

Statement to Resources PDS Panel – 25th November 2015

Agenda Item 6

Capital Funding for Car Park on Peasedown Recreation Ground

Dear Panel Members,

In 2014, Peasedown St John's biggest ever parking survey was conducted to seek residents' views on how to address 1) the increasing problems of traffic in the centre of the village at the start and end of the school day and 2) parking problems specific to each street.

Put together by myself and former councillor Nathan Hartley, every single home received a copy, and more than 300 responded.

The survey itself provided 5 options that residents could vote on that might alleviate the parking and traffic problems that occur in the centre of Peasedown.

In a nutshell, with a village of 7,000 residents and local infrastructure at pre-1991 levels (after which the bulk of Peasedown's new 1,300 homes were built) there just isn't enough room for all the cars that we have in our local high street (Bath Road).

The survey found that the majority of residents favoured building a car park on the Recreation Ground. The land, which is home to a football pitch, skatepark and play area, is an ideal location for a new 30-space parking area which could be used by sporting teams, visitors to the play facilities, as well as parents taking children to school, and users of the local shops.

A large amount of funding wouldn't be needed. If it was built using a 'grasscrete' foundation then £30,000 would be the expected amount of funding needed for this project.

Residents of Peasedown St John would like the panel to consider proposing this for inclusion in the 2016/16 council budget.

Please do consider this statement, and its contents, at your meeting – or if it's more applicable, at your January meeting.

Yours,

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