

Comments from Lotherington

Question 3

Do you think there is a parking problem at Derwenthorpe?

'There is a small parking problem' - This only got from what others have said, hearsay as it hasn't affected my personal situation.

Question 3a

How important is this to you?

'This is an important issue to me' - In the sense that we don't want to see lots more cars on the estate.

'This is a less important issue to me' - To me personally, but it is important for the community as a whole.

Question 5

Are you aware that there are parking bays allocated for visitor parking?

'Yes' - But they aren't marked up properly.

Question 6

If you have a garage do you use it to park a car?

'No' - The gate is too narrow and we have a plasterboard box that makes difficulty opening doors of cars once inside.

'No' - We use the drive.

Question 7

Have you had any problems parking a second vehicle, or a visitor's vehicle?

'No' - As they can use my drive.

'Yes' - Only when my allocated space is taken.

Question 7a

Have you had any problems parking a second vehicle, or a visitor's vehicle? If "yes", how have you overcome this problem?

No issues parking a visitor car but have often found my allocated space parked in by others. I have parked in a visitor's bay in that situation.

Found neighbour's space whilst they were away.

For those residents whose allocated parking space is on the street it is not possible to prevent other cars using the space. Those residents need alternative spaces while their space being occupied.

Limited space in courtyard able to double park. Use "bin space". Co-operate with other 4 users.

Parked visitor on pavement by home.

Parking on road side in Lotherington Mews.

Parking in visitor parking or space quite far from house.

Parking in Temple Ave.

Blocked our own drive, parking in a courtyard in a place not meant for parking.

We allow visitors to park in our space and we use the non designated space outside our front window.

Parking in Tang Hall.

I think they probably parked in someone else's parking space.

By parking in front of our house or on Temple Avenue.

Visitor had to park a distance from our house as a residents commercial van was left in the visitor parking bay (as it often is).

The visitor bays are used by other residents' second car and are 99/100 times unavailable. We overcome the issue by allowing them to park in front of our house that contains no parking space.

Visitors -> occasionally the 5 spaces for visitors near us are used by residents with 2 cars (or a work van).

Arrange with another resident who doesn't have a car to temporarily use their space.

With difficulty.

Park one car in garage and one outside it but this is very inconvenient to keep swapping them. Garage is a short walk & I have no parking outside house so carrying shopping etc a problem.

Asked my neighbour to clear my space - parked elsewhere.

Parking on phase 1 in the car park.

Visitors end up parking in street, which in front of our home is quite narrow. Alternately we ask visitors to park in the visitors' one in phase one, which is close enough.

Park on the roadside/pavement.

Parking on Temple Avenue or double-parking next to my car (occupying the street partially).

Discussion with neighbours on where is suitable for visitors to park (within "courtyard").

Pulled my car close to my house so visitors car can park behind mine causing no problems for other users.

Visitors bays occupied by residents. Parked elsewhere.

Had to park on Temple Avenue or further down.

Parking on the road (Lotherington Mews).

Parked on road but not ideal as close to junction/unsightly.

Parking on the road.

We sometimes park two in a bay vertically rather than horizontally. Sometimes visitors from other households park in our allocated spot, which isn't their fault but it is because they don't know where they can park.

Question 8

Do you park a commercial vehicle at Derwenthorpe?

'Yes' - Sometimes - very rare.

'No' - Think this is important when so much thought has been put into landscaping the development, commercial vehicles are a blight.

'No' - I would like commercial vehicles to be elsewhere.

'No' - Not at the moment however my son will be using a van around a years' time.

Question 9

To help identify residents' parking bays, all residents' road side parking bays could be marked with the number of their house. This would incur a cost for installation and maintenance which would have to come out of our estate management charge. Would you like the DRA to see if this can be done?

'Don't mind/don't care' - I am not sure that will make any difference.

'No' - Wouldn't work.

'Don't mind/don't care' - Up to those who have parking bays.

'Don't mind/don't care' - I don't have this issue, but we wouldn't mind.

'Yes' - Good for visitors, won't help with parking problem.

'Don't mind/don't care' - It should have been like that (numbered) from the beginning.

'Yes' - However I don't see why we should pay for this as it should have been done in the first place.

