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**Planning Application Reference: 18/02302/BC4M - Seaway**

Following a decision by Cabinet on 20 June 2017 (Minute 88 refers), Southend on Sea Borough Council acquired the freehold of the former Esplanade House Site in 2017. The land formed part of the former Gasworks.

The Council purchased the land as a long-term development opportunity, to intervene in the market on a site with a long history of non-delivery and to provide strategic parking capacity to address parking displacement while other major development developments, including Seaway, are progressed. The land may also provide capacity to assist with the development of other strategic town centre sites.

Following the acquisition, a temporary planning permission, for 5 years from 6 June 2018, was secured. The consent (ref 18/00634/BC3M) provides for 283 car parking spaces and 27 coach bays. To date, the consent has been partially built-out. I am advised by the Council's engineers that the site currently provides 169 car parking spaces and 22 coach bays.

Subject to the planning permission 18/00634/BC3M as referred above and after any consent at Seaways is in place the Council will ensure that the site is used for public car parking and for coach parking at least until the Seaway development has been completed and is open and operational for no less than one summer season.

Kind regards

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