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## PARISH COUNCIL TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PARKING AT FESTIVAL HALL

Alderley Edge Parish Council are proceeding with their plans for a landscaped car park adjacent to the Festival Hall.

As the plans proceed to deliver a modern medical centre and refurbished Festival Hall, it is clear that there will be a need for significant additional parking in the vicinity. The number of existing parking spaces on the site will be reduced as part of these significant enhancements to the local facilities of the village. Further, a requirement for an additional 40 - 60 parking spaces is projected with increased demand coming from the medical centre, the refurbished Festival Hall and local businesses.

The land immediately adjacent to the Festival Hall is currently used for allotments. As voted for unanimously by the parish council in April last year, this will be developed into a landscaped car park. This will allow for this increased demand to be satisfied without putting extra pressure on the residential roads around the hall, where significant daytime parking is already in evidence. Those existing allotment holders who live in Alderley Edge will be offered plots on an alternative site within the village.

Cllr Matthew Lloyd, chairman of the parish council, said "Whilst the parish council fully understands and regrets the disruption caused to the existing allotment holders, there is a clear and overriding benefit to the whole village. It is essential that we provide the new medical centre and Festival Hall with the parking facilities such a fantastic community centre will clearly require."

The Festival Hall and new medical centre will not only provide outstanding facilities for the village but will generate an income over the long term to the parish council for the benefit of all Alderley Edge residents and businesses.

Work is to commence in the first half of 2014 with completion due in the first half of 2015.

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