4/1592/85DC. TEMPORARY CAR PARK. LAND REAR OF 238 - 252 HIGH STREET, BERKHAMSTED. APPLICANT: WORKS COMMITTEE, DACORUM BOROUGH COUNCIL

<u>DESCRIPTION</u> - The proposal is for the use of approximately 0.42 acres (0.17 ha) of unused land to the rear of 238 - 252 High Street, to provide parking for 57 cars. Access to the parking area, which is to be enclosed by post and rail fencing, will be via the existing car park at Lower Kings Road.

POLICIES

County Structure Plan

No relevant policies

Dacorum District Plan

Commercial Area; Conservation Area; Policies 14, 15 and 72

REPRESENTATIONS

Berkhamsted Town Council

Comments awaited

CONSIDERATIONS - The parking survey carried out in Berkhamsted Town Centre in 1984 showed that the three town centre car parks were used to capacity on Fridays and Saturdays, and whilst the planning brief identifies an extension of the Lower Kings Road car park for 150 - 200 spaces this is on land not yet owned by the Council. The application site, which is owned by the Council, is allocated on the Berkhamsted Town Centre Planning Brief for offices, although there are no proposals to develop it for this purpose at present. Some unofficial parking does take place on the land at present, and the current proposal, which involves the formal laying out of the area for parking, would enable better use of the land, and would in the short term contribute towards the growing pressure for parking facilities in the town centre.

RECOMMENDATION - RESOLVE to carry out the development pursuant to the provisions of Regulation 4 (5) of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1976.