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Proposed redevelopment of Guildford Park Road Car Park

We would like to thank everyone for providing feedback and attending the information events held in November 2015.

All of the comments you provided are being reviewed by the project team and will be taken into consideration prior to submitting the planning application.

Snapshot

















Residents, employees, employers and other stakeholders provided feedback Information events were held at Guildford Park Church on the 18th and the 19th of November 2015 People attended the information events

Visits to the project website were made between 16th November and 4th December 2015



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Emerging feedback themes

The aim of the pre-application consultation was to present our proposals for the redevelopment of Guildford Park Road Car Park and to seek your feedback on our plans.



We are in the process of reviewing and considering all of your comments and our initial analysis has identified the following main themes:

- Redeveloping the surface car park to deliver new housing was supported by the majority of respondents with a large number agreeing that the scheme would improve an otherwise unattractive and underused part of the town centre.
- The range of housing including the high provision of affordable dwellings was generally supported.
- Re-providing town centre car parking through a multi storey car park was strongly supported.
- There was a need for further work on the design of the multi-storey car park as the majority of respondents were unsupportive of initial designs.
- Clear support for the linear park and limiting the amount of on-street car parking through an underground provision for the residents.
- There was not a strong preference either for or against the incorporation of other uses within the car park such as retail or employment.
- Concern about the road layout and the impact on through traffic and the general increase of traffic in the area. Further work needed to ensure the scheme does not exacerbate existing car parking problems in the surrounding area.
- Concern from some garage tenants about the loss of existing garages.

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Next steps

Over the coming weeks we will complete our detailed review and consideration of all the comments made during the consultation. We will then develop a Statement of Community Involvement which will be submitted as part of the planning application. This report will provide a more detailed summary of the comments received and how these have been taken into consideration by the project team.

Approximate timing



January 2016

Review feedback and refine the proposals for planning application.

April 2016

Planning application submitted along with transport assessment, flood risk assessment and visual impact assessment.

May 2016

Guildford Borough Council planning department will undertake statutory consultation with the public and statutory consultees.

Summer 2016

Application assessed and considered by Guildford Borough Council Planning Committee.

There will be a further opportunity to comment once Guildford Borough Council's planning department receives our application and undertakes a statutory consultation on the proposal. This will be a formal process and the planning application, technical studies and associated drawings will be available for review.