

16. CORRESPONDENCE – Events area related e-mails from 25th November 2019 onwards – A series of e-mails have been received in relation to the events area proposal in the former cattle market. Eight were received on the 25th November 2019 alone, with a ninth received the day after. These share similar concerns at the moving of the disabled car parking spaces to the Liskerrett centre end of the car park, the reduction in the number of disabled car parking spaces and the drastic reduction in the total number of car parking spaces in the whole of the former cattle market car park caused by the events areas proposal.

All of these correspondents have been provided with a plan of the revised car parking proposals. (As attached). This shows no reduction in the number of disabled car parking spaces. The disabled spaces being moved only a very short distance. It also gives an estimate, that the reconfiguration of the adjacent parking area and the events area proposal, will reduce the number of standard car parking spaces by 4 out of a total 216. The correspondents were also reminded that the events area / civic space proposal has not only emerged from the 2019 Charette community consultation, but also featured in the regeneration studies and strategies dating to 2010, 2008 and 2002.

A response has been received “I would like to withdraw my objection to the loss of car parking spaces. The loss of just 4 spaces is well worth the benefits the proposed events area would bring to the town”.

There have also been a number of e-mails supporting the proposal of an events area as way of generating increased footfall to the town centre. Cornwall Council also contacted us on the 10th December and “confirmed that CC as the landlord would cover the cost of the rates on the events space and is happy for this to be confirmed in the lease”.

The e-mails received are set out below in date order:

Disabled Parking

25th November 2019

Dear Sir,

As a person, resident and disabled rate payer living in the town of Liskeard, I was disturbed and horrified to learn of the town council's plans to remove the disabled parking spaces from the entrance to the cattle market, adjacent to Spar shop and move them to the back exit adjacent to the Liskerrette centre. I must object to this move most strongly, since it would discriminate unfairly to people in my position. As a long term sufferer from Parkinson's the town offers quite enough obstacles to my free movement as it is and this appears to me too be an ill thought out and retrograde measure.

Please see that my objections are dully noted.

Yours sincerely

Kelvin I Jones.

Proposed changes to the cattle market

25th November 2019

To whom it may concern

As a business owner I am very concerned about the plans to remove parking spaces from the cattle market to move the location of the community centre.

As a Hairdressing salon we bring a lot of trade into the town, some of these people only come into town when they have their hair done and actually wouldn't come in at all if it wasn't for us.

We need to keep these people coming in and parking is a big factor we have lots of disabled people and elderly who use our salon and park in the cattle market to avoid the hill or the steps in upper and lower sungirt carpark.

To remove many of these spaces would greatly penalise these people and they may choose to instead have a mobile hairdresser which will greatly effect not only our business the businesses in the town they use whilst they are visiting us.

I don't see how moving a community centre that already has premises will bring anymore business into Liskeard. It seems a lot of money to put into this development which will not benefit the other business that are currently supporting our town.

Between myself my business partner and my sister we have three businesses in the town that have been successful for over 15 years. The council needs to listen to the local businesses who have been in the town for years and have experience in business. We are the ones who see first hand and also listen to the general public on a daily basis about what the town needs to thrive.

I have never heard anyone say we need a new community centre. I hear people saying we need to reduce parking costs, more parking is needed, more businesses in town to draw people in.

Please listen to the local businesses think carefully about how this money is spent. Don't make it harder for people to access our town and stop the elderly or disabled from being able to park and come in for a coffee or a haircut.

Many Thanks

Becky Sandy

Director Red Hairdressing LTD

PARKING OBJECTION AT CATTLE MARKET

25th November 2019

To the planning department,

I am concerned about losing the parking bays in the cattle market, especially the disabled spaces, I think it's important all parking stays as close to the town center as possible, as a business owner in the town of over 30 years with a successful commercial outlet, its important my customers can use bays as close to my shop as possible, for their convenience especially the elderly and disabled who are patrons of my store and every other store in town. We do not need any more hindrances or excuses why the public wont use our town for shopping.

