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The Parking Management Plan reads much like a theoretical exercise, not reflecting the reality of the vehicle parking situation over the last three years of the HNCC site construction and the future use of the site.

First, it should confirm that all the bays that were temporarily removed by the HNCC development will be restored.

Second, it should support the Travel Plan objectives of reducing car travel to the HNCC site by making all the parking bays in Bertram Street 'Resident Only' parking and remove the 'Pay and Display' bays. This should be complemented by a 'Resident Parking Only' sign at the entrance to Bertram Street to avoid cars driving down to find a parking spot and having to reverse out.

Third, the parking control hours in Bertram Street should be extended from the current 10.00 a.m. -12 noon Monday to Friday to, at least, 8.30 a.m. - 6.30 p.m. Monday to Sunday to reflect the fact that the community centre will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 p.m. seven days per week.

Fourth, there is statement that the new residents in the newly built flats in Bertram Street will not be allowed to apply for parking permits. This should make clear that this applies to all parking permits including Visitor Permits.

Fifth, the plan makes no mention of the council development at 2 Chester Road. This needs to be acknowledged and flagged as a significant issue to address in that Construction Management Plan to reduce the impact on parking spaces. In particular, to ensure that contractor vehicles (company and personal) are not allowed to park in the vicinity of the site. This was in the Construction Management Plan for the HNCC site but has, for three years, been largely ignored by the contractor. This needs to be ensured, monitored and significant sanctions taken when breached.

Travel Plan

The Travel Plan describes the measures planned to reduce vehicle trips to the HNCC site. It focuses on residents and staff and omits the most significant group which needs to avoid car travel to the site. This group is the users of the community centre. The plan should require all the community services, particularly HNCP, to ensure that users are aware that there is no parking on site and that cars should not be brought to the site and certainly not parked in Bertram Street. This should be less of a problem for the Early Years and Youth Services but the HNCP services often attract users from further afield for sports activities etc. and this has caused considerable congestion in the past, particularly with parents dropping off children at the centre.

The Travel Plan notes the problem of vehicles having to reverse out of Bertram Street onto Chester Road which is busy Bus and through route. It mentions the safety implications but offers no remediation. There used to be a speed hump outside the Star Pub on the corner of Bertram Street and Chester Road. This was removed by contractors and not replaced by the council. This must be replaced as a priority in order to slow traffic down at this junction both for pedestrians accessing the site and cars reversing out of Bertram Street.

I hope these comments are of assistance and will be taken into account