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2023/3746/P	Catharine Wells	03/10/2023 22:04:00	OBJ	<p>My comments, concerns and objections to this Parking Management Plan. It was certainly avoidable and is seriously concerning that the Parking MP and the Traffic MP were not thought through at the same time as the planning application for this enclosed development which is of course only accessible via a narrow one way street (Bertram) leading off from another narrow one way street (Chester) a recipe for disaster and an accident waiting to happen.</p> <p>The Parking Management Plan fails to reflect the reality of the vehicle parking situation over the last 3/4 years of the HNCC site construction and the future use of the site.</p> <p>The plan must confirm that all the bays, temporarily removed by the HNCC development, will be restored.</p> <p>Second, it must demonstrate support for 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.</p> <p>NB reversing out into an important busy one way street used by buses and emergency vehicles goes against The Highway Code and all safe driving rules and must not be condoned or encourage by Camden Council. 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. There is no spare capacity in the nearby streets for disabled badge parking as so many spaces have been taken over by electric charging, cycle hangars etc. In addition there are too many people misusing these badges.</p> <p>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 guaranteed, monitored and significant sanctions taken when breached. (Camden has failed in this regard in relation to the HNCC demolition/construction.</p> <p><b>Travel Plan</b></p> <p>I asked Camden Council to change the name of the pedestrian cycle route inside the HNCC site from a continuation of Bertram St to Bertam Close or Walk to discourage delivery vehicles and others from trying to access the site and causing a dangerous blockage which could impeded emergency vehicles. Despite my best efforts this was deliberately and most unprofessionally ignored by Camden Officers. The Plan fails to mitigate against the possibility of an emergency and there being no way for emergency vehicles to swiftly access the site.</p> <p>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.</p>

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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 solution which is unacceptable. 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.

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