



Freedom of Information Request

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Freedom of Information request regarding King Edward VII Hospital Site Parking

Request:

“There are lots of old unroadworthy vehicles and even one on a trailer that have been abandoned for the last few years parked there that aren’t insured (at least 7 uninsured vehicles) and have been unmoved for years, just rotting away.”

1. Have the owners been paying rent for each of these vehicles?
2. What is the rate being paid?
3. When was rented parking started at the King Edward?
4. Is it policy to allow uninsured vehicles on States property?
5. Has rented vehicle storage at the King Edward been advertised publicly?
6. Is it available to the public and at what rate please?

Response provided by the Policy & Resources Committee:

1. The vast majority of vehicles on the site are either for the staff or occupiers of the site with some parking also rented. There are unfortunately a small number of abandoned vehicles which currently do not pay rent.

Historically there have been issues with people abandoning vehicles on this site. Unfortunately, removing abandoned vehicles is not straightforward with ownership often difficult to ascertain. It can be costly, time consuming and resource hungry and, in our experience, does not always completely remove the problem as there is no guarantee the issue will not return. Notwithstanding this we will endeavour to effect their removal.

2. Abandoned vehicles £0. Formal rental agreements in allocated parking spaces are charged at a rate of £320 per annum.

3. Residents' parking started mid-2015 and was largely in response to requests from nearby residents. It was also seen as an opportunity to utilise the parking areas and to generate some income whilst the site remained largely inactive.
4. The States would not knowingly invite people to leave uninsured vehicles on States' property. The issue of the vehicle's insurance status when on the public highway is a matter for the vehicle owner.
5. Residents' parking at King Edward VII has never been advertised as it was only introduced in response to requests from residents in the neighbourhood for their private or personal work vehicle.
6. Spaces are available to the public on request, but location and lack of amenity generally makes them only attractive to those who live in the immediate area. Spaces are not available for large scale parking of commercial vehicles.