



St Cuthbert's Hospice

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Re: Car Park Planning Application – St Cuthbert's Hospice

Dear Sir,

Please find attached our application for planning permission to extend the car-park at St Cuthbert's Hospice.

In recent months our services have returned to pre-covid levels, and we are finding that our existing car park resources do not meet our needs. Many of our guests have mobility issues and therefore require parking which is near to the entrance to the building.

Currently, we have 4 disabled parking spaces located at the front of the Hospice. The spaces are necessary for our Day Service patients, In-Patient Unit, visitors, and staff and volunteers with mobility issues. Unfortunately, the 4 spaces are insufficient to meet our needs. 4 spaces don't meet the needs of our Day Service patients alone.

At busy times our main car park becomes full, so visitors, staff and volunteers park in the surrounding streets or in the community centre. This has an impact on our neighbours, who we would like to maintain positive relationships with.

We would like to improve accessibility to the Hospice by increasing our parking spaces. As I am sure you will appreciate, coming to the Hospice can be a stressful, emotional and difficult experience for many people without the added worry of not being able to find an accessible parking space.

The additional bays we are requesting would alleviate some of the concerns I have outlined and would be extremely helpful in supporting a smoother transition for people into our Hospice.

Please refer to the below photos for greater context – I was not able to upload them to the portal.

**Picture 1** (The area to be dug out and replaced with Tarmac)



**Picture 2** (Current Disabled Parking)



Yours Sincerely,

S.Lee

Sarah Lee  
Estates and Facilities Manager