I would like you to register my strongest objections to this plan

Jane Louise

Proprietor

Objections to the cattle market parking plans

25th November 2019

Dear Councillors,

As Chair of the Liskeard Traders Association and on behalf of my members I wish to object most strongly to the current plans the Council is proposing for changes to the Cattle Market and in particular to the parking layout of the Market Approach area of the site. These alterations, removal of parking availability and reduction of Disabled parking spaces will have serious consequences to the businesses immediately around the cattle market and further into the town centre.

The ready ability to park in this area gives people quick access to the town's services, many of which clustered around the market site such as the doctor's practice, dentist, chemists, banks and post office are essential services especially to the elderly, disabled and infirm who will be greatly disadvantaged if these disastrous plans come into force.

Businesses and retailers in town ask why the Council needs to permanently block off this area to create an 'events' space since historically when events take place the parking area is successfully cordoned off for the occasion. Events are few through the year but parking needs are constant and the two can happily co-exist as has proved for the town so far.

Will there be a general consultation on this plan or will the Council, taking a high-handed unilateral decision on this issue that is so crucial to the wellbeing of the whole town, wilfully ignore the wish of the people and disenfranchise the taxpayer?

Lin Moore
Chair of the LTA

CATTLE MARKET – APPROACH PARKING PLANS

25th November 2019

I would like to express my concerns over the changes to the approach plans for the cattle market especially moving the disabled parking at the current time.

I feel that, perhaps, plans are being made which should be left until a later date when the entire market plans are secured. I understand that the strip of land maybe required for activities in the 3 proposed sheds and it is proposed that this is purchased from Cornwall Council - this seems a little unnecessary, especially at this stage. It is a very small and awkward piece of land suitable for nothing much else!

I also notice that the plans seem to include market stalls - although Liskeard is crying out for a market I feel there may be viability issues and very labour intensive for the person running it. I did a viability study for a weekly town market personally a few years ago and it would certainly, at least initially, be a charitable endeavour. Perhaps the earmarked space is for occasional markets - again a noble idea but something which is declining year on year as the economic climate changes.

I am also concerned about the parking bay / parking for the spar. Parking should be encouraged "around the back" as it is hazardous at the moment with the never ending queue of traffic on the yellow line outside, especially with the justifiable lack of parking/stopping space at the front of Weatherspoons now. The road is narrowed by parked cars and is certainly hazardous with people pulling out without looking. I would like to encourage parking in the cattle market area and walking through. Parking should be as near as possible to the Spar to encourage this as it is all about convenience and heaven forbid anyone should have to walk far! As the Weatherspoon's lorry apparently does not fit in to the library bay it is possible that they will end up using the parking bay in due course.

There are many points in the plan overall I feel unsettled about. It all feels a little "flexible" and not cohesive and I would rather plans were fixed a little more - with consideration not just for the cost but the long term economic viability of the many projects involved so I am afraid at the moment my concerns must be viewed as an objection.

With best wishes

Clare Dallison
Mumma Mango

OBJECTIONS TO CATTLE MARKET PARKING PLANS

25th November 2019

Dear Councillors,

From information circulating around Liskeard businesses I understand that there has been a motion put forward in the closed section, part two of a recent council meeting, to take a lease on the land at the Spar entrance end of the Market car park.

This was not discussed in open meeting and would impose a number of constraints on the market development schemes currently being put forward. It would also restrict convenient parking for the less able of Liskeard's consumers and have an effect on businesses trading within the town centre if this space was restricted and otherwise controlled.

As the leasehold purchase of this piece of land would have the above consequences, and more, I would have thought that a discussion in open forum would be in order before a decision is made.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Austen
Stove Shop

Cattle Market

25th November 2019

It has come to my attention that there are plans to remove the parking area in the cattle market by Market Approach. I would like to object to this as I believe parking facilities need to be close to local shops and businesses to benefit the town. The removal of the parking at this end of the cattle market will also greatly affect the elderly and disabled that need to access that end of the town centre.

Regards

Brian Stratford
Liskeard News

CATTLE MARKET PARKING

25th November 2019

Good afternoon,

Please see attached email, we have subsequently not received details and therefore object

Jon Pollard

Liskeard Chamber of Commerce....

Good afternoon Steve,

16th September 2019

Trust you are well,

Speaking as Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce.....

Have heard talk of the short-stay parking in the Cattle Market being lost, we have seen no publicity for the proposal, surely there is a consultation.

