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North Manchester General Hospital – Car Park Strategy Note

1.0 Introduction

Curtins has been appointed by Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust provide traffic and transport advice regarding the redevelopment of North Manchester General Hospital (NMGH).

This Car Park Strategy Note specifically focuses on the baseline parking position and the implications on parking capacity following the delivery of Work Package 14 (65 car parking and 2 motorcycle spaces surface car park).

2.0 Recorded Car Park Capacity and Utilisation

Surveys undertaken in 2020 demonstrated that there was significant parking pressure at the NMGH site.

The 2020 parking survey demonstrated that the site comprised approximately 1,753 car parking spaces, 1,316 of which are designated as staff car parking and 437 of which are patient / visitor parking spaces.

An update survey was completed in January 2022, demonstrating that construction activities associated with the redevelopment of NMGH further reduced parking, with parking capacity exceeding 90% for both staff and visitors.

The 2022 parking survey determined that the site comprised 1,633 car parking spaces, 1,201 of which are designated as staff car parking and 432 of which are patient / visitor parking spaces

The most recent survey completed in 2024 concluded that the opening of the MSCP and consolidation of visitor parking in more distinct areas has alleviated some of the pressures on existing parking facilities, with parking capacity averaging c. 69-70% for both staff and visitors.

The 2024 parking survey determined that the site currently comprises 2,090 car parking spaces, 1,269 of which are staff spaces and 821 of which are patient / visitor spaces.

3.0 NMGH Phasing and Work Package 14

As the NMGH redevelopment moves onto a further stage (known as Phase 2 Enabling Works Programme) prior to the construction of the new Acute Hospital, the Phasing Strategy has identified 17 sub-projects (also known as work packages (WP)).

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The 17 sub-projects that sit within the Phase 2 Enabling Works Programme are shown in Figure 3.1 below:

