

Circular from West Park Residents Association

Update on the Leeds Beckett Parking Survey

Last week WPRA chair, Doug Kemp, attended one of a regular series of lunchtime meetings with the Vice-Chancellor and his staff. Also present were representatives from other local resident associations and local councillors. The meetings are to allow an exchange of views about issues affecting the relationship between the local community and the University.

One of the issues discussed was on-street parking and the parking survey being carried out by the University. There seems to be a genuine desire by the Vice-Chancellor, Professor Peter Slee, to ameliorate the impact of on-street parking within the constraints of planning regulations, Council policy, financial costs, and approval by residents.

The University intend to publish their analysis of the responses around the end of January and the beginning of February, and then to organise an open workshop towards the end of February. The plan is to discuss possible solutions to the parking issues, and the various restrictions that might apply. Details will follow in due course, but residents will be encouraged to attend and contribute to the session. Meanwhile here are some (not too surprising) results that the University reported from the initial returns:

From Residents

- Top of the list of problem streets identified by locals who responded were Ancaster Road and Kepstorn Road.
- While some responders thanked the university for carrying out this survey, a few think it is all a PR move to keep people quiet.
- Most replies suggest the university campus is where most car parkers are heading.

From Drivers and Parkers

- The majority parked on or around the campus 4 or 5 days a week, for between 6 and 10 hours.
- Those who park on the streets say they do so because it is free or because parking charges on campus are too high.

Survey Details

If you've not already done so, there's still time to respond to the parking survey. The more of us that do so the better, so please don't miss the opportunity. It will remain online until 11-01-2019.

For local residents the link is: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QN2LDKP>. The aim is to identify the main issues residents have with cars parking in their streets and neighbourhoods.

For members of staff, students or other persons parking on the campus, surrounding streets and neighbourhood, the link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/QFMNQ2H>. Here the aim is to establish who is parking where and why they do so.

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