

PRESS RELEASE

Northwich Town Council can confirm that discussions have taken place regarding a proposal by Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust concerning the possible use of land within Verdin Park to provide additional parking capacity associated with Victoria Infirmary.

The Council has sought legal advice regarding its ability to enter into any lease arrangement and, together with Cheshire West and Chester Council, is considering the relevant legal and covenant issues. Cheshire West and Chester Council, as the principal authority, is currently reviewing these matters and is expected to reach a view by the end of June.

Should it be determined that any arrangement is legally permissible, the matter would return to Northwich Town Council for consideration and a decision on whether it should proceed. No decision has yet been made by Northwich Town Council.

If approved in principle, any proposal would be subject to a formal planning application process to be brought forward by Mid Cheshire Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, which would provide further opportunities for public consultation and consideration.

The Council recognises that there are differing views within the community regarding the proposal and acknowledges the importance of balancing healthcare needs with the protection and enjoyment of public open spaces. At this stage, the Council's focus is on establishing the legal position and ensuring that any future decisions are made transparently and in accordance with the appropriate processes.

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