.0m x 43m shall be provided, and thereafter maintained, in both directions from the access, within which there shall be no obstruction to visibility (accept as may be approved as part of any landscaping scheme) between a height of 0.6m and 2m above the carriageway.

Reason: In the interests of highway safety in accordance with Policy CS12 of the Dacorum Core Strategy September 2013 and saved Policies 51 and 54 of the Dacorum Borough Local Plan 1991-2011.

Recommendation

As per the published report

Item 5c

4/01517/18/FUL DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DETACHED HOUSE AND CONSTRUCTION OF TWO 4 BED SEMI DETACHED HOUSES

3 TRING ROAD, DUDSWELL, BERKHAMSTED, HP4 3SF

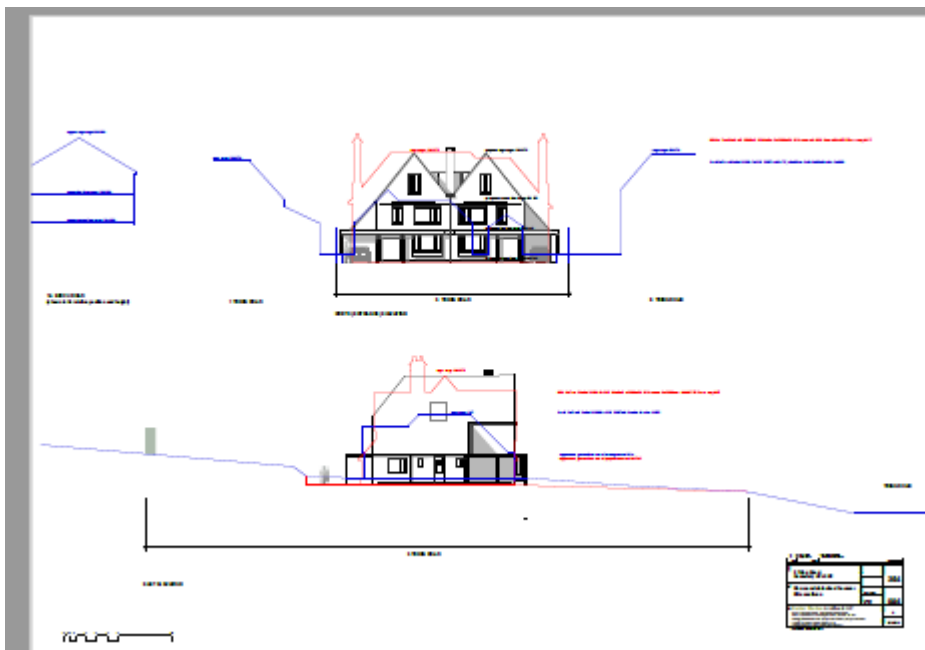
Documents comprising the Application and forming the basis of the Report/
Application

These are the two drawings in the Agenda, Drawing 004 relating to levels, the submitted Bat Surveys/ Reports and the Design & Access Statement.

The submitted Bat Surveys/ Reports and Design & Access Statement have been very recently added to the website documents.

Change to the Rear Elevations of the Dwellings

This shows the modification of the respective rear gables to hips.



