

Application No:	Consultees Name:	Received:	Comment:	Response:
2024/2094/P	jerome de biasi	25/06/2024 20:13:24	OBJ	<p>This company, NCP, tried to be very subtle by somehow taking over this piece of land that was supposedly used for long-term storage of vehicles, to turn it into a public car park.</p> <p>That's very cheeky, if not misleading, to do that under the radar. Since opening the public car park, this has created significant movements of private vehicles - they have very cheap prices, bookable by the hour, and therefore cheap parking means increased movement, which every time has to cross the pavements, creating a supplementary safety risk, even more so as this is an otherwise fairly quiet residential street.</p> <p>If we ignore for a second how they started the business...if a business was to apply to open a public car park, I believe the council should reject the application, as this is contrary to the objectives of net zero, which includes reducing the amount of driving we do as a society. Cheap car parking does the exact opposite, and incentivises trips of all lengths, short and long, as you know you have cheap parking at the other end of your journey. Tradespeople and people who genuinely need to drive and park already have access to the council's 'pay and display' parking bays, which are charged based on a bunch of parameters such as diesel surcharge, which NCP to my knowledge don't apply. Longer term, I can see how this could de incentivise people to switch to greener alternatives, whether that's 'better' vehicles, or active travel, and as such the planning request should be rejected</p>

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