

The SADC Car Parking Working Party

The SADC Car Parking Working Party meeting took place on the 5th October. Here is a brief summary of the relevant proceedings:

1) The Avenues - Controlled Parking Zone

It has been decided not to proceed with the Avenues CPZ scheme. It was considered that parts of this could have been retained, however this was probably not legal. The only road being considered to proceed is Old Rectory Close, this is a self-contained cul-de-sac just off the Luton Road near to the garage.

There will be a public announcement of the end of the scheme to follow.

2) Rosebery Avenue - Access Protection Lines (White lines)

This scheme has been on hold pending a decision on the Avenues scheme, now that the Avenues scheme is to be terminated, the white lines for Rosebery Avenue can go ahead. Gary Payne will look at the cheques that were submitted a year ago, some of them may need replacing due to them having expired. In the meantime, the price of white lines has more than doubled, however the original price will be honoured.

3) Harpenden Strategy – Christmas 2016

Beric Read said that he was planning on using Rothamstead parking on Saturdays for Christmas shoppers parking.

4) Future Parking in Harpenden

The new sports centre in Harpenden will generate the need for more parking, there are two possibilities for 100+ extra spaces: A second storey over the existing car park or on land that may be released due to the development.

There are also new discussions happening with the rail company regarding an extra floor on the Eastern Car park at the station.

5) Harpenden Long term strategy

It was decided that it was not the time and place to raise this topic, but to leave that for another day.

All-in-all the meeting has led to what appears to be a successful outcome to what has been a long process of killing off an ill-conceived plan. Thanks to all of you who have contributed to this outcome.

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