

Bulbeck Road Planning Portal Comments at 30/04/2024

(Objects)

Comment submitted date: Thu 29 Feb 2024

[redacted] I understand the car park is dated and the area can be used to greater good. My objection to the car park being removed and the road being closed off is because Havant council has'nt made it clear where alternative car parking will be available. There is very limited disabled parking space in Havant. I don't feel HBC has taken into consideration the people who do use the car park on a regular basis and need parking space. [redacted]

Response

Thank you for your comment. The Council has considered the demolition of the car park carefully, taking into account its current usage and available alternative parking provision. There are five other HBC owned car parks within the town centre that have designated disabled parking bays as well as 51 on-street parking spaces on Market Parade, North Street and South Street that can be used by Blue Badge holders free of charge.

A full list of public and privately owned car parks in the borough can be found here: www.havant.gov.uk/parking-overview.

It is not the intention for Bulbeck Road to be closed during the demolition and there is no plan to permanently remove the road. There may be some times where traffic is disrupted during the demolition but this will be kept to a minimum and will be communicated in advance to residents.

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Response:

Thank you for your comment. The Council has considered the demolition of the car park carefully, taking into account its current usage, available alternative parking provision and required ongoing maintenance costs. The car park does not have to be empty to be an inefficient use of the site; significant and long-term decline of the use of the car park since

the pandemic means that funding the maintenance to keep it operational is an unviable option when there is plenty of other parking provision nearby.

There are five other HBC owned car parks within the town centre that have designated disabled parking bays as well as 51 on-street parking spaces on Market Parade, North Street and South Street that can be used by Blue Badge holders free of charge. HBC will monitor use of the existing disabled parking bays within the Meridian Centre and look to increasing the number if necessary.

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Comment submitted date: Sun 03 Mar 2024

As a home owner on Hayling Island and a regular user of the car park I'm objecting to the removal of the car park until HC make it known where in Havant I'm able to park and use a disabled parking badge. If all disabled parking is to be in the main shopping center will HC provide more space there. It seems HC think no one uses the car and it stays empty which is far from true. More thought needs to go into this proposal for the people that use the car park now and future parking.

Response

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The centre of Havant is struggling for park as everyone parks in the free parking next to Tesco which has a limited time period.

If this carpark is closed the centre of Havant will become even quieter than it is already.

Response

Thank you for your comment. The Council has considered the demolition of the car park carefully, taking into account its current usage, available alternative parking provision and required ongoing maintenance costs. There is plenty of alternative parking within the town centre that are not limited wait and none of which are at capacity. For a full list of public and privately owned car parks please visit: www.havant.gov.uk/parking-overview.

(Objects)

Comment submitted date: Thu 29 Feb 2024

Dear Mr Weaver,

As a local resident in the vicinity of Bulbeck Road Car Park (BRCP), I object to this planning application as I do not believe Havant Borough Council (HBC) has made sufficient effort to engage and consult with local business, residents and shoppers who will be adversely affected by the loss of this amenity.

Whilst I accept BRCP is a target for vandalism and antisocial behaviour this is in part due to the managed decline of the facility, over many years, due to a lack of ongoing maintenance, investment and security by HBC.

The removal of free parking at this facility has naturally resulted in reduced vehicle numbers, and as such, has directly contributed to its current condition and decline. You can't be surprised that this facility is no longer commercially viable when it has been left to deteriorate and is in competition with the larger retail parks which are more convenient, have better security and are free!

However, BRCP is still an essential community asset for local residents, many of whom will be left without alternative parking once the facility has been demolished. I refer to residents in Homewell, South Park Court, Dolphin Court and residents living above retail shops in West Street.

In Homewell, [redacted] the parking restrictions prohibit parking, unloading and waiting at all times. BRCP is therefore the closest and only facility available to me which will be lost when it has been demolished. [redacted] The same applies for builders/tradesmen as this is the closest location for moving tools and materials - the loss of this amenity will inevitably result in increased cost to me, the customer, because of the extra inconvenience and higher

risks to the contractor.