Having spoken with a few members and also with the traders we all agree that this is totally unacceptable, however we tend to agree that the proposal would be better sited towards the Varley Lane end of the car park. The short-stay provision is key to both local businesses and traders alike.

Would appreciate a few details if/when available and the chance to view the proposals prior to decisions being reached that may seriously damage the already struggling business sector within the town.

Happy to chat, feel free to give me a call

Thank you

Jon Pollard (Chairman – Liskeard Chamber of Commerce)

Liskeard Cattle Market Car Park

26th November 2019

Dear sir

I wish to make an objection to the significant reduction in car parking spaces in the proposed plans for the cattle market. I regularly visit Liskeard on business and for shopping and use all of the town centre carparks. I feel that a loss of car parking spaces would not help in the development of the town.

Yours faithfully

Tony Wilday

Talland Bay Insurance Services

Planned event space

27th November 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

As we're aware of the proposal for the council to take over the space at the end of the Liskeard cattle market car park I wanted to email you in support of this project.

As a part of the Liskeard Business Network we speak to a lot of businesses and local community workers who think this would be a great way to introduce people in to town from what is currently an area which obviously needs attention.

The space would also provide a way for local businesses and the local community to get involved in projects which would not only add value to the town as a whole but also regenerate an area which is currently in need of attention.

We would love to see a more attractive pathway leading people from the car park in to town as well as give the opportunity to provide a space which the community can occupy with possible pop-up events and ideally an evening space which is better lit and more aesthetically attractive to people coming in to town for night trade and families who are walking through town from the car park.

I hope our support for the councils involvement in this project adds weight to your decision to go ahead with its development.

If you have any further questions please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks

Lee Edwards

Olive & Co. Cafe

Hello, my name is Steve Hibbert and I own vintage72 toys and games situated at the end of the car park at the top of the lane that runs by the spar shop, same building as David Hambly's photography. I would like to voice my support for the council to take charge of the space at this end of the car park as declared in the development proposals.

I understand that there has been opposition to the project and I just cannot believe why there would be such negativity from other retailers further into the town area, apparently specifically those along the Fore street. It bewilders me to think that they are so short sighted to not be able to see how this development is for the WHOLE town of Liskeard and will be a positive attraction for the town that will bring visitors in that the WHOLE of the town will benefit from.

It's common thought that certain persons who operate their business on Fore street and own other units there that they rent out are in opposition as they think it will take revenues away from their area, this is complete nonsense and very narrow minded and could lead to irreversible damage to the development site of the cattle market that can be critically important to the economic growth of our town.

I have been living in Liskeard now for eight years and moved down from Leicester where I was able to witness the growth of a similar size town, namely the town of Melton Mowbray where the town there was also suffering from loss of livestock business from its famous cattle market, after a few years of development they have transformed that area into a bustling market scene district that has different attractions on different days and draws in visitors from outside the region all year round. Granted it's a different county and geographically there are going to be differences but it was also an area of deprivation and low income that has been transformed now into a bustling market area and is an example that we in Liskeard could easily learn from and adapt ideas from to create an amazing opportunity for ourselves.

We have allowed big names, attractive brands into our town over the last couple of years to attract visitors in and that has been positive, you only have to see how busy they all are. As a family who would have been holidaying down here up to a few years ago, the likes of Wetherspoons, Dominos, Subway and Costa are the sort of 'family friendly' names that attract, why not now go further and develop the cattle market area to attract even more visitors to the town. I know how big a pull the various market scenes can be for the town, whether it be vintage market, collectibles / antiques market, farmers market, Christmas market, car boot type market, they will all be attractive destinations for visitors all year round. The only thing that would stop this being something that would work for the town are the people in the area who vote against it for their own individual reasons and not be at all interested in the town's development if they feel it's not within their own control only.

I for one can confirm that the so called 'traders association' headed up by certain individuals are not representing me nor do I see them representing the rest of the town other than their own small area and I am totally against their opposition to the cattle market development, yours sincerely

Steve Hibbert

LIB is delighted to be given the opportunity to be part of the cattle market regeneration, and as we presented to your full council meeting on 7 November, our proposals to install and plant out tubs of spring flowers and shrubs have been well received. We are fortunate that a local builders merchant was willing to donate the planters as part of their support for this first part of the regeneration project, and we have a budget remaining from the High Street Heroes fund that we successfully bid for in the Spring. This is just the type of improvement work their funding and our group was set up to do.

