

Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee – 13 March 2024

Petitions and Questions Received from Members of the Public

Name	Question	Member(s)																
David Cronshaw	<p>Question: I would like to ask 3 questions for the next meeting of Waste and Street Scene Policy Committee (4th question added 02/03/24)</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">1. How much revenue is lost by giving free parking to the green permit holders?</p> <p>Response: It is not possible to accurately quantify the impact on the amount of revenue collected from pay and display bays, that providing free parking for green permit holders creates. The reason this is not possible is that Green Permit holders do not record on the pay by phone app, or at a pay and display machine, the amount of time they're utilising their permit for. We are able to indicate approximate use from conducting on street surveys. Data from a 7-day survey undertaken in January on an indicative number of streets is shown below. The survey took place in the morning and didn't record the length of time the permit was utilised for.</p> <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: left;">Other Parking On street (paid parking & blue Badge)</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Green Permits parking</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Total Parking on street</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">Weekday</td> <td>29%</td> <td>35%</td> <td>64%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">Saturday</td> <td>33%</td> <td>12%</td> <td>45%</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: left;">Sunday</td> <td>60%</td> <td>10%</td> <td>70%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Jan 2024 – 7 days survey</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">2. What is the occupancy rate in the car parks on a Sunday</p> <p>Response: The data below indicates paid parking for Sunday, which was for February month 2024, this does not include blue badge, electric vehicle and other parking.</p>		Other Parking On street (paid parking & blue Badge)	Green Permits parking	Total Parking on street	Weekday	29%	35%	64%	Saturday	33%	12%	45%	Sunday	60%	10%	70%	Joe Otten
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Car Park Name	Number of spaces	Paid parking %
Broad Lane	23	30%
Brook Hill	24	13%
Carver Lane	57	29%
Copper Street	12	18%
Devonshire Green	15	124%
Ebenezer	12	84%
Eldon Street	39	34%
Fitzwilliam Street	89	18%
Milton Street	33	13%
Rockingham Street	37	15%
Silver Street	11	48%
Stanley Lane	20	7%
Trinity Street	8	29%
West Street Lane	9	124%
Wicker Lane	15	66%
Windrush Way	25	32%
Workhouse lane	61	9%

3. As you left it til the last minute last year, I'd like to put forward that you offer free parking on 8th, 15th and 22nd December to encourage members of the public to visit the city centre and help our City Centre retailers.

Response:

A proposal for a Christmas parking offer was put forward to Waste & Streetscene committee on 27 September 2023 with a recommendation that any amendments were in place for November 2023. This was an adequate period of time to implement and promote any offer. The final decision was not to provide a parking offer, but instead to refer to Transport, Regeneration and Climate committee for a public transport offer. The Council did choose to support the public transport offer and provided 10,000 free day travel tickets to support access to the retail and hospitality sectors in the city centre. No decisions have yet been made on the approach to Christmas travel this year and your suggestion is noted.

	<p>4. Currently on have your say there is a survey about the bins, I've shared this to the S12 Community Page which has 25k members and I'm co admin, majority of the members who have replied have said they all want a bigger blue bin, if this is the case with other residents in Sheffield, when would we get the bigger blue bin?</p> <p>Response: Although the results of the current customer satisfaction survey have not yet been analysed (the survey closes on 31st March), we know from previous customer satisfaction surveys that residents would like to see additional collection capacity provided for the recycling of paper and card.</p> <p>As part of the requirements of the Environment Act we will need to make changes to our current bin services to include recycling collections of plastic pots, tubs and trays and cartons (tetra pac) by 31 March 2026. We are currently in the process of developing potential service options to meet the new requirements, as well as options to increase the amount of paper and card collection capacity provided. A public consultation exercise will take place later this year, with the results informing a Committee decision on future service provision.</p>	
<p>Russell Johnson</p>	<p>Question: In a recent conversation with a Veolia staff member who was mixing recycling with non-recyclables in the same compartment of their vehicle, I was told that all recycling 'goes to the same place'. Meaning, I understood, the incinerator. Whilst I of course understand that it is purely anecdotal it does raise concerns.</p> <p>a) Is the Council confident that the data fed to SCC by Veolia is accurate and honest?</p> <p>b) Does the Council have any independent (or 'whistleblown') data on effectiveness of the arrangements for domestic or other recycling?</p> <p>Response:</p>	

A robust monitoring process is in place to ensure waste and recycling is collected and taken to the correct treatment/disposal facility. All movements of waste and recycling are tightly controlled and documented. Every time a vehicle delivers waste and recycling to a disposal/processing site, a record is provided which details the type of waste/recycling on the vehicle, the date and time, vehicle registration number and location. This information is then checked and verified through an audit process, and information relating to waste and recycling collections is published on a national database.

In addition to the robust monitoring processes in place, the collection cycle means that the black, blue and brown bins are collected on different weeks which means a black bin should not be presented at the same time as a recycling bin for collection and vice versa.

Waste collected from black bins is taken to Sheffield's energy recovery facility where it is burnt to produce heat and power. Paper and card collected from the blue bin is taken to a materials recycling facility in Sheffield where it is separated into the various types of paper and card before being baled and sent for recycling. Glass, cans and plastic bottles collected from the brown bin are taken to a sorting facility in Derbyshire where the materials are separated and sent for recycling.

Whilst we have absolute confidence in the collection process, any concerns relating to a specific collection of waste and/or recycling can be reported to the Council's waste management service. We would ask that the date, approximate time, location and details of the concerns be provided, so that these can be raised and discussed with Veolia.