



Planning permission secured for the construction of a new split-level car park to serve the Headquarters of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) in Stevenage

JB Planning Associates has successfully secured planning permission for the construction of a new split-level car park to serve the Headquarters of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) in Stevenage. The permission helps support the IET's consideration of a substantial investment into the refurbishment of its premises, securing a long-term future in the town.

The planning application was recommended for refusal by officers at Stevenage Borough Council on the grounds that the proposals would result in the over-provision of parking space and not promote the principles of sustainable travel. Members of the Planning and Development Committee did not however agree, citing the need to support a major employer and economic growth.

JB Planning Associates prepared and submitted the planning application on behalf of the IET and guided them through the planning process, dealing with issues as they arose. Commenting upon the success, the Project Manager said, "You have navigated the client through a difficult and protracted planning process".

The planning application was accompanied by a comprehensive Travel Plan with ambitious targets to secure modal shift and a Travel Co-ordinator will be appointed to oversee its implementation. As part of IET's commitment to sustainable travel the proposals also provide for the creation of a new secure cycle store and the installation of electric vehicle charging points.

The IET is a world leading professional organisation, promoting Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (otherwise known as STEM subjects) across the world. There are 168,000 members of the IET in 150 countries. It has offices in the UK, China, Hong Kong, India and the USA. In 1989 Stevenage was chosen as the preferred location for its Headquarters and over 520 people are now employed in the town, with numbers expected to grow.