

Additional Car Park, South Tyneside Hospital

Parking Statement

AMOUNT:

The proposed additional car parking area at South Tyneside Hospital would consist of approximately 900m² of new tarmac area (including proposed access road off existing hospital road) and would provide an additional 39 car parking spaces.

USE:

Due to the level of service the Acute Hospital provides within South Tyneside, staffing levels are considerably higher than in other facilities within the borough. South Tyneside NHS Foundation Trust currently employs 4300 persons and caters for 427 inpatient beds. The site also provides services for day services and emergency care.

The existing car park provides 942 car parking bays, including disabled parking bays. On a typical day all spaces are occupied with any remaining visitors / staff having to park on the adjacent roads. This has led to complaints from neighbouring properties and raised anxiety of the local residents. During shift changes and times of visiting this all leads to a very congested car park area which can often cause disruption to traffic in the area.

It is hoped that the proposed additional car parking provision of 39 bays will help alleviate the congestion issues and neighbouring problems related to the existing car park considerably.

LAYOUT:

It is proposed to locate the additional car parking on land to the boundary of the existing hospital site adjacent to Harton Lane. Due to the nature of the site, and location of certain groups of existing trees, the proposed layout has been designed to maximise the number of useable car parking bays possible. Access is via the existing Hospital road network from an existing stretch of road off the current parking area.

SCALE:

The scale of the proposed development is determined by the useable site area available.

LANDSCAPING:

Tarmac is proposed to be used as the surface for the proposed car park which will match that of the existing Hospital car park. Surrounding areas will be grassed to match the current arrangement.

APPEARANCE:

With reference to the above, the scheme consists of landscaping features which have been designed to blend into their environment with materials to match existing.

Lighting columns are proposed to allow the additional car parking to be used in the evenings and winter mornings.

ACCESS:

VEHICULAR & TRANSPORT LINKS:

Access to the Hospital will remain as existing with the main entrance off Harton Lane. There will be no alterations to the entrance / exit within the scope of these works.

No pedestrian routes to and around the site will be affected by these works.