

Council 13 December 2017: Questions submitted from Members of the Public

Question No.	Question from	Question:	Question to:	Responsible Officer:
1.	Mr Rayfield	Will the Council be allowing Blue Badge Holders the same allowance for concessionary/free parking for blue badge holders in the planned multi-storey car park (as part of the Sittingbourne regeneration scheme) as they are currently allowed to park in short stay pay and display car parks for up to 8 hours for free using their blue badge and if the Council are planning on allowing the concession to be extended to the planned multi-storey car park, how would it be implemented in practice, because most modern multi-storey car parks have automated pay on foot systems whereby the driver or passenger takes the ticket that has been issued to them when entering the car park and pays at the machines upon their return to the car to exit to validate the ticket. So how will a Blue Badge holder be able to validate their parking ticket so that they benefit from the concessionary free parking?	Cabinet Member for Safer Families & Communities	Martyn Cassell/Emma Wiggins
<p>Response: The multi-storey car park will provide high quality parking as part of the wider Sittingbourne regeneration scheme including good accessibility and easy to use ticketing system. Plans include an allocation of disabled parking in line with current legislation. We are working on the final layout detail and operation methods of the facility with the building contractor. The Council intends to offer the current concession for Blue Badge holders in the new car park and is researching a number of other locations where this already works. No final decision has therefore been made on the validation process but this will be communicated to residents throughout the build process.</p>				