Whalley Parish Council



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Planning Department Ribble Valley Borough Council Church Walk Clitheroe

Dear Mr Dowd:

The parish council planning committee met on the 19th November 2015 and reviewed the following:

PLANNING APPLICATION 3/2015/0794

3/2015/0794 display car park	Proposal:	Demolition of industrial units and construct pay and
	Location:	Abbey Works Back King St Whalley BB7 9SP
	Observations	

The Parish Council request RVBC Officers to consider the following in respect to this application:

- a. LCC Highways has yet to make any informed judgement especially in ways this proposal will impact on Back King St and King St.
 - Back King St is narrow constricted side road, always full of parked cars. A car park with resultant extra traffic will only result in grid lock unless car parking is prohibited and consequently enforced by traffic officers.
 - (ii) To gain entrance to the car park motorists will have to leave King St at the roundabout adjacent to the Dog Inn. This is a very busy junction whereby motorists will enter a very narrow side cobbled area usually full of parked cars but also deliveries to the Dog Inn. When these deliveries take place entrance to the car park is blocked. This will result in tail backs of traffic on King St and Accrington Road.
 - (iii) The cobbled area (see ii above) is also a major pedestrian thoroughfare to the Parish Church, library and shops from King St. The separation of vehicles from pedestrians needs to be addressed as a matter of safety.
- b. There is no clear indication as to how this car park is to be managed with respect to CCTV and lighting; this may be intrusive to neighbours.
- c. The car park will need road signs in the vicinity of King St indicating the location of the car park; care in design and sighting needs to be considered otherwise they may be detrimental to a conservation area.
- d. Due to the present congestion on King St the Parish Council is minded that space is provided for adjacent business employees on a contractual basis.

e. Reference is made to repairing the church yard wall. This is a heritage wall in a conservation area in which specific building material and construction practices are mandatory.

Yours Sincerely,

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Clerk to Whalley Parish Council