

Proposed Long Stay Car Park – Reliance House, Long Street, Dursley.

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### Frequently Asked Questions

#### **What are the project costs?**

The project costs remain confidential until such time as the purchase is complete, this information is commercially sensitive. The project has not resulted in any raised precept (local tax) for 2017/18, with cost being met from reserves and a new 20-year loan from the Public Works Loan Board. There will be full disclosure of all project costs in accordance with the Audit and Accounts Regulations 2015.

#### **Why has the purchase of the car-park not been completed?**

The Council have inserted a clause in the purchase that the purchase is subject to obtaining a “change of use” planning permission, this will be required to use the location as a public car-park. The time frame for completion is dependent on Stroud District Councils decision making on the planning application.

#### **Will the car park be free to use?**

The Council have not taken a final decision on whether to charge for parking or issuing season tickets etc. The Council will listen to local opinion before deciding on this matter.

#### **Will the car-park be available to local residents?**

The information available indicates that long stay parking is the priority for the town. No decision has been taken on the extent or maximum length of stay, but it is envisaged the car park will be available to benefit visitors, walkers, business owners, traders, employees and local residents.

#### **Will the project be detrimental to the current traffic issues on Long Street?**

The Council believe the project will be beneficial to Long Street and the town centre in general. The additional parking being utilised by residents and customers of the local businesses should prevent the congestion currently being experienced and free up spaces in other parking locations. There are already enforceable parking restrictions in Long Street, which would remain after the new car park is available.

The previous temporary Long Stay car-park was not detrimental to Long Street.

#### **Could the building be used in the short term for another purpose?**

The Council have no plans to use the building in the short term, due to its condition it not really suitable for sub-letting. The short-term plan is to utilise the existing car parking until such time as the full project can be carried out increasing the available parking.

#### **What will happen to Jacob’s House?**

The Town Council have no plans to relocate our office to Reliance House and will continue our existing arrangement to rent Jacob’s House from the Town Trust.

#### **Can we comment on the planning application?**

Yes, the Town Council would encourage as many people as possible to comment on the planning application via the Stroud District Council website. The Town Council will indicate when the submission is made and commenting is available.