Parking for residents in the centre of Havant is already heavily constrained and I feel this loss of amenity will result in local residents, business owners and shoppers being displaced to other roads in the vicinity of the Town Centre, putting additional pressure on parking for neighbouring residents who have not been consulted on this plan as they are not in the immediate area of influence.

The Meridian Centre does not allow overnight parking so is not a direct alternative to BRCP for local residents.

Furthermore, I do not feel HBC has given sufficient consideration and mitigation for business and residents affected by the proposed demolition, notably the:-

- 1) Loss of parking for local residents and those with disabilities.
- 2) Displacement of parking to other roads in the town centre, increasing competition for fewer parking spaces without overnight restrictions.
- 3) Depreciation of residents' house valuations and saleability due to fewer and less convenient parking options.
- 4) Impact on local businesses in the highstreet who will be adversely affected by reduced footfall.
- 5) Possibility of a derelict site for many years without a buyer for development or regeneration.
- 6) Amount of noise, dust and general disturbance to local residents during the core hours of demolition. Will there be a compensation scheme for those immediately affected?
- 7) Impact of redistributed traffic volumes on the existing highway network around Havant. Has traffic modeling been conducted to better understand and mitigate against this?

Please can you ensure the aforementioned comments are taken into account, carefully considered and mitigated against before you proceed with demolition. I would also like to apply for planning permission to add a car parking space to the rear of my garden. I trust that HBC will be supportive of this as a simple solution to offset the demolition of BRCP which is currently a vital amenity for residents with highly restrictive parking options, as is the case in Homewell.

I look forward to your comments and suggestions.

[redacted]

Response

Thank you for your comments. The Council has considered the demolition of the car park carefully, taking into account its current usage, available alternative parking provision and required ongoing maintenance costs. The car park does not have to be empty to be an inefficient use of the site; significant decline in the use of the car park since the pandemic means that funding the maintenance to keep it operational is an unviable option when there is plenty of other parking provision nearby. The Council is not obliged to maintain assets to benefit property prices for residents.

We have consulted with both Dolphin Court and the Bosmere School about the plans to demolish the Car Park and they have no objections. We also attended a public meeting facilitated by the Havant Civic Society about the demolition of the car park which residents and local businesses were able to attend. The Council plan to hold a further Q&A session for residents along with the contractor to talk through the method of demolition prior to commencement of any works.

There are five other HBC owned car parks within the town centre that have designated disabled parking bays as well as 51 on-street parking spaces on Market Parade, North Street and South Street that can be used by Blue Badge holders free of charge. HBC will monitor use of the existing disabled parking bays within the Meridian Centre and will look to increase the number if necessary. A full list of public and privately owned car parks in the borough can be found here: www.havant.gov.uk/parking-overview.

The Council have appointed a project manager who will be overseeing and administering the appointed demolition contractor who are a reputable, experienced local firm. It has been stressed to them that every effort should be made to limit the impact on the surrounding properties. A copy of the method statement for demolition is available on the FAQ page of the council website here: www.havant.gov.uk/bulbeckFAQ

Every effort is being made to secure a developer for the site, but as with every other site, no guarantee can be made as to its take-up. The Council is committed to seeking the best value outcome and will work with the successful bidder to move forward.

No traffic modelling has been undertaken considering the low usage of the Bulbeck Road site.

For further information and to submit a planning application please visit: www.havant.gov.uk/planningapplication.

(Objects)

Comment submitted date: Wed 28 Feb 2024

I object to the demolition of Bulbeck car park because as a local resident of Havant it is a valuable, central car park to use whilst shopping in Havant town centre.[redacted]the council have pre-agreed that parents can park here at school drop off times, using a 'park and stride' approach. This is a convenient place to park because it reduces the traffic on the prohibited school roundabout on South Street, and I fear that by removing access to this car park it will risk some parents to park on the already hazardous South Street! Additionally, parents will also add to the traffic by having to turn onto Solent Road in an already heavily congested area to park in another pre-agreed park and stride car park - Tesco.

Response

Thank you for your comment. There is plenty of alternative parking provided within the town centre. For a full list of public and privately owned car parks please visit: www.havant.gov.uk/parking-overview.