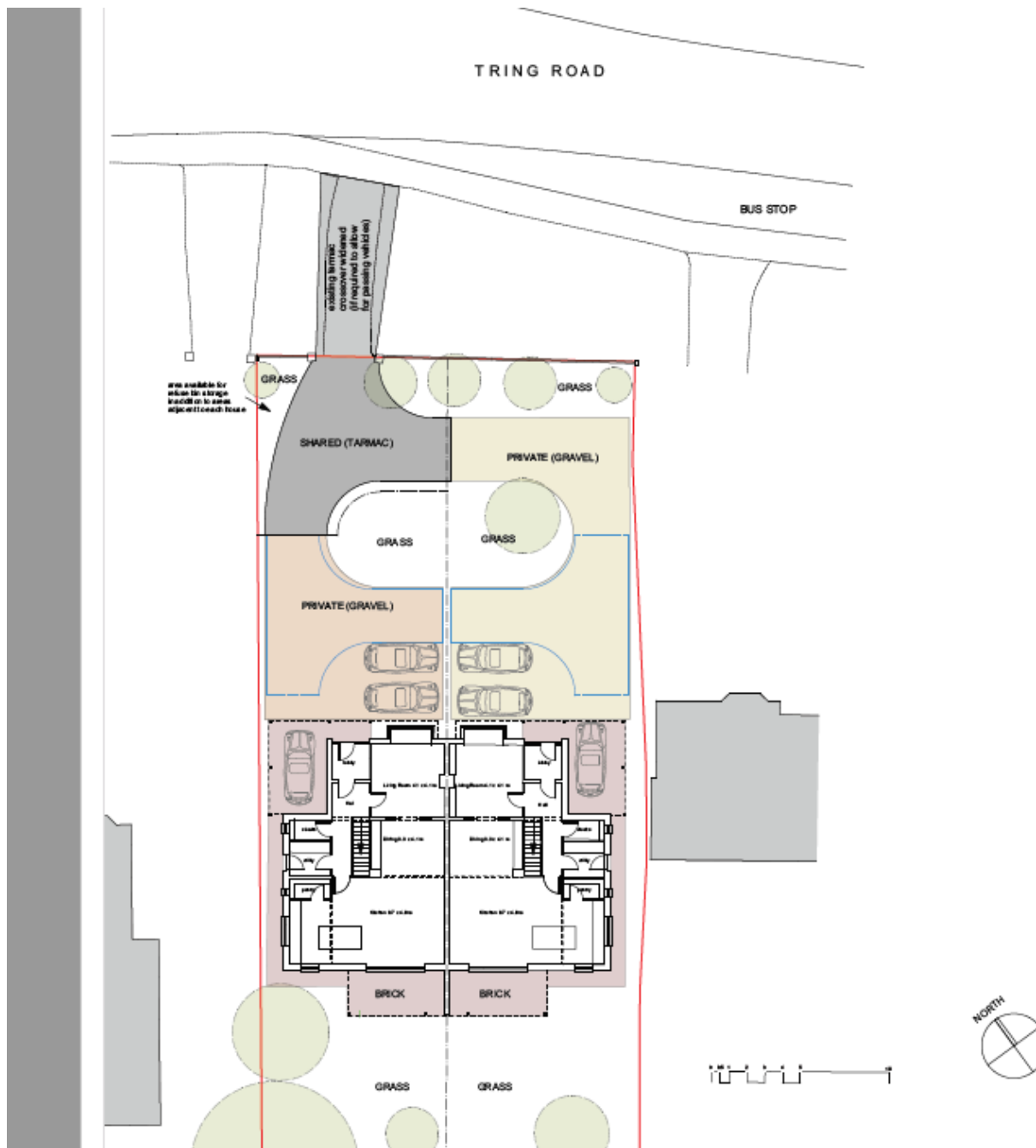
Officer Comment: The change improves the relationship with nos 1 and 5 Tring Road by reducing the massing.

The Applicant's Preparedness to Widen the Access/ Crossover on the Grass Verge

This follows discussions between the case officer and the Agent with reference to ensuring vehicles exiting and entering the site are able to pass each other and therefore the vehicle entering would not need to stop on/ reverse onto the Tring Road .

This takes into account the Agent's observation that the crossover is in poor condition and narrower than those for numbers 1 and 5.

This is shown by the updated drawing in conjunction with a clear demonstration of the proposed parking and turning facilities within the site.



Officer Comment: The additional crossover width is in the case officer's view a highway safety benefit with no resultant visual harm. This widening can be subject to a condition. HCC Highways would be required to agree this and has been sent the drawing.

Conditions

The Applicant has agreed the recommended pre commencement and other conditions as referred to by the report.

Traffic Survey/ Report : General

This has been very recently sent to Councillors by the resident of 1 Tring Road who has objected to the current application. The Traffic Survey was then sent to Officers by a Councillor.

The background is that this survey relates to the Appeal at no. 5 Tring Road following the refusal of 4 dwellings.

Traffic Survey/ Report: Details

Current Road status- 30mph Speed Limit, Double White Lines, Narrow Single Lane, 5 exits plus main road.

Total Vehicle Movements: 60,841

<i>Speed bands:</i>	<i>No. of Vehicles</i>
0-30 mph	14,854
30-35 mph	27,915
35-40 mph	14,073
40-45 mph	3,225
45-50 mph	604
50-55 mph	127
55-60 mph	34
60-65 mph	7
65 +	3

Top Speed, 2 vehicles travelling at 78.9 mph at 10.00am on a Monday morning.

