

Gosling Sports Centre – Car Parking Survey

This statement is prepared in support of the application to discharge condition 1 Car Park at the Gosling Sports Park (application ref. 6/2022/2065/COND) of the application for the *Partial redevelopment of the Hertfordshire Constabulary Headquarters site* approved under planning permission 6/2021/2125/MAJ.

It is proposed to utilise an area shown on submitted plan no. HCHQ-VGA-XX-XX-DR-AR-00140-PL01 for a Contractors holding bay for deliveries, lorries and construction vehicles and for temporary storage containers for machinery or materials (highlighted extract of the plan shown at Figure 1). This area will be linked to the Stanborough Police Headquarters site via a Contractors Haul Road and currently forms part of the Gosling Sports Centre car park.

A car parking survey was undertaken to establish the current occupancy of the car park during two week days and one Saturday during week commencing 24th October 2022. This week was half term for Hertfordshire and was chosen following discussions with the case officer. The survey was carried out during both AM and PM periods.

The Gosling Sports Centre car park has a total of 394 spaces. The proposed area for the contractors parking is 74 car parking spaces and this equates to 19% of the total number of car parking spaces. The average vacancy percentage over all the surveys was 40%. The highest occupation of the car park was on Thursday AM when it had a 32% vacancy.

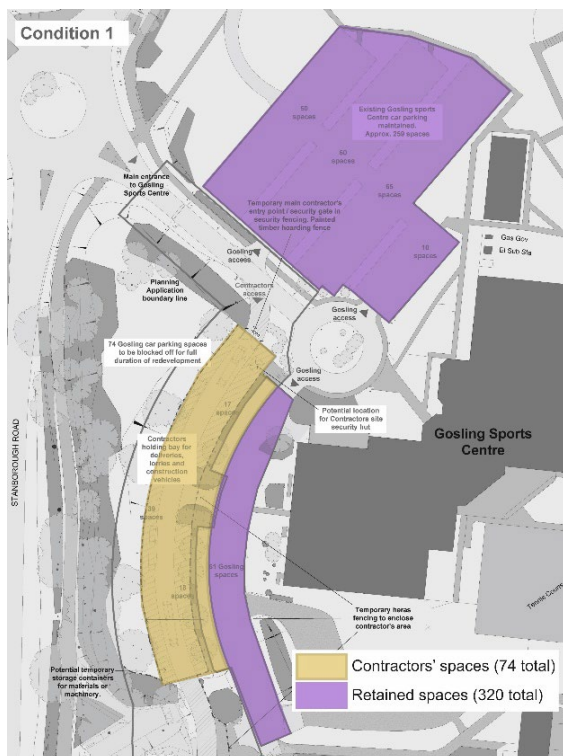


Figure 1 – Annotated extract from plan no. HCHQ-VGA-XX-XX-DR-AR-00140-PL01

