

## **Planning Application Supporting Document**

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### **Car Parking Provisions**

Following the installation of the substation to Pavillion Gardens Car Park, the car park will provide a total of 187 parking spaces, including 13 designated disabled spaces. This represents approximately 6.95% of the total parking capacity, exceeding the 6% provision recommended by Department for Transport guidance for car parks serving shopping areas, leisure and recreational facilities and places open to the general public.

The wider area also benefits from a number of alternative public car parks, providing additional capacity should demand at the main car park be high. These include:

- Market Place, Car Park – 52 spaces
- The Slopes, Car Park – 62 spaces
- Market Street, Car Park – 86 spaces

This represents a further 200 parking spaces within the surrounding area, in addition to the 187 spaces retained within the main car park.

Accordingly, there are approximately 387 spaces available across these four car parks in total which are all within walking distance of Pavillion Gardens and the Leisure Centre.

The availability of this additional capacity provides a degree of resilience within the local parking network and reduces the likelihood that any shortfall arising from the loss of six standard spaces would result in significant displacement onto the surrounding highway network, including Burlington Road.

This conclusion can be further supported by the recorded peak occupancy of the car parks. Where peak occupancy remains below full capacity, the number of unused spaces provides a clear indication of the available parking reserve and demonstrates that the loss of six standard spaces can be accommodated within the existing local parking supply without creating a material risk of overspill.

On this basis, the proposed reallocation is not considered to result in an unacceptable reduction in parking provision. The retained provision of 13 disabled spaces (6.95% of total capacity) also ensures that the car park continues to exceed the 6% benchmark for disabled parking provision.