

There are currently 91 holders of so called "white permits" who are able to park in Salisbury Square at any time. There has been no attempt in the Application to analyse who they are and the effect of removing their ability to park in the Square.

A recent survey done the last week in January showed that on average 58 vehicles parked in the Square in the day and 18 at night. Where will these vehicles go or will they just seek parking permits causing even more pressure on the limited number of permits?

4,COMOUK

The inclusion of their paper supports the application and the move from individual private transport, which in the long term is a good idea, but the implied timescales are far too short. Concern must also be expressed at the claim that the applicant intends "to remove parking spaces over time and replace them with public real improvements". Clearly support is given to the objective but this can only be achieved by substantial public investment over a sustained period of time. When will this happen?

Perhaps WHBC should consider making all new planning applications free of private garages or parking spaces?

5,CAR CLUB

It is a shame that the Hatfield Strategic plan for 2030 does not support the role out of Car Clubs as without many locations the venture will not be attractive or viable.

6,HIYACAR

Rather than a car club perhaps GCE could consider setting up an organisation similar to the above. This enables residents to rent their own car to others for any time they wish. This would greatly reduce the demand for personal vehicles!

7,EFFECT OF IMPLEMENTING THE DEVELOPMENT

As noted before there are many more parking permits than spaces. The clearing out of the White List along with the increasing number of houses/flats will just put even more pressure on spaces.

It is therefore proposed that a condition is placed on the development that Batterdale A&B remain spaces for permit holders for a period of ten years from the date of the approval of the application.

8,CONCLUSION

Despite the many challenges, subject to the condition in item 7 above there are no issues with parking which should prevent the approval of the application.