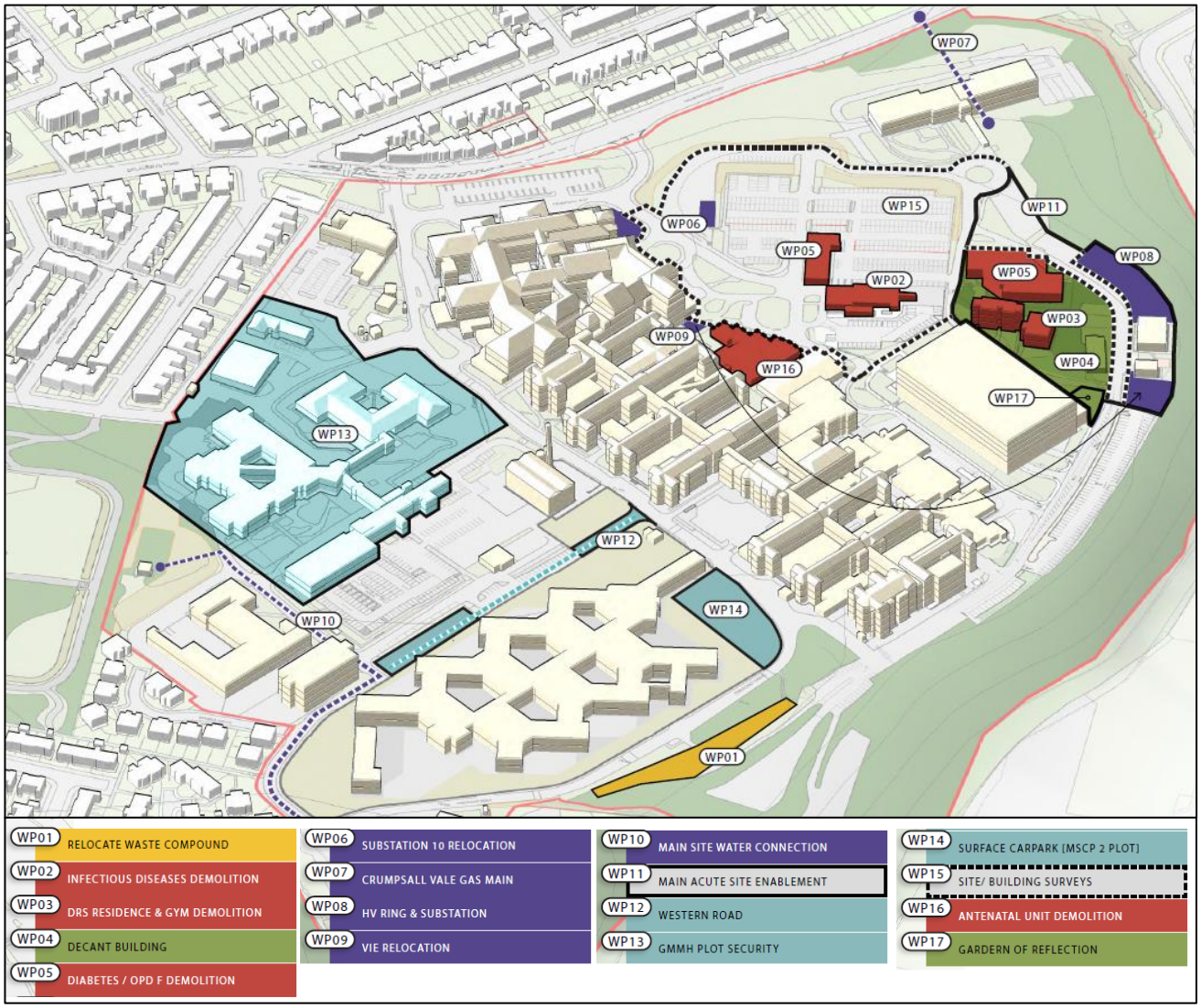


Figure 3.1 - Phase 2 Enabling Works Programme

Work Package 14 proposes a surface level car park comprising 65 car parking and 2 motorcycle spaces. Whilst originally identified as having capacity for up to 61 spaces, WP14 has been identified for future development since the early stages of masterplanning.



Figure 3.2 - Work Package 14 – Car Park Layout

In coming months and years whilst enabling works are ongoing, it is anticipated that there will be a shortfall of circa 472 spaces during the construction period, of which 126 are designated as staff parking spaces, whereas 346 are designated as patient / visitor spaces.

The above figure is cognisant of the gain in patient / visitor spaces as part of WP 14, which would offset some of the parking spaces lost.

The loss of staff and patient / visitor spaces as part of the Phase 2 Enabling Works Programme can be accommodated within the site. For staff, this can be accommodated within the existing car parking supply, whereas for patients / visitors, the new surface car park at WP 14 and the reallocation of MSCP spaces (from 100% staff in the existing scenario to c. 70% staff, 30% patients / visitors as intended) is required to accommodate this loss.

It is noted that prior to commencement of the enabling works, there were 1,965 car parking spaces provided across the Estate comprising 1,436 staff spaces and 387 patient/visitor spaces. A further 96 spaces are provided

for the mobility impaired accounting for 5% of the total parking provision, The final 46 spaces are provided for drop-off and pick-ups only.

The MSCP provides 1,025 spaces in total. 82 of the spaces are allocated as accessible spaces, equating to 8% of the total parking provision. This is in addition to the circa. 40 accessible spaces provided across the Estate, most notably at Crumpsall Way on the site frontage.

On the above basis, there is currently no net loss in accessible car parking provision with WP 14 therefore delivering 100% standard car parking spaces.

4.0 Conclusion

Work Package 14 has been earmarked from an early masterplanning stage to provide additional on-site car parking provision to offset the loss of parking whilst the wider enabling work packages are being delivered.

Delivery of WP 14 represents a net benefit in parking provision at North Manchester General Hospital providing 65 car parking and 2 motorcycle spaces.

The temporary loss of staff and patient / visitor spaces as part of the Phase 2 Enabling Works Programme can be accommodated within the site. For staff, this can be accommodated within the existing car parking supply, whereas for patients / visitors, the new surface car park at WP 14 and the reallocation of MSCP spaces.