Question 10

To help identify where visitors can park, all visitor parking bays could be marked with something suitable, like the letters "VP". At the moment, it is planned to include the visitor parking bays in the adopted highway and City of York Council will not allow marking of visitor parking bays on an adopted highway. It may be possible to take the visitors' parking bays out of the adopted highway, the same as residents' parking bays, but this would incur a cost for installation and maintenance which would have to come out of our estate management charge. Would you like the DRA to see if this can be done?

'No' - We think it'd be a waste of money as visitor's bays would be used anyway for second/third cars of residents most likely.

'No' - If allocated spaces + car club spaces are marked, then unmarked spaces are visitor spaces!

'Don't mind/don't care' - Pointless expenditure if still ignored by residents.

'No answer' - Depending on cost.

'Yes' - But not the marking of residents bays & visitors bays - one or other.

'Yes' - However as before I don't think we should pay for it as it was an initial planning fault.

Question 11

Some residents choose not to use their allocated parking space, but park outside their house on the pavement instead. Do you think this is acceptable?

'Yes' - Except when its allocated to another house.

'Yes' - If not causing obstruction.

'Yes' - Because garages are not good enough. As long as it's done respectfully and not blocking way it's fine. Problem is that streets are variable width.

'No' - Especially not where the road becomes obstructed.

Question 12

Do you think that some action should be taken when vehicles are parked where they should not be?

'No' - This will add hostility to the estate.

'Yes' - Unsafe parking on footpaths blocking them/view of street for pedestrians or drivers.

'Don't mind/don't care' - No choice for them I assume!

'Yes' - I politely tell the owner that they are not parked in al allocated area.

'Yes' - If a long term problem for others, yes. If a one off, no.

'Yes' - The issue is long term second vehicle parking not visitor parking.

'Yes' - Especially residents commercial vehicles routinely parked in the visitor spaces.

'Yes' - Especially when causing obstruction.

'Yes' - In particular when parked on the pavement or on corners.

'Yes' - Only if parked in other people's bays.

Question 12a

If "yes", what action do you prefer?

'Notice on the vehicle' - 1st offence then a fine.

'Notice on the vehicle' - Fine if notices are ignored.

'Notice on the vehicle' - Initially. May need deterrent for persistent offenders.

'Notice on the vehicle' - Fine if a serial offender.

'Notice on the vehicle' - First notice then possibly some kind of fine.

'Notice on the vehicle' - Fine- difficult to administer.

'Notice on the vehicle' - And then fine.

'Fine' - for those creating dangerous situations.

'Notice on the vehicle' - But if it occurs more than twice then a fine but who to manage this?

Question 13

Parking permit schemes may be a way to manage visitor parking, but they come with a cost. Many aspects would have to be considered, such as: a free pass for every household, or a charge to cover costs; how to manage it; whether to fine or give notice to offenders; what signage is required. Bearing all this in mind, would you be in favour of the DRA investigating a parking permit scheme for visitor parking?

'Yes' - Only 1 parking permit for each household.

Question 14

Challenging someone who is parking inconsiderately can be difficult. An alternative to this is to place a polite notice on the vehicle, explaining that it is badly parked, and indicating where there may be available parking. Would you like the DRA to produce a notice and make it available to residents?

'Yes' - A notice that makes it clear it's been produced by the residents' association - ie this is a "community" communication rather than a personal one.

'Don't mind/don't care' - It will make no difference they will still do it.

Question 15

It may be possible to create more parking spaces by using some existing roadside spaces that are not designated as parking, or by losing some green space. Both these possibilities would involve an initial cost, and an ongoing cost, which would almost certainly have to come out of the estate management charge and may mean an increase for everyone. Would you like the DRA to see if this can be done?

'No' - Reason why we moved here was for green space.

'Yes' - I would like to see what can be done & how much that will cost before anything will be done.

'Yes' - Only green space.

'No' - If involves losing green space.

'Yes' - Not at the expense of losing green space.

'No' - Creating more parking spaces is not a solution.

'No answer' - I think my answer would be yes is this would prevent cars from parking on verges and ruining the grass opposite my house.

'No' - If the intension is to create additional spaces for residents then this should be covered by those wanting additional space.

