

Doug Napier

From: Councillor Nick Draper
Sent: 25 July 2017 12:55
To: Councillor Oonagh Moulton; Councillor Janice Howard; Councillor Linda Taylor
Cc: Doug Napier
Subject: FW: ES/OFFSTREET
Attachments: submission.rtf

Hello Oonagh, Janice, Linda

have some interesting comments here. I would welcome your thoughts.

All the best
Nick

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 July 2017 16:25
To: Traffic And Highways
Cc: Councillor Oonagh Moulton; Councillor Linda Taylor; Nick Steiner; Councillor Nick Draper; Councillor Janice Howard
Subject: ES/OFFSTREET

Dear Madam,

Representations on the proposed introduction of car parking charges at the Revelstoke Road Car Park, Wimbledon Park.

Please find attached our formal representation on this proposal.

We trust that this representation will be taken fully into account as these proposals are taken forward.

Yours sincerely,

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Location of the proposals and consultation:

Wimbledon Park straddles two London Boroughs and attracts users predominantly from those two. The car park concerned lies largely within LB Wandsworth, but it appears that neither LB Wandsworth Council, nor residents there, have been consulted on the proposals. The sole notice advertising the proposals is displayed beside the tiny part of the car park that lies within LB Merton.

Sustainable travel and special needs:

The adopted policies of LB Merton's Local Plan identify the need to promote sustainable travel, including the discouragement of travel by private vehicle. Wimbledon Park is well provided with public transport, with two nearby Underground Stations and bus stops in Wimbledon Park Road and Durnsford Road. Most park users arrive by one or more sustainable mode: public transport, cycling or walking. Some groups arrive in a mini-bus. We welcome the proposals as they further these policies. However, the other side of the coin is that the proposals should give priority to those who are unable to use these more sustainable modes. Yet, there are only three disabled bays proposed and no reference to any other arrangement for those with special need to park close to their destination in Wimbledon Park. Also, although pedal cycles are named in the schedule as a class of vehicle permitted in the parking spaces, no special provision for pedal cycles is indicated on the plan. Cycles need such special provision.

Present provision at Wimbledon Park:

There are two main car parks in Wimbledon Park: only one of which is subject to this proposal. The other, off Wimbledon Park Road, is not proposed to be changed. Other parking occurs every day at the Watersports Base, Bowls Pavilion, and Cafe, and occasionally at the Stadium. We consider that action at Revelstoke Road alone is likely to exacerbate the existing problems in those other areas; to the extent that the proposals work, parking will be pushed out of the Revelstoke Road car park into other formal and informal provision elsewhere in Wimbledon Park.

The alternative:

The proposals should be amended to regulate all parking at Wimbledon Park, not just that at the Revelstoke Road car park. This provision should have ample facilities reserved to encourage disabled use and cycles. The charge for any remaining spaces should apply to the hours and days when a disincentive is most needed: weekends and early evening hours and be significantly higher than the rate applying in nearby suburbia.

We trust that this submission will be taken fully into account as these proposals are taken forward.

Yours sincerely,

Representations on the proposed introduction of car parking charges at the Revelstoke Road Car Park, Wimbledon Park.

Please take this as our formal representation on this proposal. We comment only on the proposal for the above car park, as we have little knowledge of the others. We make our representation in the paragraph in bold, below. This is followed by the reasons for this representation.

We strongly support the introduction of charges at this car park, as this should promote sustainable travel. However, we consider that the current proposals would be insufficient to solve the problems with vehicular access to, and car parking in, Wimbledon Park. The proposed rate of charge is so low that it is unlikely to deter those parking for other than recreational visits to the park. Also, the days and hours that the charge would apply would not solve the greatest problems: those that occur on sunny weekends. As other car parking spaces in Wimbledon Park are not to have charges introduced, people would be allowed to subvert the reasons for the charge. The proposals also fail to cater adequately for those with special need to travel by vehicle. The proposals should be changed, so as to regulate all parking at Wimbledon Park, not just that at the Revelstoke Road car park. This provision should have ample facilities reserved to encourage disabled use and cycles. The charge for any remaining spaces should apply to the hours and days when a disincentive is most needed: including weekends and early evening hours and be significantly higher than the rate applying in nearby suburbia.

