

**EXECUTIVE**

**24 November 2021**

**QUESTIONS FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**1. From Peter Eustace to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Noting that the car park survey was taken just as lock down ended and not at a more representative recent time why were local businesses and the surgery not consulted about the impact of loss of parking on customers/patients and employee parking.

**Reply:**

A transport assessment was undertaken and the details of this can be found in the Transport Statement appended to the public committee report.

To assess the parking needs of the area, as well as the June 2021 survey, pre Covid-19 parking data was analysed. West Wickham town centre has several car parks and it has been demonstrated on both counts that the loss of this car park, for much needed housing, will not impact on parking provision in the town centre. There is enough space in the other car parks to absorb the loss of these spaces.

The Council is very focused on ensuring the resilience and strength of our local economies. Based on the data we are confident that this scheme will not impact negatively on businesses. Indeed, it will bring more customers in to the town centre through both the housing and the additional footfall that is anticipated through the extension and refurbishment of the library.

**2. From Peter Eustace to the Portfolio Holder for Renewal, Recreation and Housing**

Is the Executive happy with the consultation process? A low number of people responded and when we checked many local residents had not heard of it and would have objected as shown by this quick petition taken in a short time.

**Reply:**

Yes.