

PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING DECISION FOR THE CANNON PARK CAR PARK REDEVELOPMENT: IT IS APPROVED

At the Coventry City Council Planning Committee meeting held on Thursday 14th February 2019, the Committee voted to approve this application by 5 votes to 1, with one abstention. The planning application was therefore agreed in its entirety by the Committee, as documented in FUL/2018/2651.

Councillor Gary Crooks made a very strong case for the scheme to be scaled down, which would have gone a considerable way to addressing the real concerns of local residents. These concerns had been expressed by the objections in 133 individual letters and a 110 multi-signature letter, that the Council received following the first consultation. A further 91 letters of objection were submitted following the second consultation. These concerns were so ably confirmed at the meeting by Councillor Tim Sawdon, and local residents Dave Goodwin, Pip Pountney and Dave Swanson. All these objections and concerns were discounted.

The first consequence of this redevelopment will be later this year, with the construction of the multi-story car park next to St Joseph the Worker Church, which will be preceded by the provision of temporary car parking. It can be expected that there will be major issues with access to parking and traffic flow from the time this work gets underway.