The problem:

At present, Wimbledon Park, although recognised for its heritage value, is compromised by having too much provision of ugly and intrusive, free car parking space. Travel to the park by private vehicle is encouraged by the free parking. As a result, many of the existing spaces are occupied by those working in nearby suburbia or in the park itself, rather than by park users. Use by vehicles kept off the road for longer periods is only occasional and is not the main cause of over-use. Use for a recreational visit to the park is greatest on sunny weekends and school holiday times, when congestion continues into early evening hours, and it is then that there have been significant problems with shortage of space and congestion, with elective users in competition with those having special needs.

The proposed times and costs:

To deter use for other than a recreational visit to the park, the charge differential with nearby suburbia should be reversed. On weekdays (Mon-Fri): car parking is generally free in nearby LB Wandsworth (zone S3), but restricted to residents for one hour (13:30-14:30) each day. So, any charge might deter those visiting the park either side of that hour, but retain the strong incentive to use Wimbledon Park for times spanning the hour. The nearby parts of LB Merton (zone P2) have a car parking charge for the hours 11:00 to 15:00 which is four times that proposed in Wimbledon Park (£1.20 per hour, compared with the proposed 30p an hour), so there would remain a strong incentive to use Wimbledon Park for any visit overlapping those times. Only for those few visits wholly outside those times would the proposed charge deter such non-recreational parking. On weekends there are no residents' only restrictions in Wandsworth, nor charges in Merton. Despite this, it's proposed to charge the same as for weekdays on Saturdays, but not to charge at all on Sundays. The proposed charge on Saturdays is low, and so probably not a sufficient disincentive to over-use, but there remains no rationale for allowing a free-for-all on Sundays. In summary, the proposed rate of charge is so low that it is unlikely to deter those parking for other than recreational visits to the park. Also, the days and hours that the charge would apply to would not solve the greatest problems: those that occur on sunny weekends or school holidays and continue into the early evening.

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Doug Napier

From: Councillor Nick Draper
Sent: 26 June 2017 18:50
To: Paul Atie
Cc: Doug Napier; Graeme Kane; Councillor Martin Whelton
Subject: FW: New Car Parks consultation
Attachments: 15-002 NOP site noticev3.pdf

Hello Paul

I support this initiative wholeheartedly. I'd like to see this as a first sally into charging in parks: I hope for more in the months and years to come.

All the best

Councillor Nick Draper (*Labour, Colliers Wood Ward*)
Cabinet member for Community & Culture
Including Green Spaces, Libraries, Sport, the Arts, Leisure, Heritage, Adult Education and licensing

From: Diane Perez
Sent: 14 June 2017 11:03
Subject: FW: New Car Parks consultation

Dear Councillors

Please review the attached email from Paul Atie who has asked for this to be forwarded for your information and consultation.

Kind regards

Diane

From: Paul Atie
Sent: 14 June 2017 10:14
To: Diane Perez
Cc: Deirdre Costigan
Subject: New Car Parks consultation

Hello Diane,

Greenspaces are in a process introducing parking controls in some of the free car Parks in the Borough.

Background info

Over the years Car Parks has been subject long-stay commuter parking which is not considered the best use of available space as it does not cater for the parking needs of the local community including visitors who visit the parks for leisure activities. The situation has over the last few years deteriorated particularly with caravans and abandoned vehicles being parked on car parks. The Council has spent vast amount of resources on a continuous legal battle to move these vehicles; however, this process of moving the culprits on is simply not sustainable. To address this problem and to manage the parking, the Council is seeking to

introduce double yellow lines and install parking bays within the identified car parks. The proposed parking management will allow the Council to manage and maximise the parking for all users.

PROPOSED MEASURES

The pay and display bays in parks are to operate Monday to Saturday between the hours of 8.00am and 4.00pm, but not including Sundays or Bank Holidays.

The locations to be included within the current scheme are:

- i) Wimbledon Park (Revelstoke Road car park), Wimbledon
- ii) Haydons Road Recreation Ground, Wimbledon
- iii) Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields, Motspur Park
- iv) Abbey Recreation Ground, South Wimbledon
- v) Tamworth Recreation Ground, Mitcham

Can you please forward the attached Notice to all Labour Councillors for their information and consultation.

