Leicestershire County Council

PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Report of the Director of Environment and Transport to the Planning Authority relating only to the Highway aspects.

DETAILS OF APPLICATION

Planning Ref No: 2010/0272/04
CE/EN Ref: Previous on Plan-Con 2009/0718/04
Application Address: CONCORDIA THEATRE, STOCKWELL HEAD, HINCKLEY, LE10 1RE
Parish: Hinckley
Applicant: Hinckley Concordia Theatre
District Planning Case Officer: Louise Forman
Brief Description of Development: INSTALLATION OF A CAR PARK BARRIER.

OBSERVATIONS

(a) On any Improvement lines: None

(b) On Access Arrangements:

New vehicular access:	No	**New pedestrian access:**	No
Altered vehicular access:	No	**Altered pedestrian access:**	No

(c) On effect on Rights of Way: No

(d) On any new road proposal: No

(e) On application in general:

29/53 Stockwell Head - Unclass Traffic Sensitive

County Councillor Mr. D. C. Bill & Mr. D. O. Wright

RECOMMENDATIONS

Note(s) to Planning Officer

The Highway Authority would normally seek to resist a proposal that would lead to the loss of existing car parking spaces. However, on the basis that there will be a loss of 2 spaces, taking into consideration the town centre location, the presence of good parking controls in the vicinity, public car parks and improvements to the width of the access, it is considered that it is unlikely that it would be possible to sustain a reason for refusal on highways grounds in the event of an appeal.

What is now clear from the submitted details is that it is not intended for any delivery or service vehicles to use this access onto Stockwell Head. The applicant has advised that all deliveries will be via 'the rear entrance' which is the access onto Council Road. The H.A considers that whilst the barrier proposal could be acceptable in the context of limited car use; that the overall access strategy to the site also needs to be considered at this time. The applicant must be in a position to demonstrate that the Council Road access is fit and built for purpose as a service vehicle access. The H.A is mindful that the existing access arrangements from Council Road are relatively poor in terms of chain link fencing, poor radii and surfacing.

Date Received	Date Of Inspection	Inspector	Signed Off
26/04/2010		Matt Lennon	24/05/10