Although there may now be a delay to the installation of the planters, rest assured that we will have them in place for spring 2020 and the events that are planned for this new space. The sheds in the

Artisan Quarter couldn't have been more supportive as we joined forces to clear up the Market Approach entrance, and thanks to another local business (Ivor Dungey of Santa Trees), the cattle market now has its own illuminated Christmas tree.

Kind regards
John Hesketh
Liskeard in Bloom

REGENERATION OF THE CATTLE MARKET – PHASE 1

3rd December 2019

Dear Mr Vinson

Thank you for your detailed reply to my email. Based on the updated proposed plans I would like to withdraw my objection to the loss of car parking spaces. The loss of just 4 spaces is well worth the benefits the proposed events area would bring to the town.

Best wishes
Tony Wilday
Talland Bay Insurance Services

Cattle Market

6th December 2019

Dear Sirs -

I understand the Town Council is considering taking over part of the Cattle Market Car park towards the Spar end.

This would be a fantastic idea to help small businesses of which i am one of and the community. There is already a small number of artisan businesses in that area, if a small regular market could be set up, it could people start up their business and bring people into the Town which can only be a good thing for all.

The area could also be used by community groups to put on fund raising events. So yes please, lets get this opportunity going.

Kind regards
Adam Hodgkins

Events Area license

10th December 2019

Good Morning Steve,

I have spoken with Adam this morning and he has confirmed that CC as the landlord would cover the cost of the rates on the events space and is happy for this to be confirmed in the lease.

Thanks,

Arron Jones
Principal Development Officer.
Cornwall Council

Liskeard Cattle Market Phase 1

12th December 2019

Dear Sir / Madam,

I just wanted to write a quick letter of support in favour of the Cattle Market proposal.

We at Studio Wallop are very excited with the proposed development and would be happy to voice our support for the project publicly if needed. We have lived in London and New Zealand and have

a lot of experience living and working in progressive environments. Liskeard has an amazing opportunity to do something that would benefit all. The town desperately needs a progressive space that would pull in more visitors and help the residents enjoy the town further.

It is also very important for us to feel that we are living in a forward thinking town, that would inspire us to remain, and continue to build a progressive creative company here.

**Many thanks,
Stephen
Studio Wallop**

Cattle Market Development

12th December 2019

Good morning,

I just wanted to give some feedback on the proposed regeneration of the cattle market as it seems there is some loud negative feedback.

I love it. It looks great, inclusive and a destination of choice.

Please just get on with it.

Thanks

Kim Tolfrey

Liskeard Cattle Market Regeneration Phase 1

14th December 2019

Good morning Steve,

My apologies for this late reply.

Thank you for the very informative attachments which I read with interest. I do understand how difficult it is to both raise finance for these projects and the restrictions imposed on grant funding.

The small businesses within the commercial area of the town centre have had a very tough 10 years and our priority has to be to create additional commercial interest within the established trading area.

The re-establishment of facilities to enable the return of a farmers market and facilities to encourage small to medium sized business back into the established trading area has to be our priority.

The expansion of social amenities, as laudable as this might be, unfortunately, does not accomplish this.

There are a number of retail outlets within the town centre, un-occupied and available for little or no rent, attracting small business rate relief, that would bring the traders currently occupying the small units on the periphery of the market into the town. Perhaps this could be encouraged?

Would you please minute my objection in the coming Tuesday meeting.

Many thanks and,

Best wishes,

Neil Austen

Stove Shop

16th November 2019

Hello Neil – Thanks for your e-mail below. When you say that you are objecting as “The expansion of social amenities, as laudable as this might be, unfortunately, does not accomplish this.” What social amenities were you thinking about? We have an update on the Events Area going to Council on Tuesday night, which the previous 2002, 2008 and 2010 regeneration strategies all thought should be located where the 2019 Charette has proposed it. Is that what you mean by social amenities?

Steve Vinson