Regards,

Paul Atie

Senior Parking Engineer |futureMerton|

Environment and Regeneration|London Borough of Merton|

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PROPOSED CONTROLS TO OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES IN PARKS

THE MERTON (OFF-STREET PARKING PLACES) (NO. *) ORDER 201*

1. **NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Council of the London Borough of Merton propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 32, 35 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The main effect of the Orders would be to introduce parking controls to off-street parking in various local parks.
3. The general effect of the 'Off-Street Parking Places' Order would be to revoke the Merton (Off-Street Parking Places) (No. 1) Order 2013 and re-introduce its provisions with amendments which would:
 - (a) introduce controls on parking at the off-street car parks located in the parks specified in the Schedules to this Notice;
 - (b) specify that at the off-street car parks specified in Schedule 1 to this Notice:
 - (i) use of each off-street car park would be restricted to motor cars, motor cycles, invalid carriages and pedal cycles;
 - (ii) vehicles must be parked wholly within a parking space;
 - (iii) the hours of operation would be between the hours of 6am and 11pm Mondays to Sundays outside of which access to and egress from the car parks would be prohibited;
 - (iv) the chargeable hours would be from 8am to 4pm Mondays to Saturdays, with free parking on Sundays, bank holidays, Good Friday and Christmas Day;
 - (v) the charge for parking would be 10 pence for every twenty minutes up to £2.40 for 8 hours and payment would be via pay and display machine, or via telephone or mobile device;
 - (c) specify that at the off-street car park specified in Schedule 2 to this Notice:
 - (i) use of the off-street car park would be restricted to motor cars, motor cycles, invalid carriages and pedal cycles. HGVs would be able to use the loading area to the rear of the Sainsburys store;
 - (ii) vehicles must be parked wholly within a parking space;
 - (iii) the hours of operation would be between the hours of 6am and 11pm Mondays to Sundays outside of which access to and egress from the car park would be prohibited;
 - (iv) the chargeable hours would be from 8am to 4pm Mondays to Saturdays, with free parking on Sundays, bank holidays, Good Friday and Christmas Day;
 - (v) the charge for parking would be 20 pence for every twenty minutes up to £4.80 for 8 hours and payment would be via pay and display machine, or via telephone or mobile device.
4. A copy of the proposed Order and other documents giving more detailed particulars of the Order, including plans which indicate the locations and layouts of the car parks to which the Orders relate can be inspected Monday to Friday during normal office hours at Merton Link, Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey.
5. Any person desiring to comment on the proposed Orders should send a statement in writing of their representations or objections and the grounds thereof, to the Environment and Regeneration Department at the Merton Civic Centre, London Road, Morden, Surrey, SM4 5DX, or alternatively by email to trafficandhighways@merton.gov.uk quoting reference **ES/OFFSTREET**, no later than 7 July 2017.

Dated: 15 June 2017.

Paul McGarry
Head of futureMerton
London Borough of Merton,
Merton Civic Centre, London Road,
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SCHEDULE 1

Abbey Recreation Ground, South Wimbledon; Sir Joseph Hood Memorial Playing Fields, Motspur Park;
Tamworth Recreation Ground, Mitcham; Wimbledon Park (Revelstoke Road car park), Wimbledon

SCHEDULE 2

Haydons Road Recreation Ground, Wimbledon

Doug Napier

From: Environmental Development
Sent: 08 June 2016 11:36
To: Doug Napier; Leisure
Subject: FW: Tamworth

Hi

Sorry to bother you. Any suggestions on this as the car park isn't enforced by us. Ill forward the pictures shortly.

From: ...
Sent: 07 June 2016 12:32
To: Environmental Development
Subject: Re: Tamworth

Hello

Unfortunately the litter needs doing yet again- this really has to be a regular cleaning job - I should not have to keep emailing!

I took my neighbour who had a stroke recently around to the allotments using her stroller just to get her out of the flat. However I wish I had not as she became extremely upset to see all the litter in the car park right outside her flat - she was very distressed which certainly was not what I intended.

You have been very helpful replying to my emails but I will have no alternative but to get my counsellors involved if it is not addressed.

There are two untaxed vehicles in the car park still after months, there is not enough room for people visiting to park let alone ones that do not pay road tax.

Photos under separate email.

Regards

On 19/05/2016 15:03, Environmental Development wrote:

Hi

Hope all is well. Your pictures mirror mine as I've been there today myself and went one day last week.

