

REPORT: TRAFFIC AND PARKING WORKING PARTY OF
BEAUDESERT & HENLEY-IN-ARDEN JPC

Some of the Group have now met with representatives of Taylor Wimpy (Croft Car Park), Stratford District Council (Car park by The Doctor's Surgery), Network Rail and London Midland (the current Franchise of the B'ham to Stratford Line).

Overall a positive set of meaningful discussions.

The aim is to have control of the two Town car parks so that shoppers, short term visitors and those having to drive to the Surgery, can park without any difficulty at any time during the day and at no cost. Anybody wishing to stay beyond, say 1.5 hours would have to pay a high rate to deter them. Double yellow lines would need to be increased around the town particularly on Prince Harry Road, Harris Close, Riverside Gardens, Station Road, Bear Lane & Close and Brookend Drive & Close from 8.00 am to 18.00 pm etc.

For this to happen a car park up by the station will be needed and that is being researched with Network Rail, London Midland and landowners who may be able to help/benefit. The cost of this parking would need to be a lot less than Croft / Dr Surgery Car parks for an all day stay. This approach would also push long stay cars up to the Northern car park and I would look to see the cost of that car park reduced on the basis that the same company runs all three car parks, that in turn gives some revenue to the JPC to pay for maintenance and resurfacing of the two car parks that have now become theirs.

We have a long way to go, but when a deliverable concept plan has been concluded, a Town meeting will be called, so a full discussion can take place; after that there can be some fine tuning (i.e. stop parking outside Onestop & Co-op!!!) before The Town support is sought.

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