The Regeneration Team have been in contact with the local schools and Hampshire County Council's Transport Planning team to update the Park and Stride scheme and this will be communicated to parents for the new school year. There is sufficient parking within the Solent Road Retail Park which also benefits from controlled crossings between the car park and the schools.

(Neutral)

Comment submitted date: Wed 28 Feb 2024

Are you trying to close Havant High Street? We need to get people shopping. Demolish the car parks and where do people park, what about the flats behind where are they going to park? The council doesn't listen.

Response

Thank you for your comment. The Council has considered the demolition of the car park carefully, taking into account its current usage, available alternative parking provision and required ongoing maintenance costs. Data shows a significant decline in the use of the car park since the pandemic means that funding the maintenance to keep it operational is an unviable option when there is plenty of other parking provision nearby.

The High Street is serviced by a number of off street and street parking sites. For a full list of public and privately owned car parks please visit: www.havant.gov.uk/parking-overview.

(Neutral)

Comment submitted date: Fri 23 Feb 2024

[redacted]

I would like to know in advance if there are any plans to close Bulbeck Road.

Response

There are no plans to close the road permanently. The method statement provided by the contractors also shows that the road will remain open throughout the demolition. There may however be times where plant is moved in and out of the site that may require temporary closures but we would expect these to be infrequent, short in duration and exceptional.

Further details can be found on the FAQs page on our website at: www.havant.gov.uk/bulbeckFAQ.

(Neutral)

Comment submitted date: Wed 21 Feb 2024

[redacted] the building behind the Car Park, I am concerned about the impact of the demolition on the parking facilities for the residents. I would like to know what sort of parking provision is being made for residents by HBC while the demolition process is taking place please.

Response

Thank you for your comment. The parking facilities at Bulbeck Road are independent of any contract or rights relating to those pertaining to the flats and the Council has no obligation to retain the car park for nearby residents. The Council have been in direct dialogue with the long leaseholder/managing organisation of South Park Court since February 2024 and have been working collaboratively to identify a solution which minimises the loss of car parking spaces within South Park Court. All specific queries should be addressed to the long leaseholder/managing organisation of the site who have confirmed that they have been engaging with residents directly on this matter.

(Objects)

Comment submitted date: Tue 20 Feb 2024

[redacted] in my opinion the ASB has only increased since HBC decided it was to be demolished and the care, attention and maintenance was removed, perhaps some investment might have been a better way forward who knows, however, [redacted], all of which i have taken the time to reply to as requested in said letter and to this date never received a response.

Also, when we heard that there was a distinct possibility (1 year ago) that the car park was being deconstructed i contacted HBC and was assured somebody would be in touch....never happened. Now with roughly one month to go we receive a sudden flurry of communication as a tick box exercise i assume.

We understand the problems with the car park, [redacted]

Our comments are:

What has been put in place to limit dust and debris, SPC is very close to the demolition site, likewise noise pollution,

How long do you plan for the demolition to take?

Will there still be ample access to Bulbeck Road?

Where will the hoarding be sited(for example in SPC car park),

What will happen to the site once the car park has been demolished, will hoarding remain, will that then become an area of outstanding anti social behaviour? If there are no plans to build on the site then how long do you plan for it to lay waste?

If there are plans to build on the site...all of the above again.

Thank you for your comments. Residents and local businesses will be made aware of when the car park is due to close once planning permission has been confirmed and the demolition contractors are mobilised. Further details will be published on our website at: www.havant.gov.uk/bulbeckFAQ. The Council plan to hold a Q&A session for residents along with the contractor to talk through the method of demolition prior to commencement of any works.

The Council have appointed a project manager who will be overseeing and administering the appointed demolition contractor who are a reputable, experienced local firm. It has been stressed to them that every effort should be made to limit the impact on the surrounding properties. The demolition of the car park structure is expected to take around eight weeks, there will then be a period of ground investigation prior to the concrete sub-structure being demolished. The length of the second phase will be determined by what is found. The method statement that outlines the measures they will be taking can be found on the FAQ website: www.havant.gov.uk/bulbeckFAQ

It is not the intention for Bulbeck Road to be closed during the demolition and there is no plan to permanently remove the road. There may be some times where traffic is disrupted during the demolition but this will be kept to a minimum and will be communicated in advance to residents.

