

Advanced Print Solutions Ltd (APS) operates from the existing unit at Central Garage and has done for 8 years. The proposed unit, to be built behind Central Garage on Warwick Street, will be accessed by the wide entrance to the car park. The gates and some of the post to the right-hand side will be removed to gain more space than the extra 10cm required by LHA, increasing the width from 5.9m to 6.2m.

Pedestrians will continue to enter APS on foot through the front door on Warwick Street, customers will enter the new unit via the car park to the side of the existing unit. Customer parking is clearly sign posted and customers will use the car park provided which has 5 spaces as detailed in the Joint Lancashire Structure Plan. Further to this should customers require extra car parking spaces, the site is located 60m from Berry Lane which has limited waiting time bays along the public highway for one hour during 9am-6pm Monday-Saturday. There is also a public car park located along Barclay Road which is within walking distance of the. Furthermore, the site is located in a sustainable location in the centre of Longridge, which is well served by public transport such as buses via hourly services. The bus stops are located within walking distance of the site

Should customers or employees live more locally, they may walk to the site further reducing parking demand.

Staff

The on-site car park will supply 5 parking spaces which is the required number of parking spaces as detailed in the Joint Lancashire Structure Plan. All staff will be instructed to park in the on-site car park and will be expressly instructed not to park on Warwick Street. There is also a public car park located along Barclay Road which is within walking distance of the site. Furthermore, the site is located in a sustainable location in the centre of Longridge, which is well served by public transport such as buses via hourly services. The bus stops are located within walking distance of the site. (please see the LHA's response to RVBC planning application 3/2023/0055 for source of this information)

Deliveries

APS receives deliveries from DPD, Fed-Ex etc, who use large vans. Vans use the on-site car park or use the existing delivery point established for Central Garage when delivering. Vans can manoeuvre in the car park (as shown in the parking review) which clearly shows that it is possible to enter the onsite car park in a forward gear and exit in a forward gear whilst allowing for 5 car parking spaces. Deliveries for the new unit will be by van either from the car park or from the existing delivery point (used successfully by the existing business).

APS is also accessed by a full-sized vehicular access shutter door, with a width of 5m and a dropped kerb, this is also used for loading/unloading of stock. This door is clearly signed to be kept free for 24hr access, and once the H Bar in front of the shutter has been installed, will be utilised by APS and the new unit for deliveries.

Within Planning Application 3/2022/0622 the LHA's response states that "The LHA have reviewed the provided Operation Statement and are aware that pedestrians and customers will access the proposal from Stanley Street, while staff members, entertainers, contractors and deliveries will use the Warwick Street access." In this application the LHA seem to be actively recommending that this business uses Warwick Street for deliveries and servicing.

Other similar planning applications show that The LHA have accepted that other businesses can use Warwick Street for parking and servicing, despite this the new and old unit on the Central Garage site will provide loading space, staff parking and customer parking as required by the Joint Lancashire Structure Plan.

We have noted the LHA's comments about the following planning applications:

Application number 3/2022/0622:

within which the LHA have stated "The LHA have reviewed the supporting documents and are aware that no off-street parking facilities will be provided for the proposal. While the LHA would require 10 parking spaces to comply with the LHAs parking guidance as defined in the Joint Lancashire Structure Plan, the LHA will accept the shortfall."

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"As already mentioned above, the site does not provide any off-street car parking facilities. For a hot-food takeaway to comply with the LHAs parking guidance, as defined in the Joint Lancashire Structure Plan, the LHA require the proposal to provide 37 car parking spaces. However, the LHA will accept the shortfall in parking."