271 of these vehicles were 3-6 axle trucks

As importantly, analysis of the slower moving traffic, which includes stationary vehicles turning, queuing vehicles behind them, Mother's access to Kindergarten, access to and from Dudswell Lane, Buses stopped at both Bus Stops and residents egressing their drives, is as follows:

<i>Speed Bands</i>	<i>No. of vehicles</i>
0-10 mph	48
10-15 mph	318
15-20 mph	764
20-25 mph	1,812

25-30 mph 11,912

Total number of vehicles travelling at less than 30 mph, 14,854 which is 24% of traffic on a main A road, which is not to be expected, and therefore dangerous.

The number travelling between 30 – 40 mph was 41,988 or 69% of all traffic. When added to the faster travelling traffic, this number becomes 45,988 or 75.6% of all traffic exceeding the speed limit

The average fastest speed per day was 61.4 mph

The typical stopping distance for a car travelling at 60 mph is 73 metres/240 feet. This does not allow for wet weather, slower driver reaction times or heavier vehicles and trucks.

At 70 mph, these figures become 96 metres and '315 feet'.

These figures show that as well as the danger of the speeds themselves, it is the mix of fast, slow and stationary traffic that cause such a danger at this junction. There are multiple types of road users, from cyclists to Tractors, Buses, Motor Bikes and 40' articulated trucks.

Buses stationary at the southbound bus stop encourage drivers to cross the double white line, without full visibility, due to the curve in the road, endangering oncoming traffic and themselves. Large trucks and buses, parked in the Northbound bus-stop pull-in, reducing visibility enormously.

Hertfordshire County Council Highways:

Note: This is in response to clarification upon the proposal being for two dwellings and not a replacement dwelling and the Traffic Survey/ Report.

1. There is no highway reason for refusal. The proposal is for replacing the existing dwelling with 2 semi-detached dwellings with no alterations to existing access. The site already has a planning permission for a 5 bed detached house App ref: 4/00427/17/FUL. The only difference from existing to current application is parking space from 2 to 4 spaces. There are no capacity issues and the existing access has an excellent visibility splay. Any one can argue that from 2 to 4 car parking is an intensification, but there are no law to say how many cars a single household could own. In the Highway Officer's opinion car parking provision for housing application is all about avoiding on-street parking.

2. Tring Road adjacent to the application site is A4251, a main distributor road. The road has clear forward visibility and once again the applicant is not altering the existing access arrangement. There are no on-street parking issues near the application site and houses have their own driveway. This encourages high speed through traffic. Passing traffic on high speed is not a justifiable reason refusal as long as the access has adequate visibility. Once again this is an existing access in operation for number

of years. If we are concerned about the speed of vehicle then it is a matter of ENFORCEMENT either by police or introduction of speed enforcement measures such as speed cameras or speed reducing features. This is a highway network issue and outside the planning consideration.

3. The Application at no. 5 Tring Road. This has been checked and the associated comments. This application is entirely different the current application:

- . No 5 is a back land development of two pairs of semi-detached (total of 4 units).
- . Car parking existing from 0 to 12 spaces which is a significant intensification of use of the site.
- . Vehicular access is via 3.7m wide long strip of shared access.
- . The access is close to Tring Road/High St/ Dudswell Lane Junction.

There is no comparison between the two applications. The Highway Authority did recommend approval to the application at no.5 Tring Road subject to conditions on access and visibility splays etc. The response was made by Highway officer.

Officer: With reference to the specialist technical responses from Hertfordshire County Council Highways, there are no highway safety reasons to substantiate a highway objection to the application.

Recommendation

As per the published report subject to the modification of the conditions addressing levels with reference to Drawing 004, the requirement to widen the crossover verge access and that the revised elevational drawing substitutes the original.

Item 5d

4/01446/18/FUL TWO-STOREY REAR EXTENSION TO EXISTING DWELLING AND TWO-STOREY SIDE EXTENSION TO CREATE NEW DWELLING

3 HILLSIDE COTTAGES, LEVERSTOCK GREEN ROAD, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HP3 8QB

Additional neighbour comments

May we respectfully ask you to amend/correct in accordance with the following and ensure an amended, superceded copy is made clearly available to Members IN ADVANCE of the meeting:

Paragraphs 2.1.2 and 2.1.3

The photos we submitted at DMC meeting on 17th August 2017 clearly show this not to be the case.

Paragraph 5.1.2

Application Ref: 4/00937/16/FUL was refused by DMC in 2017 not 2016.

Parts (a) and (b) The crucial first sentence from Paragraph 15. of the Inspectorate's Dismissal Report dated 28/03/2018 has been missed out leading to the quotes being incomplete and totally misleading!

