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(CCC) Portugal St (Trinity properties car park area)

1. The original Full Planning Permission ref: C/96/0547/FP included CAR parking facilities, what was the original detailed planning permission for the use of the car park?
2. What are the detailed changes you have agreed with the College following my complaint? And what is the planning permission for future usage?

Response:

Thank you for your email. In legal terms, until an existing use has been extinguished by way of a “material change of use” it remains the lawful use of the site.

My conclusion recently is that the lawful use of the site continues to be that associated with its permitted through the earlier planning permission. From our investigation, whilst that use may have substantially diminished, or even ceased, the permission was implemented, and the lawful use has not in our view been extinguished or replaced by any alternative lawful use. Your earlier complaint suggested that an unauthorised “material” change of use had occurred. Our investigation concluded that it had not and therefore the lawful use is as originally permitted.

I hope therefore that the status of the car park is now clear.

Further queries on this matter should be directed to foi@cambridge.gov.uk