I hate being negative and will cut an email I've sent to leisure just now as it turns out that car park falls under Leisure services remit and I always thought it was our own. I'm awaiting to hear back from the head of leisure (Doug Napier) about a way forward as its not acceptable.

The fly tip Ill get removed ASAP and also get the recycle bins and sign cleaned up. As soon as I get a response, you'll be the first to know.

You are correct, it doesn't seem acceptable to be left like this.

Regards

“Hi

Hope all is well.

Need a bit of help.

Went to the car park today at the rear of Dennis Reeve close in Tamworth Rec. I'll put the fly tip on Confirm to be removed but a resident has brought up about the grass needing cutting. It may be due to access as vehicles parked on the grass.

I've spoken to Parking services who have nothing to do with this car park so can't enforce the vehicles left on double yellow lines and grass and doesn't seem fair to residents and the guys that work at the nursery.

Some of the vehicles apparently are down to the mechanics place round the corner.

Our graffiti guys are going to jet the recycle area when the jetter is fixed.

A resident has now sent me pictures of the area now and wants to meet but need to get a plan of action to help.”

From:
Sent: 19 May 2016 10:04
To: Environmental Development
Subject: Tamworth

I have attached some photos for you.

Surely you agree this is not acceptable?

Regards

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Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 07 November 2014 12:31
To: Councillor Nick Draper; Councillor Andrew Judge
Subject: RE: Free parking in parks

Yes, this matter has been rekindled within the department already and I've been asked to do an LSG report on it in the near future.

Doug

From: Councillor Nick Draper
Sent: 07 November 2014 11:45
To: Councillor Andrew Judge
Cc: Councillor Laxmi Attawar; Councillor Caroline Cooper-Marbiah; Doug Napier
Subject: RE: Free parking in parks

Fantastic news, Andrew. I look forward to hearing more.
All the best
Nick

From: Councillor Andrew Judge
Sent: 07 November 2014 11:43
To: Councillor Nick Draper
Cc: Councillor Laxmi Attawar; Councillor Caroline Cooper-Marbiah; Doug Napier
Subject: RE: Free parking in parks

Nick,

In fact we were willing to consider charging and car parks, but lost a critical planning application.

Very happy to look at introducing charges to stop abuse by car repair businesses and the potential for abuse by commuters.

I have copied in Doug so we can discuss at our meeting.

Regards,

Andrew

From: Councillor Nick Draper
Sent: Thursday, November 06, 2014 6:03 PM
To: Councillor Andrew Judge
Cc: Councillor Laxmi Attawar; Councillor Caroline Cooper-Marbiah
Subject: Free parking in parks

Hello Andrew

I know that when we were a minority administration we weren't in a position to introduce charging for parking in our parks, but I'd like you to consider it. We currently have a situation where an overflowing local car repair business is using Wandle Park as free car-parking space, to the detriment of other users. We aren't providing a service for residents: I suspect if the business wasn't using the spaces, commuters would instead. I reckon that could be how other parks are being used too: for example when I visit West Barnes library I always use the Joseph Hood car

park. We're providing a free service for people who would otherwise be paying for parking, and I'm not sure why. Could you look at introducing charges?

All the best
Nick

Councillor Nick Draper (*Labour, Colliers Wood Ward*)
Cabinet member for Community & Culture
Including Housing, libraries, sport, the Arts, leisure, heritage and licensing

Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 06 July 2017 11:50
To: Councillor Nick Draper
Subject: RE: Consultation on car parking charges for Revelstoke Road

Good response!

I'm getting the vibe that they feel down at WP that there's some sort of conspiracy of secrecy when:

- 1) The P&D machines have been on site for almost 1 year now and there's been clamourings down there for them to be activated, and
- 2) There's a 1,200 signature petition doing the rounds right now in respect of the very same project at Sir Joe Hood based on the very same consultation methods, so it cannot be *that* secret.

