

Comments from Stephenson

Question 3

Do you think there is a parking problem at Derwenthorpe?

'There is a small parking problem' - Problem of parking vehicles on grass round edge of phase 1 - (particularly commercial vehicles).

Question 4

Do you use your allocated parking position?

'Sometimes' - When I have borrowed/hired a vehicle or have a visitor.

Question 5

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

'Yes' - Am also aware these are used by residents for 2nd/3rd vehicle. Could they be charged extra for this?

Question 6

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

'No' - Have done, & maybe again soon.

Question 7a

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

Parking in none allocated space near the park or the visitor's carpark.

Visitors always asked to park in carpark or I move my car there.

Parked my own vehicle in visitor parking. Please note that finding 1x space for visitor parking is often difficult and fraught as some households/neighbours see it as a 'given' that they use a visitor space for their second household car.

The allocated visitor parking spaces in front of our house are often used by residents so we have had to ask visitors to either park in our own allocated parking space or in the car park at the entrance to Stephenson Quarter.

I have found someone parked on my parking space on road bay and I have been monitoring through my kitchen window and found out people that are parking into our space are people who have garages and they don't use them or their drive way.

Visitors have to park outside our property on the road. Visitor spaces are taken up by people with 2+ cars in their household.

We have used visitors car park for visitors. For our second vehicle we use a neighbours space (by agreement) as they do not use the space.

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?

'Yes' - But why can't residents pay for it themselves? We all have individual house numbers on our doors - we are quite capable of putting plaques on spaces?

'No' - Should not be necessary if residents park correctly and inform visitors of correct spaces - maps are available.

'Yes' - We would prefer maintenance of our front garden is priority. This is our biggest problem currently.

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?

'Yes' - just doing 'VP' spaces is cheaper than doing all residents spaces - which have legal owners.

'No' - Marking visitor parking bays is unlikely to have any effect as their use as supplementary parking space is so entrenched.

'No' - But please consider reducing number of disabled bays in visitor car park.

'Yes' - Not numbers. Try different coloured paving. Depends on cost.

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' - Remember - it isn't pavement in phase 1 - it is shared space with vehicles and so long as pedestrians & push/wheel chairs can get passed that's fine.

'No' - Parking on pavement is dreadful! Has all sorts of safety implications and looks unsightly.

'No' - But understandable, as it deters others from parking there instead.

'Yes' - As long as they are parked right in front of their property, not on anybody's pavements.

'Yes' - Too broad a question, depends what the impact is.

Question 12a

If "yes", what action do you prefer?

'Notice on the vehicle' - The question is who would do this?

'Notice on the vehicle' - Then fine if they keep on doing it.

'Notice on the vehicle' - Fine if it continues to be a problem.

'Notice on the vehicle' - (Polite)

'Notice on the vehicle' - If repeat offenders could be fined, that would be more of a deterrent.

'Notice on the vehicle' - In the first instance. Fine if continues/if ignored.

'Notice on the vehicle' - First, a notice. If persists, a fine.

'Notice on the vehicle' - Polite notice.

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' - I lived in an area of York with a "Res park" scheme. I would like to see this investigated as a possibility. Visitor parking is not the only problem.

Question 13a

If "yes", should it be in force all the time or only overnight?

'Don't mind/don't care' - Yes only day and it must be free overnight.

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' - But very simple - no complicated directions - polite but definite.

'Yes' - I do this sometimes- in some cases, the car then uses visitors parking.

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' - I would be against losing any green space in order to park vehicles.

'No' - Some quarters may see a greater or significant issue with parking. If people/residents park considerately should be resolved. Not keen to pay when whole development designed to reduce car use and a reason for purchase.

'No' - Please keep the green spaces.

'No' - Comment: We like the no parking green spaces and the original design. Keep the ethos of trying to cut down car use.

'Yes' - But would not like to lose a lot of green spaces.

Question 16

Do you have any other solutions to suggest?

Create some designated visitor parking spaces near the park which might discourage visitors to Derwent Mews from parking on the grassed areas because they can't be bothered to walk from the current visitor parking.

One car per household should be encouraged. We use the visitors carpark, surely all visitors to phase 1 should park there?

Some residents use bays other than their own - because they prefer the space - can some be redesignated on the maps. Eg I believe some residents of Derwent Mews use VP - leave theirs free. Other residents with more than one car then use these. Becomes confusing.

I think all commercial vehicles should be parked in a special designated area.

The overall aim should be to reduce the number of cars and to get people to give up second cars. The DRA could encourage car sharing arrangements. More buses & longer hours. Car club on each quarter.

If extra parking is found on green space - use block through which grass can grow. Signs at each entrance to Derwenthorpe clearly stating all visitors must park in designated visitor parking spaces. All houses also to be issued with the 'rules' once agreed.

It would be useful to have a page dedicated to parking on the DRA website, for example, that could be used to send via a link to visitors by residents so that they are aware of the parking guidelines. Currently the only map of 'Stephenson' Quarter does not even show the car park at the entrance to the development, it does show the designated spaces in front of our house but when you get there, there is nothing to indicate they are for visitors or even for parking.