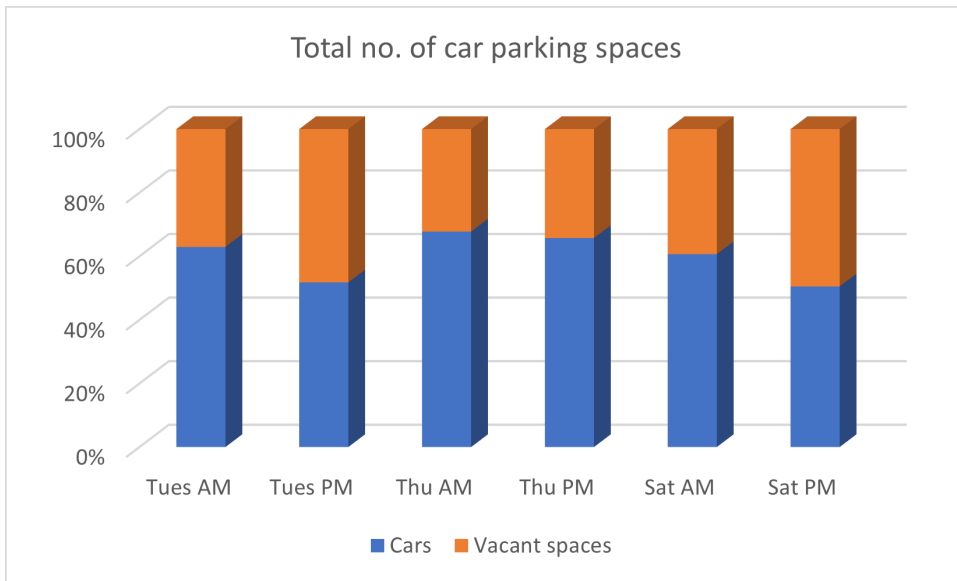


Figure 2 - Vacancy rates per day (AM and PM)

Figure 2 shows the total car park occupation and illustrates that there were consistently significantly more vacant spaces than the area for the proposed contractors parking.

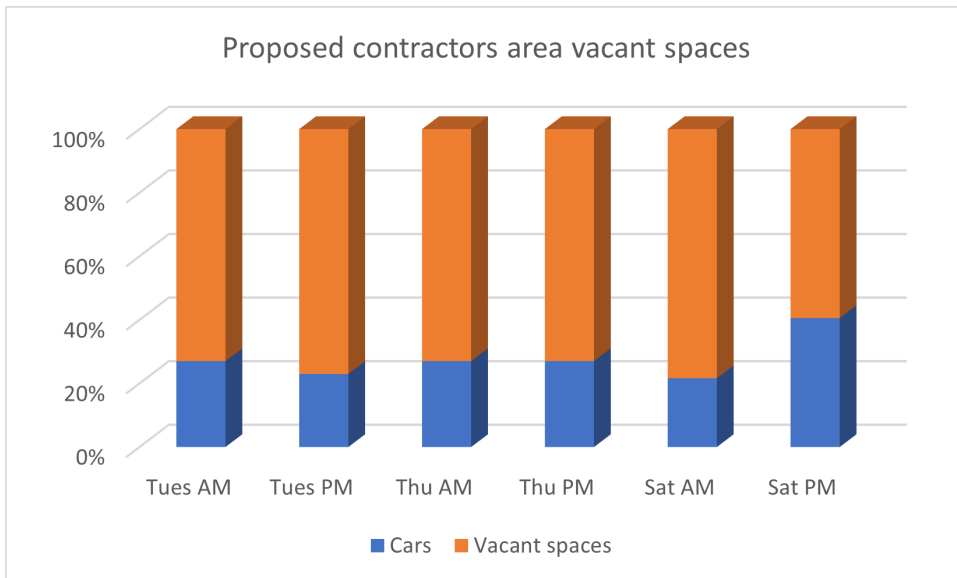


Figure 3 – Proposed contractors area vacancy rates per day (AM and PM)

When comparing the overall occupancy of the proposed contractors parking area Figure 3 shows that this area has a much greater vacancy rate. Appendix 1 gives a detailed breakdown of the number of vacant spaces and their location and date / time of survey.

Conclusion

The car park survey has established that there was a minimum capacity of 32% and an average capacity of 40% which when compared to the proposed contractors parking area of 19% gives assurance that the use of this area for the construction period would not negatively impact on the users of the Gosling Sports Centre.

Appendix 1 - details of the car park vacancy as both totals and percentages.

	Total no. of vacant spaces (394 total spaces)	No. of vacant spaces in retained existing Gosling Sports Centre car park (320 total spaces)	No. of vacant spaces in Stanborough Police HQ contractors area of car park (74 spaces)
Tuesday 25 th October (10am)	146 (37%)	92 (29%)	54 (73%)
Tuesday 25 th October (2.30pm)	190 (48%)	133 (42%)	57 (77%)
Thursday 27 th October (10 am)	127 (32%)	73 (23%)	54 (73%)
Thursday 27 th October (2.30pm)	135 (34%)	81 (25%)	54 (73%)
Saturday 29 th October (11am)	155 (39%)	97 (30%)	58 (78%)
Saturday 29 th October (2.30pm)	207 (53%)	163 (51%)	44 (59%)