The Inspector's report actually reads:

"....I have concluded that it has not been demonstrated; - (a) that the development would provide sufficient parking for existing and future occupiers of the existing and proposed dwellings; and (b) that it would not give rise to undue parking congestion in the area."

You can clearly see how vital the word 'not' is in the first sentence!

Paragraph 9.3.1

There are currently three dedicated parking space (in curtilage) not two.

The two new parking spaces (in tandem) would be the new proposed property only.

Paragraph 9.4

The grass common (Manorial) land currently does not permit vehicle parking.

Paragraph 9.4.2

The previous scheme did not provide 1 space for both dwellings; only for the proposed new dwelling.

Paragraph 9.4.3

Last two sentences are incorrect (as our photos from DMC meeting 17/08/2017 show). Where would the three 'evicted' cars from existing Cottage no 3 park?

Paragraph 9.4.5

Ditto

Paragraph 9.6.

Maybe, but what about the congestion of vehicles unlawfully churning up the surface of the public grassland.

Paragraph 9.8

There should be a strict condition that vegetation on the Manorial strip running alongside the North West boundary of the site remains unharmed and 'off lim

Paragraph 10.1

Third and fourth sentences are quite incredible.

There already is 'serious impact'; and it would only get worse.

Recommendation

As per the published report

Item 5e

4/02023/18/FUL DEMOLITION OF EXISTING DWELLING. CONSTRUCTION OF 3 NEW DWELLINGS

42 BEACONSFIELD ROAD, TRING, HP23 4DW

38 Longfield Road

Objection

It is unbelievable that the recommendation is to approve this misleading application.

Firstly it is not, as stated, a 2 storey development - it is 3 storey and as such overwhelms the neighbouring properties!

To compare it to No.72 Longfield Road is also misleading in that the width of the site of No.72 is 25% wider.

The overall height is not (as required) clearly stated - this should be limited to no more than 8 metres.

I would like to make my objections known to you all, regarding planning application Ref 4/02023/18/FUL to demolish no 42 Beaconsfield Rd, Tring Herts to be discussed at a planning meeting you will be holding on the 8th November at 7pm.

48 Beaconsfield Road

Objection

I understand that the consensus may be to allow said planning application to be recommended based on the premise of 'precedence'.

I have lived in Beaconsfield Rd for 32 years, and I can vouch for the fact that this kind of 'precedence' has never happened in my time living here.

To demolish a perfectly good family home and mature garden that is in full character with the existing street, and to replace this with an unnecessary development of

three 'modern' dwellings, will be a so out of character overdevelopment that it will be nothing short of a travesty, in my opinion.

The modern attitude to hard landscaping the front of the properties to accommodate car parking is such a visual eyesore, that this 'look' will not add anything to our existing neighborhood, and in fact will be detrimental.

The additional traffic from the development is very likely to have a huge impact on the capacity of the local road network. Miswell Lane has double parking throughout the day and night, as does Highfield Rd, which are the two entrance and exit points to and from Beaconsfield Rd. When the building has finished, the minimum of six cars will be added to the traffic, replacing just one at the present time.

With the amount of general house building pressure that is placed on Tring at the present time, I feel that we need to strive to keep as much original character alive in this town as we possibly can.

And why these various new plans throughout the town are not taken into consideration to counter, and act as part of the proposed LA5 plan, which also affects Beaconsfield Rd hugely, is beyond comprehension.

I am not party to the proposed amendments to the application at this time, but I do hope that you will take on board my objections to this application, and vote accordingly, to help to preserve a small piece of original character in this part of Tring.

*Correction of error within report. Effect on Neighbours section should read that 'the proposed dwelling would be located at least 40 metres away from Nos. 33-39 **Highfield Road**, to the immediate rear of the site.'*

Recommendation

As per the published report

Item 5f

4/02120/18/FUL CONSTRUCTION OF AGRICULTURAL LIVESTOCK BUILDING

HORSEBLOCK FARM, HEATH END, BERKHAMSTED, HP4 3UF

Recommendation

As per the published report

Item 5g

4/00174/18/FUL REMOVAL OF PLAY AREA AND INSTALLATION OF CAR PARK

GADEBRIDGE PARK CAR PARK, QUEENSWAY, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HP1 1HR

Request by Hertfordshire County Council Highways for Additional Information and Response from Agent

HCC Highways Request: The additional trips that will be generated by the new facilities which require these additional parking spaces.