People who have garages must park in their garages/driveways, and must stop using residents parking bays.

JRHT should be proactively encouraging people to park properly. They do very little in the way of "management" and should learn from and seek advice from other, established mainline compares. The DRA is a great idea, but is fairly powerless in these situations. JRHT should visit each home and encourage parking at front of site etc, and etiquette generally.

Better signing of visitors spaces and visitors carpark (by scout hut). More visitor carparks like phase 1 has - one per phase?

Better notices to indicate where there is the visitor car park and to encourage its use.

Ideally parking bays should be clearly marked, especially visitors spaces as this is confusing. This should be the 1st step. Then a kind notice if parking issue arises. Permit/restricted parking should be last resort.

It may be a good idea to have an area for commercial vehicles (van size not lorries) but only for residents & subject to licensing/fee. [E.g. at the SSC/HUB].

Live and let live.

Engage the whole community & David Wilson & JRHT in a consistent strategy that actively recognises the problem & hopefully deals with it consistently. E.g. good signage, polite notices, clear information, active engagement by DRA.

Look into a separate parking area for second cars & charge for this service. We were Told one car was accommodated, a second car must be parked off-site. Is this still true?

Question 17

Do you have any other comments?

We need to consider the longer term (> 5yrs). New technology & the drive to electric cars will drive people to eschew cars for local use and instead use "uber" automated cars. This is a real social challenge.

The majority of households have 2 cars - any house that can't park outside their own home due to narrowness of the road should be considered for widening of the road as they currently park on the grass verges anyway. (Thank you for circulating & progressing this. 😊)

At the weekends, cars park on the short access road, causing some congestion when the visitor parking is metres away. A sign saying visitor parking & a footpath link at that end would help.

We would be angry if the estate chare went up due to this issue.

I have noticed that the majority of residents with garages do not use them to park a car. They park on their driveway, then their visitors use others' car parking spaces (or the grassed areas) to park rather than the visitors' car park. These visitors are physically capable of walking the short distance.

The "ethos" of Derwenthorpe was to reduce dependency on car ownership & it has manifestly failed in this regard. Some residents with a second vehicle use the visitors carpark on phase 1. However, many do not and do not seem to advise their visitors to park there either. Of course, exceptions should be made for disabled drivers/those with reduced mobility.

Some residents on Derwent Mews repeatedly park on grass, despite being asked not to.

Parking on the grass - needs addressing. If JRH tenant should be warned and possibly informed in breach of tenancy if persist.

Derwent Mews - paved walk. Increasing car use and some parking outside residences. Concern at speed and use of pavement to access. Can one end

(pavement) be blocked with planters so need to reverse? JRH to leaflet those who park outside house to discourage use.

It is my view that if all residents parked as JRH planned the number of issues would be minimised. Do not feel want to pay for other people's inconsiderate attitude.

Thank you to all those people trying to improve/resolve the parking issue.

Anyone arranging anything at the SSC should be told that participants should use the visitors carpark. They should be encouraged to share transport to the SSC.

Need to repeat clearly to all residents views expressed and monitor. Perhaps bring in fines if rules not adhered to? Also needs to be clear rule that there should be NO PARKING on roads where there are no paths eg Derwent Mews. Also needs to be clear parking policy for visitors/users to SSC.

We didn't move to Derwenthorpe to be surrounded by cars, and we strongly believe that it is important to retain the green spaces here and not cede them to be made available from or parking. We shouldn't castigate visitors for parking where they shouldn't, when there is no clear indication this is so.

For residents using parking bays, please if you have visitors then stick to the visitors bay allocated or your allocated parking bay, don't go and park where you don't live. I believe parking bays must be marked with house numbers.

To lead by example, DWH staff should not park on phase 1 (there are currently 7 cars parked at the Mews/Way end. There needs to be a critical mass of households following to etiquette, currently a lot of people park cars on Derwent Way when in fact these should be in allocated parking. Derwent Way parking across footpaths is unacceptable. I have to go onto the road when walking my daughter to nursery which is somewhat dangerous.

Fines as a last resort for serial offenders. There should be no incentives to maximise income from fines.

It would be useful to have an electric car power point on each quarter.

There is not footpath outside our house (Derwent Mews). With 2 small children this is a concern to me. They go out scooter/bike to nursery in road & some cars go too fast. I wonder whether a 'go slow, children' sign would encourage drivers to be more aware. Small children cannot recognise the 'footpath' as not a typical layout on Stephenson ie no step etc.

In Stephenson quarter:- There are 2 commercial vehicles regularly parked on site next to scout hut, overnight. There should be a height barrier. There are many other streets in York (and other cities) where parking is a much bigger problem.

We have never had a problem with parking. To start painting signs on the floor would be detrimental to our environment as would the introduction of parking vigilantes - life is too short.

I believe the rules should apply to everyone, not just whether they feel like it or not. A car near me parks consistently in front of the community garden. This shouldn't happen.

Enforcement of clear rules and clear designation of spaces is the only way of resolving current parking issues.