Officers have been made aware of concerns with the temporary hoarding and scaffolding located within South Park Court and residents' concerns have been taken into consideration in relation to the aesthetics, security, safety and dust suppression. Any work undertaken will be planning and policy compliant. This has all been relayed to the long leaseholder/managing organisation of the site. All details of the proposed measures can be found in the method statement linked above.

Every effort is being made to secure a developer for the site, but as with every other site, no guarantee can be made as to its take-up. The Council is committed to seeking the best value outcome and will work with the successful bidder to move forward. It is expected that the hoarding will remain in place until the building work commences. You will be able to see and comment on the proposed scheme when the developer submits a planning application.

(Objects)

Comment submitted date: Tue 20 Feb 2024

I am not in disagreement to the demolition of the Multi Storey car park, but the Tender Stage Method document shows 2.6 site layout plan, the hoarding running all the way through the SPC carpark, making the car park unusable for the duration of demolition. All businesses and home occupiers need to be consulted to come to a plan to provide safe and local alternative parking for residents and business staff and customers. The council need to seek alternative free parking for this to become acceptable.

I am not an expert in demolition but the proposed staff on this project looks small, maybe a larger team could complete the works quicker. I would like this considered also.

Response:

Thank you for your comment. The Council have been in direct dialogue with the long leaseholder/managing organisation of South Park Court since February and have been

working collaboratively to identify a solution which minimises the loss of car parking spaces within South Park Court. All specific queries should be addressed to the long leaseholder/managing organisation who have confirmed that they have been engaging with residents directly on this matter.

The appointed demolition contractors are a reputable and experienced local firm who were chosen after a comprehensive bidding process. The Council have appointed a project manager who will be overseeing the process and it has been stressed to the contractors that every effort should be made to limit the impact on the surrounding properties. The method statement that outlines the measures they will be taking can be found on the FAQ website: www.havant.gov.uk/bulbeckFAQ

(Supports)

Comment submitted date: Sun 18 Feb 2024

[redacted]

Your diagrams indicate some type of barrier/fencing right down the middle of the Southpark Court carpark which would completely stop my ability to use [redacted] and as regards access for anyone using the carpark currently both residents and retailers.

Clearly this is unacceptable to me and no doubt many others and any demolition planning should take this into consideration.

Clearly demolition means debris and safety issues etc but this is for HBC and the contractor to resolve.

[redacted]

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(Objects)

Comment submitted date: Thu 15 Feb 2024

email recd

Dear Mr Weaver

[redacted]

[redacted] and very concerned that the council car park will be demolished. Most of Bulbeck Road has double yellow lines and near the apartment door even disabled drivers cannot park. There will be nowhere for visitors, tradesmen, delivery drivers or even carers should we need them to park.

My other concern is that during the demolition there will be a huge amount of dust and at the moment the plan shows hoarding along the centre of our car park and [redacted] will be behind the hoarding. [redacted] who requires a car for doctor and hospital appointments plus visiting family. There doesn't appear to be any arrangements for residents that will be affected by the period of demolition.

Please record my concerns.

Yours sincerely
[redacted]

Thank you for your comments. The parking facilities at Bulbeck Road are independent of any contract or rights relating to those pertaining to the flats and the Council has no obligation to retain the car park for nearby residents. There is plenty of alternative parking provided within the town centre - a full list of which can be found here: www.havant.gov.uk/parking-overview.

The Council have been in direct dialogue with the long leaseholder/managing organisation of South Park Court since February and have been working collaboratively to identify a solution which minimises the loss of car parking spaces within South Park Court. All specific queries should be addressed to the long leaseholder/managing organisation who have confirmed that they have been engaging with residents directly on this matter.