Doug

From: Councillor Nick Draper
Sent: 06 July 2017 11:34
To:
Cc: Councillor Oonagh Moulton; Reuirector for Cllr Oonagh Moulton; Councillor Linda Taylor; Redirector for Cllr Linda Taylor; Redirector For Cllr Janice Howard; Councillor Janice Howard; Paul Atie; Doug Napier
Subject: RE: Consultation on car parking charges for Revelstoke Road

Hello Nick

As I understand it, the consultation was advertised to your ward Councillors, on notices within the car park itself, in the local Guardian newspaper and on Merton's website. Whereas for street parking individual households affected would also be contacted directly, where a car park in a nearby park is concerned that normally wouldn't be the case, as there would be no clarity as to the boundary for those affected.

I would agree with you that the charges are low. The rationale behind bringing in charges at all, in this and some other Merton parks, is that currently our parks are being abused by commuters using the free spaces to park all day, depriving park users of the chance to park themselves. The charges are designed not to hurt park users unduly, while at the same time deterring commuters. This also goes some way to explaining the reason for charging Monday to Saturday only.

This is Merton's first borough-wide initiative in charging for parking in parks. We have been charging for car parks and on-street parking for many years, and we therefore have history to back up our methods and charges: this is new to us, so we have to rely on the experience of others and on knowledge accumulated elsewhere that may not be applicable to the needs of park users. There is therefore something of the experimental in these proposals, and I would be surprised if there were no modifications over time.

All the best

Councillor Nick Draper (*Labour, Colliers Wood Ward*)
Cabinet member for Community & Culture

From:

Sent: 05 July 2017 22:25

To:

Cc: Councillor Oonagh Moulton; Redirector for Cllr Oonagh Moulton; Councillor Linda Taylor; Redirector for Cllr Linda Taylor; Redirector For Cllr Janice Howard; Councillor Janice Howard; Councillor Nick Draper

Subject: Re: Consultation on car parking charges for Revelstoke Road

Thanks for forwarding this. I have received no communications whatsoever from Merton Council or from our Conservative Ward Councillors about this proposal which I find worrying given the location of my property and the fact that I am a Merton ratepayer. As you point out the consultation ends on Friday which gives no time at all to consider the proposal and submit a reasoned response. This is not acceptable. I hope you don't mind but I am copying this correspondence to our Ward Councillors and also to Nick Draper and shall be glad of their confirmation that the consultation period will be extended and that a proper consultation process will be undertaken to give local residents the opportunity to comment on the proposals.

Kind regards

On 5 Jul 2017, at 18:44, wrote:

We've just received the attached notification (dated 23rd June) from the three Wimbledon Park ward councillors (LB Merton). The deadline for comments is this Friday. I'm concerned that I hadn't heard of it any other way and only just yesterday, but perhaps I missed something circulated by the Friends?

The notification states that we can see the proposed traffic order and plans by attending Merton Link in the Civic Centre, which is not very helpful, given the very short notice.

I cannot find the consultation on the LB Merton website. It's not under traffic consultations in Wimbledon Park. I did locate a two-year old plan of the car park layout for charging (also attached), but no other document.

The actual proposed Traffic Order may answer some of my questions, but I would suggest a few:

1. Why Monday to Saturday, given that Sundays and Saturdays are times when the demand for car parking is greatest?
2. Why 08:00 to 16:00, given that demand is high well into the evening on summer days?
3. As the car park lies largely within LB Wandsworth, what consultation is undertaken there?
4. What arrangements are made for disabled parking, group visits to the park (e.g. for Water Sports or Bowls), and to control the number of vehicles parked at the Cafe, Bowls Pavilion and Water Sports Centre?

5. Why not charge also for the Wimbledon Park Road car park?
6. What's the rationale for the, remarkably low, charge?
7. How does the proposal relate to adopted policies in Merton (e.g. those on sustainable travel)?

Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 19 May 2016 16:03
To: John Ball
Cc: David Byles; Danny Lovelock
Subject: RE: Tamworth Farm Car Park

John:

I think that you are right, we can't cut the grass if the machine can't get on for illicitly parked cars!

Seems to me that keeping the overhead barrier locked might help to a degree on a number of fronts. Copied in DB to effect that.

Doug

From: John Ball
Sent: 19 May 2016 14:47
To: Doug Napier
Cc: Jonathan Lynch; Mark Mcloughlin
Subject: Tamworth Farm Car Park

Hi

Hope all is well.

Need a bit of help.

Went to the car park today at the rear of Dennis Reeve close in Tamworth Rec. I'll put the fly tip on Confirm to be removed but a resident has bought up about the grass needing cutting. It may be due to access as vehicles parked on the grass.

