

Representation to the Stratford-upon-Avon Neighbourhood Development Plan

Response from Accessible Stratford upon Avon and Friends of Stratford Shopmobility

Accessible Stratford upon Avon says: It is essential that 'access for all' is linked to every part of the plan from housing and design, open spaces, infrastructure, blue badge parking [close to shopping areas] and shared space [pedestrianisation]. There are many documents and guidelines to help with these decisions.

Friends of Shopmobility says: It is essential for the residents and visitors to Stratford upon Avon to retain the Shopmobility service, which is provided by Stratford on Avon DC, even if the method of running it has to change. It needs to be in a central location for the convenience of users to access the shops and attractions in the town centre. It also needs to be under cover for users to keep dry while they transfer from their vehicles to the scooters and wheelchairs belonging to Shopmobility. A number of parking spaces, also under cover of the current blue badge design are required at the same location.

Previously there had been a suggestion Shopmobility would be sited on the edge of the existing Town Square in the end shop opposite the toilet block which has all the required attributes and parking in the NCP CP at the rear. But it was not possible to reach an agreement with SDC and NCP. This has been flagged to the new owners of Town Square as a community service they might be interested in supporting and will be mentioned in its planning application comments.

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