Agent's Response: The car park extension is not being created as part of the splash park/play area facilities. These have already been installed and it is just an opportunity to extend the car park as I am removing the old one. The number of trips I would imagine will stay the same as people will still try and go in to the car park to park, just that they will have better chance of getting a space.

Formal Response from Hertfordshire County Council: Highways

Amendment

Additional plans provided showing current and proposed layouts.

Decision

Notice is given under article 18 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 that the Hertfordshire County Council as Highway Authority does not wish to restrict the grant of permission subject to the following condition:

1. Prior to commencement of the development, the applicant shall submit a Construction Management Plan to the Local Planning Authority for approval in writing. The Construction Management Plan shall include details of: - Construction vehicle numbers, type, routing; - Traffic management requirements; - Construction and storage compounds (including areas designated for construction staff car parking); - Siting and details of wheel washing facilities; - Cleaning of site entrances, site tracks and the adjacent public highway; - Timing of construction activities to avoid school pick up/drop off times.

Reason: In the interests of maintaining highway efficiency and safety.

INFORMATIVE NOTES

1. Obstruction of public highway land: It is an offence under section 137 of the Highways Act 1980 for any person, without lawful authority or excuse, in any way to wilfully obstruct the free passage along a highway or public right of way. If this development is likely to result in the public highway or public right of way network becoming routinely blocked (fully or partly) the applicant must contact the Highway Authority to obtain their permission and requirements before construction works commence. Further information is available via the website:

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/transtreets/highways/> or by telephoning 0300 1234047.

2. Road Deposits: It is an offence under section 148 of the Highways Act 1980 to deposit mud or other debris on the public highway, and section 149 of the same Act gives the Highway Authority powers to remove such material at the expense of the party responsible. Therefore, best practical means shall be taken at all times to ensure that all vehicles leaving the site during construction of the development are in a condition such as not to emit dust or deposit mud, slurry or other debris on the highway. Further information is available via the website

<http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/transtreets/highways/> or by telephoning 0300 1234047

Assessment

Description of the proposed scheme This proposal is for Removal Of Play Area And Installation Of Car Park

Site Description. The proposed car park is an extension of the existing Gadebridge Car Park, which is accessed from Queensway, which is a classified "B" road, the B487, with a 30mph speed limit.

Analysis. The applicant has not provided a Transport Statement (TS) for review as part of the application package.

Trip Generation. The applicant has stated that no additional trips will be generated by this addition of 56 car park spaces and 5 disabled spaces. However, in the supporting information it is stated that this development "recognises the need for additional parking for the potential increase in visitors following the proposal from the Environment Agency to realign the Gade to increase ecology and flow to the Gade."

Road Safety. In the last 5 years, there have been three slight accidents involving personal injury on the arm of the roundabout from which the site is accessed. There have also been three slight and two serious accidents involving personal injury on the opposite arm of the roundabout.

It would appear that the low level of severity of injuries indicates that the road network operates relatively well with no significant driver behaviour or junction design issues which require further investigation and review at the site access.

Vehicle Access. The existing access to the car park is a fully kerbed access bellmouth, 5.3m wide, and would appear to operate without significant impact on the surrounding road network.

Pedestrian Access.This remains unchanged.

Cycle Parking Provisions.None are to be provided.

Construction.The primary concern of the highway authority during construction is the safe and free flow of road users nearby. This means that traffic and pedestrians should continue to be able to use Queensway and the associated roundabout with hindrance from construction-related traffic. Stringent efforts should be made to prevent mud from the site being spread on the road and pavement.

Conclusion. Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) have reviewed the information provided and consider that proposed development would not likely have a severe residual impact on the safety and operation of the highway network, subject to the condition and informative notes above.

LPA Officer Overview

It is also understood that construction will be from Gadebridge Park with no use of the Queensway access. Given HCC Highways response it is considered that with this specialist advice concerns regarding the highway safety implications have been addressed.

Recommendation

As per the published report subject to the imposition of an additional condition relating the provision of a construction management plan.

Item 5h

4/02138/18/FHA SINGLE STOREY REAR EXTENSION.

21 BELMONT ROAD, HEMEL HEMPSTEAD, HP3 9NZ

Recommendation to be changed:

Recommendation

Due to outstanding comments from the Environmental Health Officer with regard to Contaminated Land it is recommended that the application be delegated with a view to approval subject to the receipt of the comments from Environmental Health.