I've spoken to Parking services who have nothing to do with this car park so can't enforce the vehicles left on double yellow lines and grass and doesn't seem fair to residents and the guys that work at the nursery.

Some of the vehicles apparently are down to the mechanics place round the corner. Not sure what you can do as the police have now flagged up this area as lots of anti-social behaviour happening involving gangs, lots of activity in the evening.

Our graffiti guys are going to jet the recycle area when the jetter is fixed.

A resident keeps sending me pictures of the area now and wants to meet but not sure what I can tell her to appease her.

Regards
John

John Ball
Principal Community Engagement Officer
Enforcement Section

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Doug Napier

From: Councillor Andrew Judge
Sent: 28 November 2013 12:14
To: Doug Napier
Subject: RE: Wilmore End parking

Nothing like variety!

From: Doug Napier
Sent: Thursday, November 28, 2013 7:52 AM
To: Councillor Andrew Judge
Cc: Chris Lee
Subject: RE: Wilmore End parking

Andrew:

P&D at Abbey is very much part of our plans still.

We have an idea for NR that would provide additional spaces in the Wilmore End estate for parking whilst not compromising the integrity and capacity at Nursery Road for open space users. Whether it will work rather depends on what the parking under-capacity currently is and what it might then become if additional parking space is provided, that is, more people are encouraged to by second and third cars.

(This all feels rather like Wimbledon Park in reverse from the perspective of my own chair).

Doug

From: Councillor Andrew Judge
Sent: 27 November 2013 20:55
To: Doug Napier
Subject: RE: Wilmore End parking

Doug,

Sure,

What is anticipated in Nursery rd Playing Fields is to allow part of the space to be used by resident permit holders in a CPZ so the parking will be regulated by enforcement officers.

I think we have to treat each location on its own merits and there will be no precedent set.

I suggest that we make Abbey Car Park P&D.

Regards,

Andrew

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 27 November 2013 12:17
To: Councillor Andrew Judge
Subject: FW: Wilmore End parking

Andrew:

Some feedback from the staff on the issues on the Abbey Rec and Nursery Road sites.

Also, I would like to have 15 minutes with you some time soon on the plans for Nelson Gardens.

Regards,

Doug

From: Jonathan Turner
Sent: 27 November 2013 09:09
To: Doug Napier
Cc: Alan Trumper
Subject: RE: Wilmore End parking

Dear Doug

The gates are locked at Nursery to prevent resident car parking so I don't have any recent evidence from that side of the site.

Over at Abbey however it's a different story; the car park is full most days with:

- untaxed or illegal cars
- residents leaving their cars on site
- commuter parking
- parking over yellow hatched markings preventing emergency vehicle access for our facility users
- breaking/dismantling cars for spare parts
- parking in disabled bays with no blue badge

The list goes on.....

If a legitimate park user is using the car park they tend to park down the playground end of the car park, if they are residents they park as close to the main gate as possible. By allowing resident parking we would be going against everything we have tried to achieve at all the other sites across the borough, this is to the detriment of legitimate parks users.

I don't have examples of each incident but I have seen this and have also had these problems reported by staff visiting the site. We only have one photo that we can find showing two untaxed and uninsured cars being broken for spare parts. If or when we are passing we can take some more pictures.

Kind Regards

Jonathan Turner
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From: Councillor Andrew Judge
Sent: 22 November 2013 11:10
To: Doug Napier; Paul Atie
Subject: RE: Wilmore End parking

Doug,

Do we have evidence of usage of this car park?

Regards,

Andrew

From: Doug Napier
Sent: Friday, November 22, 2013 10:01 AM
To: Paul Atie
Cc: Councillor Andrew Judge
Subject: Wilmore End parking

Paul:

Further to our discussions this morning, I am writing to confirm my view that allowing residents parking in the playing field car park would not be a good step for legitimate users of the open space.

It would, furthermore, create a precedent that would have negative consequences at a number of other parks locations, issues that we are trying to stamp out, including situations where our users are rather upset that they can't enjoy our facilities due to parking pressures caused by off-site issues, including residents, their visitors, commuters and tradespeople circumventing local CPZs.

Doug

Doug Napier

From: Chris Lee
Sent: 09 December 2013 13:55
To:
Cc:

Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park Car Park Extension

Dear thankyou for your email.

