

Appendix 2: History of the Site

The Covent Garden area currently comprises a multi storey car park and surface car park, totalling circa 1.36 acres in total. It is set one block to the west of the Parade and provides around 511 parking spaces at this end of the town centre.

Planning History: W/17/1700

An outline planning permission was granted for the "demolition of the multi-storey car park and pedestrian footbridge that links the existing car park to the Parade and the erection of mixed-use buildings. These consisted of new purpose built offices for the Council, a new multi-storey car park and a small amount of housing.

Planning consent was limited for a term of 3 years, and this expired in April 2021. For a number of reasons the development did not proceed.