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Planning Committee:

Planning Application Reports – Update Notes

Listed below are changes to the planning reports made as a result of additional information received since the publication of the agenda for this meeting.

Case Year:	e: Address:	Update:
17/0406	502 Devonshire Road	Comments received on behalf of the Head of Highways and Traffic Management: I have reviewed the additional car parking provision and three additional spaces being provided. Whilst it may not necessarily meet demand, the increase is spaces is welcome. I would advise that the spaces that can be easily accessed be allocated to visitors, with the ones towards the side/rear on either side of the property be allocated to staff or individuals who will have less need to leave the proposal site on a regular basis throughout the day.
17/0443	340 Waterloo Road	Additional comments received from Mr Shaw of 334 Waterloo Road on behalf of local residents: To whom it may concern: 1. I have lived in the area for 29 years. 2. The premises at 340 Waterloo Road has previously been occupied by a variety of small businesses, then was left unoccupied for a number of years until 2011, when Brighter Lets, a letting agency took up residency. 3. Over this period whilst these businesses were in place, there was a gentlemen's agreement in place. This arrangement was between the businesses and the residents, to keep parking clear outside 338/336/334, and if a problem did arise, residents would politely ask to have those cars removed. This was done without any upset and always complied with the agreement that was made. That was that they keep to their side and not take up residents'

- parking. This agreement worked very well due to their type of business, being that they were offices, with very little clientele calling, and if there were it would be for a short time there were very little staff cars taking up the area with parking. The flat above at 342 at this time was not occupied, so this was not an issue and did not cause any disruptions, between neighbours and the businesses that were there. Had the flat been occupied we would have an agreement put into place with the occupant.
- 4. In 2014 the premises were sold to a builder, after a full refurbishment this was let out as a 3-bed flat with only one person occupancy. There was no issue with taking space up outside the shop forecourt, but the residents had a word allocating them a space to park, keeping them up towards the shop.
- 5. The shop became a hairdresser in 2015, with the new owners coming to meet with us on Waterloo Road, promising to keep the business to their side. We never had the chance to put any objection in to stop change of use. For one year, all was well, then it seemed the business started to get bigger, with clients parking coming over the pavement from the shop front creating an upset to residents who had to go out into a busy road to get past. Complaints were made to the staff working in the shop, that no consideration to the community was being made. Received abuse from staff when complaining, with staff showing no interest in rectifying the situation.
- Traffic wardens, Police and Blackpool Council were called, in an endeavour to get the authority to do something.
- 7. In 2017 building work started without planning permission to convert a first floor flat into beauty therapy rooms.
- 8. The increase of staff from five to eight after the change of use would also increase the footfall to 16 cars at any one time. With a possibility to go to 20 cars, as the staff can cover two clients at any one time, preparing a client while another is waiting to be completed.
- Staff are not employed by Salon Glo they are selfemployed, renting space and a chair in the premises, therefore there is no control of the premises who comes and leaves, due to having no manager in charge.
- 10. Staff can start and finish as they wish, without any restrictions hence opening hours can be from 7.00am to 8.45pm. They have not complied with

- the planning application previously put forward, stating opening times from 8.30am to 6.00pm
- 11. Cars parked i.e. staff and client cars of Salon Glo take residents' spaces. Residents are unable to park near their own homes especially those who have blue badges having difficulty to walk any distance to access their home, also those when coming in from work are denied parking near or outside their homes. This is due to the times the shop is opening and closed as previously pointed out.
- 12. Two months ago, there was more activity with the taking down of internal walls, making more space to increase clientele. Apparently, there has been no application for this change to Planning. We are to believe allegedly that no building control has been notified onto doing a site for inspection.
- 13. A few weeks ago a resident came home after a stressful day at work and finding no parking down the street, took the action to park in front of the shop. She was asked to move it, her reply was 'if you can tell me where I can put it I will but there is nowhere I can put it'. The police came and she was asked to move the car again, replying to the officer, 'where can I remove it to' and refused. The car was taken away with a £120.00 fee to get it back.
- 14. On the 10th of March I had a conversation with the applicant's husband for nearly 1 hour going over the grievance of the area. It came out that the company does not employ staff, it rents chairs and spaces, and clients are booked in for a particular therapist with no control of time for the area.
- 15. For every staff there can be up to two clients. There are 7 to 8 staff with a potential total on premises of being 14 to 16 in one go.