

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – ECONOMY
14 NOVEMBER 2013

MEMBER QUESTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 20

"Will the Portfolio Holder please conduct an investigation into a possible abuse of this car park by some users whereby they can leave after the car park has 'closed', when at that time the exit gate in Mary Arches Street is left open?"

Councillor Ruffle

REPLY

The Portfolio Holder Economy and Culture, Councillor Denham confirmed that an urgent investigation had been launched to address an issue where some car park users were choosing to evade the charges when exiting the Mary Arches Street car park. The barriers had to be left in the raised position when the car park was not staffed to avoid any inconvenience to patrons. The suitability of the current arrangement will be picked up in the forthcoming review of parking.

Councillor Ruffle asked a supplementary question, if the situation had arisen due to changes in staffing levels at the Mary Arches Street car park. The Portfolio Holder for Economy and Culture assured Councillor Ruffle that the matter would be addressed.