

Future Of Guildford Park Car Park To Be Decided

The future of Guildford Park Car Park will be reviewed after proposals were approved by the Council's Executive on Tuesday (26 May).

Previously-approved plans had considered a combination of public parking spaces and social housing, but the 400-space car park will now be the subject of further review.

An in-depth study of parking in the town suggests that demand for spaces in Guildford Park Car Park could be met from other car parks in the town, such as Farnham Road and the Onslow Park and Ride.

The medium and long-term future of Guildford's Bright Hill Car Park – which contains 113 of the more-than-5000 spaces managed by the Council – is also to be considered following the report by international transport infrastructure consultants Systra.

Cllr Caroline Reeves, Leader of the Council says:

"This decision reflects the demands of a changing world. One of our key priorities is supporting a vibrant and healthy local economy, whilst at the same time continuing to encourage fewer car journeys into Guildford town centre.

"One option for this site is to invest in a new housing project, to ensure that our residents have access to quality homes, at an affordable price."

Cllr James Steel, Lead Cllr for the Environment says:

"We must prioritise actions which will tackle climate change and reduce the significant congestion we experience around Guildford, particularly with future parking requirements so uncertain due to a challenging retail environment and longer-term changes in technology. The ways in which people visit our town centre and support the local economy will continue to change and our plans for the future must reflect that."