

Summary of Consultation on Proposals for Cassiobury Car Park

Considerable consultation has been undertaken as part of the proposals to improve Cassiobury Park Car Park. This has included local councillors, Friends of Cassiobury, stakeholder groups in the park and local residents.

1. Drop in session in the park

Over 500 flyers were delivered on adjacent streets to the park advertising a drop in session that was held at the Hub in the park on Tuesday 15th May from 2pm – 7pm. The drop in was managed and held by the Section Head of Parks, Open Spaces and Projects. Cllrs Jeffree and Kloss also attended during the day.

Summary of session

- Over 200+ residents attended
- Sessions were lively due to previous bank holiday traffic issues and this was reflected in the feedback
- Many concerns that the car park was not big enough, but equally as many concerns that if it was bigger, it would generate more traffic.
- Consensus was that the car park needed to be improved and more felt it needed increasing in size.
- Majority of issues raised related to off-site concerns and the need to improve issues here including enforcement, one way / two way systems, especially on busy weekends. This was fed back and has resulted in improvements at last bank holiday weekend.
- Majority in support of the design although some concerns from immediate locals to the car park entrance at bottom of Cassiobury Park Avenue about the extension proposed here. This has since been removed and reallocated at the far end on the current extension
- Most agreed that early warning signage would help
- A number also felt it was about time charges were introduced
- Changing of the name of the car park or the one on Rosslyn Road – the names are too similar.
- A considerable number also wished to see the car park closed at night. Automatic droppable bollards can be introduced and is therefore proposed.

In summary, despite the vocal concerns on traffic here generally, there was support for the overall proposals to improve the car park.

2. Triangle and Cassiobury Residents Association

Meetings with both groups are planned for 25th September and 15th October

3. Cassiobury Park Stakeholder's Group

The Cassiobury Park Stakeholder's Group met on 12th September and included representatives of all the businesses, clubs and ward councillors who operate in the park. Whilst there was general support for the introduction of charges and the rationale for this, concern was raised with regards to the effect on club members for the Croquet, Bowls and Grosvenor Tennis Club. This would affect

c100 members who regularly play and are on site for between 4-6 hours. Concerns were raised specifically in relation to retaining numbers of members with clubs already struggling to grow. This has since been reflected in the Cabinet report for members to consider whether they should be included in the charges or permits issued.