The Council have appointed a project manager who will be overseeing and administering the appointed demolition contractor who are a reputable, experienced local firm. It has been stressed to them that every effort should be made to limit the impact on the surrounding properties. The method statement that outlines the measures they will be taking can be found on the FAQ website: www.havant.gov.uk/bulbeckFAQ

The Council plan to hold a Q&A session for residents along with the contractor to talk through the method of demolition prior to commencement of any works.

Comment submitted date: Fri 16 Feb 2024

I object because residents in South Park Court with no car park space will have nowhere to park. Neither will visitors, tradesmen, delivery drivers or possibly carers. Bulbeck Road is covered mostly in double yellow lines and near front door to South Park even disabled drivers cannot park. [redacted] South Park Court and should demolition take place

[redacted] no car park space during demolition. Also concerned about the dust that will be created. I feel HBC have no consideration for residents living close to multi storey car park. We need housing but Havant town centre is becoming overcrowded with no car parking facilities.

Response

Thank you for your comments. The parking facilities at Bulbeck Road are independent of any contract or rights relating to those pertaining to the flats and the Council has no obligation to retain the car park for nearby residents. There is plenty of alternative parking provided within the town centre, a full list can be found here: www.havant.gov.uk/parking-overview.

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(Objects)

Comment submitted date: Fri 16 Feb 2024

[redacted] South Park court, the demolition of the car park will affect [redacted] other residents that live here, and others in the local area too. It seems very little thought has gone in to those who actually live here, and how the changes will [redacted].[redacted]in the multi-storey car park everyday/night, I'd like to know what actions you'll take [redacted] alternative parking, that's safe to walk to and from [redacted]? Parking is horrendous as it is! Will the new building have parking, if so, are [redacted]allocated a set amount of spaces for those who've lost out? I'd also like to know how you plan on demolishing and rebuilding, without affecting the SPC (South Park court), Majestic wines & IHot spaces? It's very concerning [redacted]management company weren't aware of some of your plans that'll directly affect their customers! How will you manage the noise, dust and other factors that'll [redacted]everyday, for months? The level is disruption this'll cause to nearby residents, including those that are extremely vulnerable just hadn't been something you considered has it? The lack of communication, including the amount of different information[redacted] all been given is appalling! This isn't striking me as the kind of council that wishes to build positive relationships with their already existing residents, instead you wish to ignore us and carry on anyway.

I'm really looking forward to hearing your answers to all of the above questions.

Response

Thank you for your comments. The parking facilities at Bulbeck Road are independent of any contract or rights relating to those pertaining to the flats and the Council has no obligation to retain the car park for nearby residents. There is plenty of alternative parking provided within the town centre, a full list can be found here: www.havant.gov.uk/parking-overview.

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Residents and local businesses will be made aware of when the car park is due to close once planning permission has been confirmed and the demolition contractors are mobilised. The Council plan to hold a Q&A session for residents along with the contractor to talk through the method of demolition prior to commencement of any works.

Further details will be on our website, once they are available: www.havant.gov.uk/regeneration.

Comment submitted date: Fri 16 Feb 2024

email recd

Hello,

[redacted], the block of flats next to Bulbeck Road car park. We're absolutely appalled that there's talks to rip down the car park and it seems to me, reading through your plans, there's been no thought gone into it as to how this'll affect the local residents.

Firstly, [redacted] and I know other residents here also do the same. What're your plans to [redacted] alternative parking? I suggest if your brand spanking new building has any parking onsite or underground, you allocate some of those spaces to the local residents who've lost out!

[redacted], so the fact it'll no longer have nearby parking will decrease its value. What will

you do about that?

[redacted] elderly and extremely vulnerable residents that live in this block of flats, and you plan to cause them a whole load of disturbance! Those elderly residents have allocated parking onsite at South Park court, along with majestic wine & lhot. Where will they go when you plan to rip down the car park?

I think you also need to [redacted]management agent, Faircloth, as they haven't been made aware of your plans.

I'm really looking forward to hearing your answers to the above.

