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## DEVELOPMENT TEAM REPORT

## 23 February 2012

Attendees: Andrew Tyrrell (Chair), and and (Highways), Fay Mathers

(Community Facilities), Cheryl Pashley (Street Services), Darren Marzell (Affordable Housing), Marie Rutherford and Michael Timmins (Estates), Karen Syrett (Spatial Policy),

Paul Wilkinson (Transport Policy), (DT Co-ordinator)

Reference No: DT/540

Case Name: University of Essex Multi Deck Car Park

Application No: 120151

Presenting Officer: Brad Heffer

Devt Description: Construction of multi-deck car park above existing surface level car park; creation of new

access to car park from Boundary Road to include taxi drop-off/pick-up area and

relocation of existing compactor.

Background: None additional to the case brief

**Discussion:** This scheme is intended to overcome ongoing parking capacity problems at the

University through the creation of an additional 359 spaces.

Highways acknowledged that, while parking problems exist, the construction of a multistorey car park would be contrary to sustainable transport objectives. It was agreed that it would be appropriate to request a S106 contribution to to mitigate this negative impact and try to rebalance the use of cars against more sustainable transport methods. Given that many University staff live in Wivenhoe, it was agreed that the construction of a cycle link between the town and the Campus would be the preferred project -

Paul Wilkinson and the Case Officer to liaise to investigate route feasibility, land

ownership issues, cost and appropriate s106 contribution levels.

Paul Wilkinson questioned the '15 to 1' calculation standard used by the University - however Karen Syrett advised that the car park's location next to the sports centre and the theatre meant that it could be considered a car park in its own right. Case Officer and

Paul Wilkinson to press the developer to improve the information submitted.

Decision: Application noted and approved, subject to the provision of a S106 contribution

towards the construction of a cycle link between Wivenhoe and the University

(amount to be confirmed).