

Report to Planning Committee

22 March 2023

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| Application Reference | DC/22/67785 |
| Application Received | 14 December 2022 |
| Application Description | Proposed 3 storey community skills hub building with 2 No. detached outbuildings for storage, substation, plant room, new vehicular access and gates to front, car parking, cycle storage, enclosed skip/refuse bays, boundary fencing, landscaping and associated works. |
| Application Address | Sandwell MBC Public Car Park Lower High Street |
| Applicant | Sandwell College |
| Ward | Cradley Heath & Old Hill |
| Contact Officer | Alison Bishop Alison_bishop@sandwell.gov.uk |

1. Recommendation

The application will still be visited on 23rd March 2023, but a recommendation is deferred as additional information is awaited and will need to be assessed before a full report can be brought Planning Committee.

A detailed report will be brought to the next planning committee on 10th May 2023



2 Context

- 2.1 To assist members with site context, a link to Google Maps is provided below:

[Lower High Street, Cradley Heath](#)

3. The Application Site

- 3.1 The application site is situated to the north of Lower High Street, Cradley Heath opposite Sydney Road and Mary Macarthur Gardens and adjacent to the Lidl retail store.

4. Application Details

- 4.1 The applicant proposed to construct a 3 storey community skills hub building. The building would provide education and training for the following individuals:-

16-18 years old

19-25 years old (NEETs)

24+ (un)employed adults.

- 4.2 A café will also be provided to serve both students and the wider community on the ground floor.
- 4.3 No car parking provision is provided within the scheme, except for 7 drop off bays and 2 dedicated disabled parking.
- 4.4 The application includes various supporting documents such as a Transport Statement, Design and Access Statement, Ground investigation report and Drainage report.



5.0 Implications

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| Resources: | When a planning application is refused the applicant has a right of appeal to the Planning Inspectorate, and they can make a claim for costs against the Council. |
| Legal and Governance: | This application is submitted under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. |
| Risk: | None. |
| Equality: | There are no equality issues arising from this proposal and therefore an equality impact assessment has not been carried out. |
| Health and Wellbeing: | None. |
| Social Value | None. |
| Climate Change | Sandwell Council supports the transition to a low carbon future, in a way that takes full account of the need to adapt to and mitigate climate change. Proposals that help to shape places in ways that contribute to radical reductions in greenhouse gas emissions, minimise vulnerability and improve resilience; encourage the reuse of existing resources, including the conversion of existing buildings; and support renewable and low carbon energy and associated infrastructure, will be welcomed. |

6. Appendices

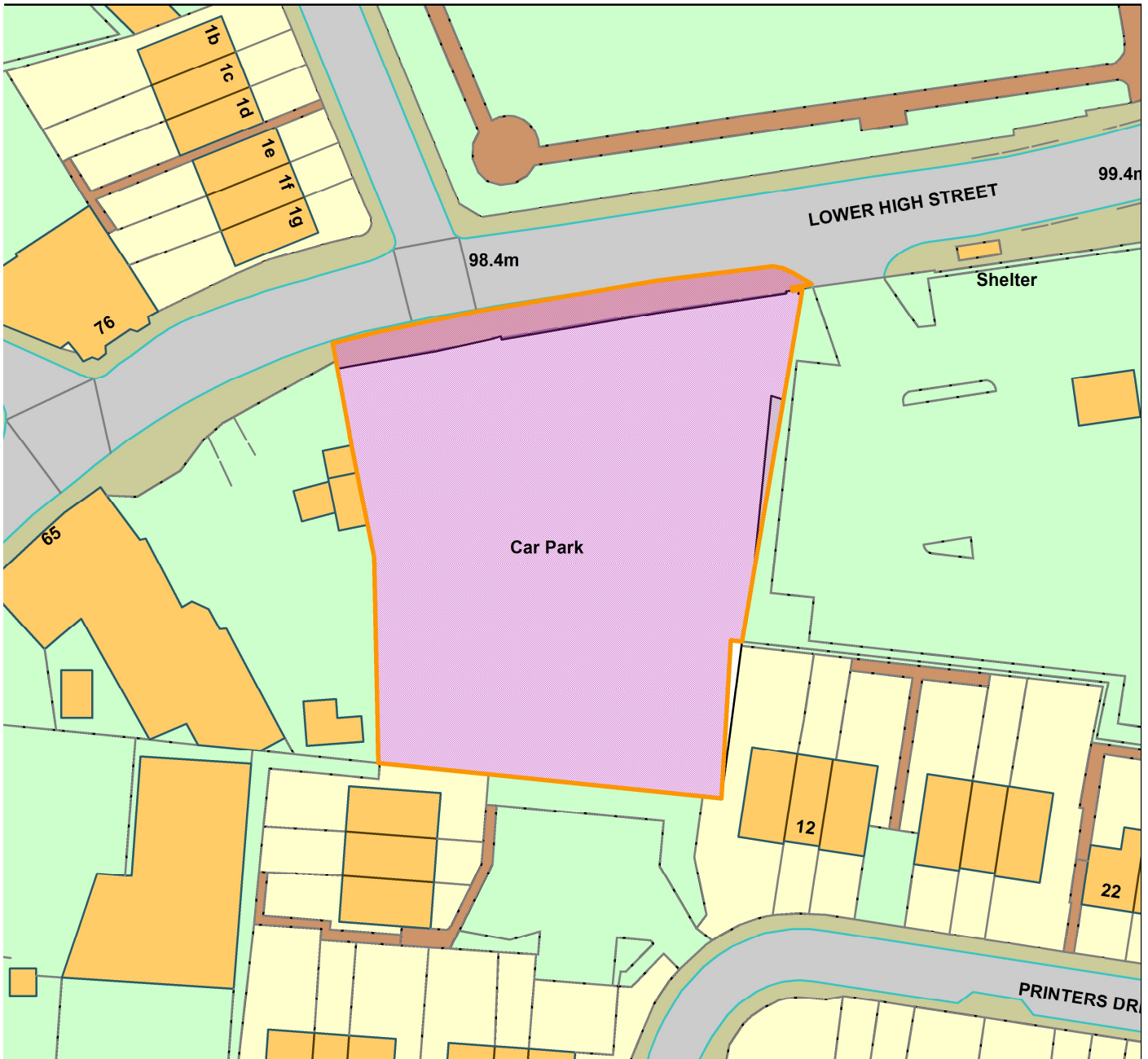
Context Plan

Site Layout plan

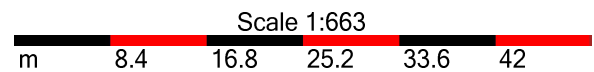


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SMBC Public Car Park, Lower High Street, Cradley Heath



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FOR FURTHER EXISTING TREE INFORMATION REFER TO ARBORICULTURAL SURVEY AND REPORT



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