'No' - Would strongly object to loss of green space.

'Don't mind/don't care' - I feel this should have been done at the start of the developments.

'No' - Yes & no.

'Yes' - However I don't think we should pay for this, and don't understand why there would be maintenance costs.

Question 16

Do you have any other solutions to suggest?

Before fining an improperly parked car they could receive a warning first - if improperly parked again in 12 months they receive a fine.

Parking for 1 car was clear when plans shown at purchase. People struggling to park more than 1 car per house should stop moaning!

People circumstances change, people move jobs, kids grow and get jobs they need to drive too, Derwenthorpe is not designed with this in mind. The estate needs to grow with its residents and meet their needs.

Use some green space for extra parking.

Use of carpark by scout hut (Osbalwick) for all commercial vehicles - spaces are generally wider here.

No commercial vehicles.

VP spaces - 4 opp my house, can that be made 8? Say % of said spaces be rented??? £100 a month?

That residents with commercial vehicles park in a designated area (large car park on Stephenson?), if they cannot use their own space (eg too small, 2nd car parked).

Lotherington quarter - could create visitor parking on green area using grid inlaid into the grass. Numbered bays are essential and clearest way to deal with all of this I think.

The on street parking bays are quite large - could these be reduced? Potentially a car share idea might reduce the number of cars. There could also be allocated bookable 2nd car bays where residents could book in advance but for a short periods only. Could unused parking bays be rented out to residents? Or garages?

There is clearly not enough available parking. Residents' with second cars is the issue, and they utilise the visitors' spaces or car inconsiderately. More spaces need to be available and better use of the small carpark near phase 1. Also, I believe the DWH have turned original parking spaces into housing!

I think the large visitor car park in the Derwent Quarter is underused and households with 2 cars or a commercial vehicle should be encouraged to use this.

The two car issue in our road is often related to rented/JRHT properties - can those residents not be challenged by JRHT & their contracts terminated if they persist in parking a second car permanently in visitor space?

Allow residents who can, extend the driveway which can help alleviate/ make more parking available.

It would cost to create a permit/fine system but at this stage I see no alternative.

Improve cycle routes. When phase 3 complete add rising bollards in Derwent Way to allow the bus to serve phase 1. Improve promotion of car club. Place rocks to prevent driving/parking on verges.

It is better to give us some green space than have parking on grassed areas. Perhaps make an individual charge for the use of such space.

Where problems can be evidently linked to JRHT properties, JRHT to take action. People should be advised of the potential consequences of their parking in the wrong place: if pavements are blocked this causes inconveniences and potential danger to pedestrians, especially those of restricted mobility or with small children. If parts of roads are blocked or restricted this may hinder access for emergency vehicles. (And they are causing a nuisance which is arguably a breach of their covenants) but there is research to suggest people respond better to "nudges" that refer to community/belonging than to threats - unless those threats are enforced.

Remind people that the low parking space ratio is an intentional feature of the Derwenthorpe. Investigate schemes to increase/encourage cycling. Additional cycle storage (for visitors).

Work vans should pay a charge, which should be added onto estate fees every month. Also pack grass with plastic mats which allow grass to grow through. Also work vans etc to be allocated a parking area.

Think the parking areas for visitors should be extended all the way around using the green area - this would still leave ample green space however this should not be ongoing cost as once made that should be it, there is no up keep of parking areas so should not be ongoing.

All of us bought/rented here knowing only 1 car per household. I do appreciate it isn't always easy or possible but everything should be done to accomplish this.

Yes: introduction of a scheme to rent extra parking spaces for second cars in the newly created additional parking spaces.

Would there be any space available near to SSC or behind as a small car park/overflow.

Overflow carparking at the SSC.

Question 17

Do you have any other comments?

A small number of extra spaces around the edge would alleviate most problems. Courtesy and consideration from residents would resolve the rest.

This is very irritating. I cannot get to part of my garden as two vehicles (always the same) park on the pavement in front of my garden.

Derwenthorpe is a family estate. Families have mums and dads with work that may be in other cities. Children grow & need transport for studies or work. The

idea that all families can get by one car 'vehicle' is a fallacy and this should be understood by the DRA & estate management.

