



Planning Committee

29 September 2015

Planning application no.	15/00616/FUL	
Site	Arts And Drama Centre, Merridale Lane, Wolverhampton	
Proposal	Alterations and extensions to car park to create an additional 20 spaces.	
Ward	Park	
Applicant	Wolverhampton Grammar School	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Peter Bilson Economic Regeneration and Prosperity	
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1. Summary Recommendation

- 1.1 Grant subject to conditions.

2. Application site

- 2.1 The application site is the Arts and Drama Centre for Wolverhampton Grammar School located on Merridale Lane. The building includes classrooms and a drama performance facility.

3. Application Details

- 3.1 Alterations and extensions to the existing car park located at the rear of the site to create an additional 20 spaces. This is not a patron parking facility and the car park would continue to be used only by school staff and performers performing at the Arts and Drama facility.

Planning history

- 4.1 Relevant planning history:

15/00617/RC - Removing conditions from a previous planning permission - Variation of conditions 12 and 14 of planning permission 05/1029/FP/M (two storey arts and drama facility) to allow use by non-school groups and increase evening performances up to a maximum of 75 in a year - Application under consideration.

05/1029/FP/M - Brincars Citroen, Merridale Lane - Arts & drama facility for Wolverhampton Grammar School, comprising a two storey building, six parking spaces and associated landscaping. Granted by Planning Committee 26 September 2005.

5. Relevant Policy Documents

- 5.1 National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)
- 5.2 The Development Plan:
Wolverhampton Unitary Development Plan (UDP)
Black Country Core Strategy (BCCS)

6. Publicity

- 6.1 Six letters of objection have been received. Reasons for objection include impact on amenity and highway safety.

7. Consultees

- 7.1 Transportation – No objections.
- 7.2 Environmental Health – No objections.
- 7.3 Tree Officer – No objections.

8. Legal Implications

- 8.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report KR/10092015/X

9. Appraisal

- 9.1 The premises forms part of the Wolverhampton Grammar School and the area has been utilised for staff and performer parking since the conversion and extension of the building to create the Arts and Drama Facility. The proposed car parking spaces will be constructed on an area of landscaping with trees.
- 9.2 There is no objection to the loss of a small number of the trees and the landscaping on the site. The re-configuration of the site would be appropriate and would not cause significant impact on visual amenity.
- 9.3 The increase in car parking would not cause undue impact on neighbouring amenity.
- 9.4 Parking is currently managed by the school and is controlled by planning condition. Parking is also subject to an approved travel plan. A revised travel plan has been

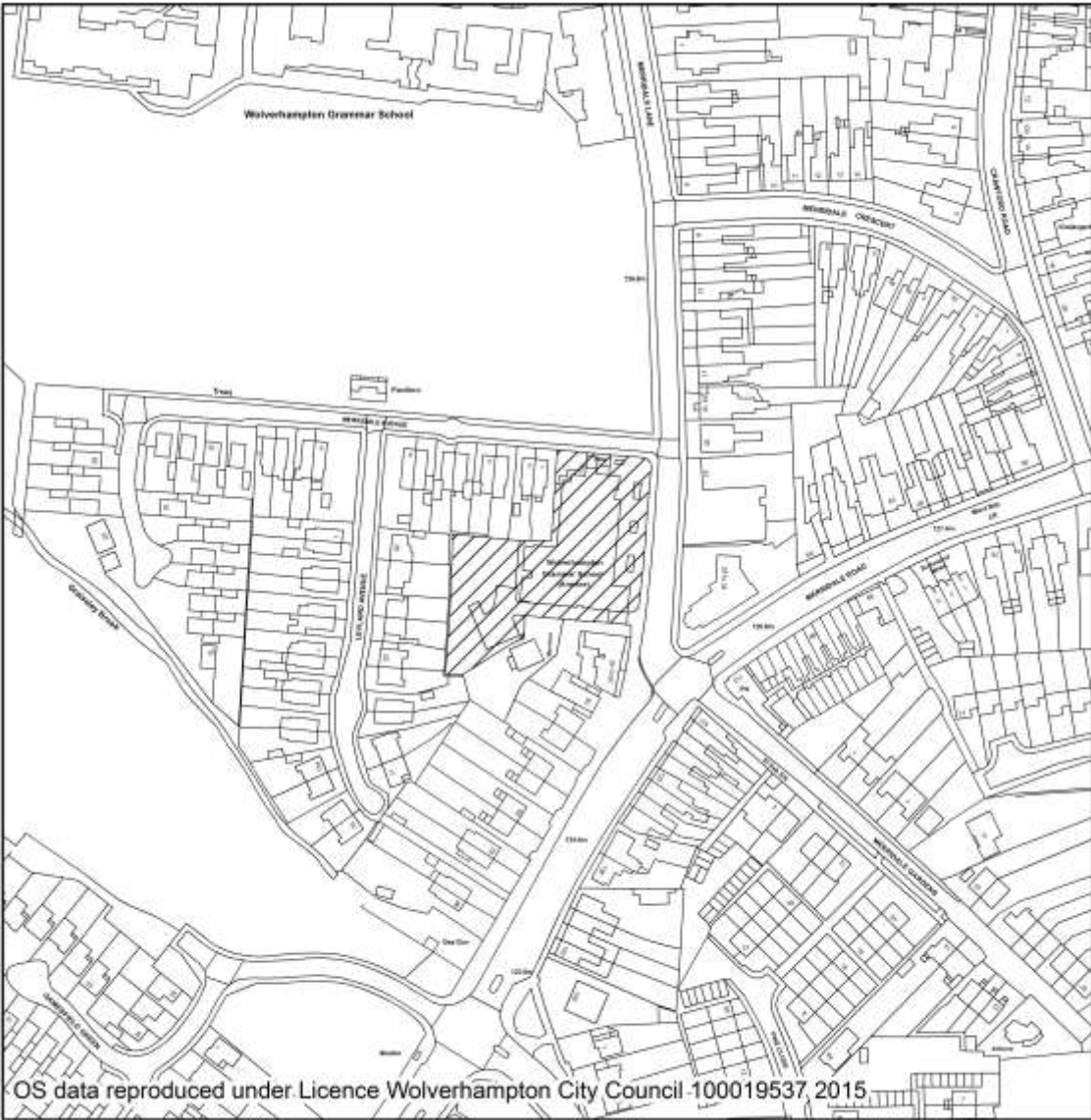
received and can be conditioned so that the car park is restricted to staff and performer use only.

10. Conclusion

- 10.1 Subject to conditions as recommended, the development would be acceptable and in accordance with the development plan.

11. Detailed Recommendation

- 11.1 That planning application 15/00616/FUL be granted, subject to any appropriate conditions including:
- Tree protection
 - Travel plan
 - Staff and performer use only



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