

CABINET – 26 March 2019**PROCEDURAL MATTERS****Members Questions****Question (1) Hazel Watson (Dorking Hills):**

The Cabinet's response to the petition concerning car parking charges on the countryside estate at the 26 February 2019 Cabinet meeting stated: "Despite these challenges vehicle numbers across Surrey with the exception of Norbury Park should exceed the expected figures for the first year." The response then gave the numbers of vehicle visits to each car park area such as Newlands Corner annualising the available figures to project a total year figure compared with the figure in the Business Plan, but did not include the equivalent figures for Norbury Park.

Will the Cabinet now state the number of vehicle visits to the car parks at Norbury Park as estimated per annum in the Business Plan? Will the Cabinet now also state the number of vehicle visits to the Norbury Park car parks since parking charges were introduced on an annualised basis using the available figures to project an estimated total year figure?

Reply:

The estimated numbers of vehicles in the business plan for Norbury Park was 35,075 for Fetcham Roundabout Car Park. This is the only car park that had counters in it and they have only recently been reinstated after being relocated to Rodborough Common for a year. This figure includes an adjustment from the actual reading to account for people, choosing to park elsewhere and non-compliance. Fetcham Roundabout Car Park is the busiest of the three car parks where charges were introduced.

The figures for Oct to Dec 2018 show 5,057 vehicles parked in Fetcham Roundabout Car Park and Young Street Car Park. This, as I stated in my previous answer, is lower than we had anticipated. Vehicles are also parking in Crabtree Lane Car Park but there is no counter installed there at present. These figures are expected to rise over the rest of this year.

We are investigating the reasons for the drop in numbers and suspect that this has been caused by regular users choosing to park elsewhere around Norbury Park and displacement of people who were parking all day in Fetcham Roundabout Car Park.

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