People should know parking situation before buying. Not to park on grass verges or pavement. Not to park outside someone else's property. Please no more added space - this will not solve anything.

Costs of this debacle should not be borne by estate charges. Unrealistic ideals has not allowed for many families having more than 1 car, nor for natural right to have visitors. I consider JRHT totally responsible for this!

I appear to be lucky in that there are no major problems outside my house.

No commercial vehicles.

I think when building the estate, JRF forgot that people have visitors. If let's say it's my daughter's birthday then you might have 3-4 family visiting. Where do they park? I really do believe a dozen more spaces and problem solved.

Am not sure DWH or JRHT made it clear that parking for more than one car per household exists.

Thanks!

No. As I do not come across this problem.

We purchased this house to park at the rear on the understanding that it was a non designated parking space in front of our house and not to be used by other householders. The issue comes back to 1 car per house. We strongly oppose to other residents using the space outside our house.

Thank you for time & trouble doing this.

Ideally this needs resolving before the new flats become occupied. Maps of spaces need to be provided at entrance to estate.

I don't think visitor parking is the issue but second car ownership. We have rear parking for our property and get frustrated when other people park in front of our living room - a non designated space. We would not be happy with this becoming a parking space.

I strongly believe that the spaces should be clearly marked and that there should be ramifications for parking in an unsuitable place. People have parked in front of my property, partly on the road and path. I have confronted them and received little sympathy or consideration and met with aggression.

Our neighbours have 2 cars and one driveway. When they contacted JRHT regarding building a double driveway (at their own expense) JRHT refused them permission. This seems too strict as it would free up a visitor space.

As private residents we have had to make hard choices with employment/company cars etc to make sure we only have 1 car parked in our allocated space & to leave the visitors spaces for visitors - sadly this is not the case for other (esp JRHT residents) & surely action should be taken? Visitors to other houses also regularly park in our space so we have come home at times and have had nowhere to park.

I am not allowed to park outside my front door as I have no parking space (just the garage). However other people consistently park outside my house which is irritating.

I think the policy of trying to reduce car use is good, and generally I would be against adding extra parking space just so people can have two cars! People should only live here if they are prepared to accept the policy on cars & parking.

It would be a real shame to lose green spaces as they are a key feature of the estate.

Regarding commercial vehicles, it is wrong that a commercial vehicle is permanently parked outside other people's homes, in visitor spaces. These vehicles are often in poor visual condition & look a mess.

You have missed a key question, which is to try and capture how many residents have had issues with people parking in their spaces. Until all spaces are clearly identified this will continue to be a problem. Also, people don't care - instead of being sorry that they/their visitors have inconvenienced someone, they just brush it off. Stronger communication should be made to the effect that residents are responsible for ensuring their visitors park in the right place. If that means they have a short walk to the house they're visiting, deal with it.

Why do family cars stay overnight on visitors parking area (also vans). Is everyone's contract only one car or two. Nothing will change unless more space is made available. Islands should be made at the side of roads for parking.

The council have made extra parking bays along the Fourth Avenue, cutting into the grass verge. I feel this could help some parking issues here.

This form does not perhaps take into account those who park their car on their drive, and never any on-road parking. I feel it's all too late. JRHT have been too weak.

Phase 1 have more parking areas including the area near the Green Hut (scouts hut). Presumably that phase do not have parking issues - why is this the case? Even around that phase there are more options to park.

In some cases cars are parked on corners, blocking visibility. It creates dangerous situations and at the same time they are left outside windows, blocking light or access to the pavements.

It needs to be emphasised more when people buy a house that its meant for one car only. It's unfair on those households with only one car.

I moved to Derwenthorpe precisely because of the restricted parking and the advantages this brings e.g. safe pathways for children, buggies etc. We need to maintain a strong line with respect to parking to ensure the development is conducive to a pleasant environment and cultural atmosphere.

Some people have garages and driveways but still blatantly park in the visitor spaces outside their houses.

There wouldn't be as much of a shortage of visitor parking if residents didn't regularly park in spaces allocated for visitors. This particularly applies to commercial vehicles. Who would be responsible for putting "violation" notices on vehicles if this system was adopted.