Thanks,
[redacted]

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Every effort is being made to secure a developer for the site, but as with every other site, no guarantee can be made as to its take-up. The Council is committed to seeking the best value outcome and will work with the successful bidder to move forward. It will be up to the successful developer to determine a scheme for the site that will be subject to planning permission as any other development.

(Objects)

Comment submitted date: Wed 14 Feb 2024

Having reviewed the documents relating to the demolition of the Bulbeck Road Multi Storey Car Park, I am concerned that the site hoarding, as shown in the 2.6 Site Layout Plan in the Tender Stage Method Statement appears to run through the centre of the South Park Court

(SPC) residents and IHot car park. If this is correct, what provision is going to be made for those parking spaces which would be lost for the duration of the demolition, or possibly permanently lost on completion. Also, will those residents with car parking spaces on the west side be impacted at all in entering or leaving the car park. Note that delivery lorries use the car park regularly and would potentially block access to those SPC spaces whilst on site as there would be insufficient space for cars to pass them.

Thank you for your comment. The Council have been in direct dialogue with the long leaseholders/managing organisation of South Park Court since February and have been working collaboratively to identify a solution which minimises the loss of car parking spaces within South Park Court. All specific queries should be addressed to the long leaseholder/managing organisation who have confirmed that they have been engaging with residents directly on this matter.

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The removal of spaces is a temporary measure whilst the demolition is carried out.

(Objects)

Comment submitted date: Mon 12 Feb 2024

See representation under documents tab rcvd 12.02.24

(Neutral)

Comment submitted date: Mon 12 Feb 2024

I work from home with a clear view of the car park from my office window. How do you plan to minimise disturbance to myself and my neighbours? To minimise the dust and debris during the demolition? When are you planning on speaking to local residents who live in the immediate area and explain how the effects of concrete/mortar/brick (etc) demolition will impact those who will have to live with the interruption. Have you consulted with the manager of the sheltered housing for the elderly or the charities that run the supported housing units in the immediate vicinity. May I suggest that you run a session for all of us who will be affected by this? Please note, I have no problem with the removal of the car park, however, I do have a problem with the lack of discussion with those who will be severely affected. Especially for those who cannot speak for themselves. Before you decry and say but you can read it on the website etc. I'm talking about the blocks of flats and houses that surround Bulbeck Road, not people who live further away. RSVP

Response

Thank you for your comments. The appointed demolition contractors are a reputable and experienced local firm who were chosen after a comprehensive bidding process. The Council have appointed a project manager who will be overseeing the process and it has

been stressed to the contractors that every effort should be made to limit the impact on the surrounding properties.

Residents and local businesses will be made aware of when the car park is due to close once planning permission has been confirmed and the demolition contractors are mobilised.

Further details can be found on our website at: www.havant.gov.uk/regeneration.

A public meeting on this was held at St Faith's Church on the 25th March facilitated by the Havant Civic Society where members of the public were invited to air their views and ask questions of the Executive Head of Service. The Council plan to hold a further Q&A session for residents along with the contractor to talk through the method of demolition prior to commencement of any works.

Reference: Bulbeck Road Car Park

Date: 10th February 2024

Dear Mr. Weaver

I am in receipt of your letter dated 6th February 2024 in respect of the proposal of the demolition and proposed restoration of the current multi storey car park, at Bulbeck Road Havant. I have been a resident of South Park Court, Bulbeck Road for the past 4 years and occupy a disabled parking space on the lower ground of said car park. As a user of a wheelchair, this car park is not only close and convenient but enables me the freedom to walk with my wheelchair to the car park which in turn grants me a small but significant piece of independence. My husband has a small van which he keeps in the car park also and pays his annual fee as required. I am at a loss to know where we would park our vehicles and what impact this would have for the 2 of us, should the planned demolition go ahead. What are the alternatives for the residents in the immediate area, especially those of us with a disability. I look forward to your response.

Thank you for your comment. The Council has considered the demolition of the car park carefully, taking into account its current usage and available alternative parking provision. There are five other HBC owned car parks within the town centre that have designated disabled parking bays as well as 51 on-street parking spaces on Market Parade, North Street and South Street that can be used by Blue Badge holders free of charge.

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