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By Chris Griffin »

### **CAMPAIGNERS have claimed victory in the battle to prevent a Sale Moor car park from being developed.**

They are celebrating after council chiefs said this week that they won't sell the free car park at Warrener Street to developers.

They have underlined their commitment to retain the car park by promising to re-surface it early next year.

The pledge came after more than 3,000 people signed a petition organised by **Trafford Heritage Society**, calling for the car park to be preserved.

**THS** members, who believe the car park is vital for the prosperity of the village, welcomed the council's statement as 'an early Christmas present'.

**THS** said: "This is a real victory for the people of Sale Moor, and the huge support they gave to the campaign led by Trafford Heritage Society.

"The news that Warrener Street car park, and the special character of Sale Moor shopping centre, are safe until next year is an early Christmas present for the people of the village.

**"We must not forget the excellent coverage given to the THS campaign by the Messenger.**

"We are grateful to Trafford MBC for finally acceding to the wishes of more than 3,000 people who signed the Trafford Heritage Society **petition**.

"We are optimistic that Cllr Mike Cornes' statement signals the beginning of a new policy for Sale Moor, consistent with the **Sale Moor covenant which THS launched last week**.

"Should Trafford Council deviate from this new course, they will find THS in the front line against any attempt to oppose the wishes of the people."

The Sale Moor **covenant** calls for councillors to agree to a range of conditions, including a moratorium on any development of the car park at Warrener Street for at least 30 years.

### **(This following extract demoted to Page 9)**

Fears that the car park would be replaced by a food store were sparked off in August, when traders and residents discovered the council had invited companies to submit proposals to develop the car park and adjoining properties.

Cllr Mike Cornes, the council's executive member for economic growth, said he had acted to allay any fears that the council is planning to sell the car park for use as a food store.

He added: "It's right that sites in council ownership are occasionally assessed to see if they are best serving their local area and, understandably in the case of Warrener Street car park, this has generated speculation about its future use. "However, in order to reassure people that free parking will remain on this site and to show our commitment to Sale Moor, we will ensure that the car park is fully resurfaced early next year.

"I hope this will be a clear sign that we have no intention of losing this car park."

The Council sent a press release to the Messenger on Monday but heavily edited it prior to publication.

The car park decision was taken, by the Leader, on the evidence of a 97% opinion in favour of retaining the car park site as revealed by the SURVEY taken locally.

Instead the Messenger has opted to demote the extracts from the Council statement to page 9, declining to print the complete council statement, *but giving THS front page coverage!*

This does not properly serve the people of Sale Moor with the true facts.

The official council press release is as follows:-



### **Trafford Conservatives set the record straight and pledge to resurface Warrener St car park**

Owing to continued speculation over the future of Warrener Street Car Park, Cllr Mike Cornes, Executive Member for Economic Growth, has stepped forward to allay any fears that the Council is planning to sell the car park for use as a food store.



Cllr Cornes says "It's right that sites in council ownership are occasionally assessed to see if they are best serving their local area and understandably in the case of Warrener Street car park this has generated speculation about its future use. However in order to reassure people that free parking will remain on this site and to show our commitment to Sale Moor we will ensure that the car park is fully resurfaced early next year. I hope this will be a clear sign that we have no intention of losing this car park."

*(These yellow phrases were "extracted" into the Messenger publication as seen above)*

*(This second council paragraph was completely ignore)*



Delighted Sale Moor Councillor Christine Bailey says, "They say actions speak louder than words and I hope that this will show that our car park is safe. Sale Moor village is a great little shopping area and a community in its own right, which is why I pushed for the vital re-surfacing work".