

## Barnet Hospital car park update

As part of the Royal Free London's estates and capital strategy, car parking provision at Barnet Hospital is a key topic. As a result we have had regular discussions and correspondence with key stakeholders including local councillors.

This committee has also shown a keen interest in car parking at Barnet after a new parking management system was put in 2014. This followed several years of non-enforcement of parking at the hospital.

The trust installed an automatic number plate recognition service (ANPR) in September 2014 which highlighted issues with regard to blue badge holders. The change of service in registering the blue badges caused confusion with some users. More signs were placed in the disabled area to make the process clearer.

Following our attendance at previous HOSC meetings, we agreed to redesign signage and public information leaflets.

A site visit was also arranged for some Barnet councillors when it was noted that there were 44 bays had been removed from visitor use and were being used by staff. The councillors were concerned by this.

On 24 July 2017, Andrew Panniker, RFL group director, capital & estates, met with the deputy planning manager for Barnet Council and the following requests were made regarding the 44 bays in car park B that had been changed and the placement of the portable cabins in car park A which had resulted in the loss of 9 spaces. The instruction delivered was to

- a. Within 14 days, convert 22 staff bays located within car park B back into visitor bays. **Completed**
- b. Within 14 days, temporarily convert the cycle lane into 19 staff bays. The deputy planning manager, Tanusha Naidoo, has confirmed no enforcement action will be taken against this temporary change of use from cycle lane to parking bays, subject to compliance with identified actions. **Completed**
- c. Within 14 days, provide full contact details of appointed planning consultant to submit a planning application for the temporary retention of portable cabins and a revised parking layout, as discussed. **See below**
- d. Within one month, the appointed planning consultant to confirm a pre-application meeting with local authority officers. **See below**
- e. Within two months, the council must receive a valid planning application for the previously mentioned development. **See below**

RFL has appointed GL Hearn to act as planning consultants and are working with Barnet Council to address points c,d and e above. They are working with Barnet Council to produce a masterplan for the site which will focus on car parking and replacement accommodation for those essential staff currently working in the portable cabins.