I am asking Mr Napier to look into this matter and respond directly to you.

Regards

Chris Lee | Director of Environment & Regeneration

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From:
Sent: 08 December 2013 22:33
To: Chris Lee
Cc: Ivan [redacted]

Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park Car Park Extension

This mail is primarily to bring to the attention of **Chris Lee** the fact that the said 'extension' car park area is once again being used to park vehicles. It has not been very difficult for vehicles to drive over the very fragile orange coloured mesh netting and to park in that area.

Immediate action is required to deter people from parking their vehicles, illegally, upon the 'extension' area.

There were some wooden sleepers placed across the access to this extension preventing vehicles from driving onto the extension area, however, they have disappeared??

Surely there is somebody within the park, on a daily basis, who can look towards this problem and take the necessary actions to prevent the vehicles from crossing the entrance and parking on the said area.

Also, I have recorded over the last two weeks, the number of vehicles entering the park early in the morning, and then the vehicles being parked in the existing car park and the drivers exiting the park to go elsewhere. Most days this car park is half full of vehicles by 08.00hrs and is used by people who are very evidently not using the park.

There are, also, always a number of commercial vehicles being left in the park for a considerable amount of time.

Action is required by whosoever is responsible for this facility within the park.

Sincerely,

...

Tel No. [redacted]
[redacted]

Date: Sun, 8 Dec 2013 17:11:13 +0000
Subject: Re: Fw: Wimbledon Park Car Park Extension
From: [redacted]
To: [redacted]
CC: p[redacted]

Dear [redacted]
Thanks for forwarding these e-mails.
Yet another reason to warrant a park keeper to monitor parking (especially to deter unauthorised parking by those who have no intention of visiting the amenities in the park). LBM seem to disregard any enforcement issues arising from the car park extension decision.

Martin

On 24 October 2013 13:08, [redacted] wrote:
FYI. I note no timescale has been given for the removal of the hard core and reinstatement of the grass but let's hope it's a move in the right direction!

Janet

----- Forwarded Message -----
From: Chris Lee <Chris.Lee@merton.gov.uk>
To: [redacted], Chief Executive <Chief.Executive@merton.gov.uk>

Cc: Doug Napier <Doug.Napier@merton.gov.uk>
Sent: Thursday, 24 October 2013, 10:56
Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park Car Park Extension

Dear Mr Curran, further to your recent enquiry on the above matter and the decision of the planning committee on 10th October then we can confirm that we will be removing the hard-core that has formed the basis of the temporary parking area and, furthermore, will restore this area to the best of our ability, recognising it has been subject to previous episodes of disturbance and use as a works compound and is not, therefore, pristine ground.

I can also confirm that we will soon be undertaking some improvements to the existing hard-standing car park at Revelstoke Road, including reinstating the perimeter barriers and remarking the parking bays.

Regards

Chris Lee | Director of Environment & Regeneration
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From: J
Sent: 23 October 2013 22:02
To: Sophie Jones-Lisa Barwell; Chris Lee; Chief Executive
Subject: Re: Wimbledon Park Car Park Extension

Please may I receive a reply to my email of 11 October.

From: Sophie Jones-Lisa Barwell <SophieJones-LisaBarwell@merton.gov.uk>
To: ""
Cc: Chris Lee <Chris.Lee@merton.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, 14 October 2013, 11:42
Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park Car Park Extension

Dear Mr Curran,

Thank you for your email addressed to the Chief Executive. Mr Curran has asked me to let you know that Chris Lee, Director of Environment and Regeneration will respond to the substantive points you have raised.

Kind regards
Lisa

Lisa Barwell
Executive Assistant to Ged Curran, Chief Executive
(Monday and Tuesday)
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www.merton.gov.uk



Best Achieving Council

From: ...
Sent: 11 October 2013 16:24
To: Chief Executive
Subject: Wimbledon Park Car Park Extension

Dear Mr Curran

I was delighted with the decision at last night's planning committee meeting to reject the application to extend the Revelstoke Road car park in Wimbledon Park. After 18 months of campaigning against the application there are many people rejoicing today at the result. Can I please have your assurance that the hard core on the site will be removed as quickly as possible and the area returned to grass? The hard core is an eyesore and has been there too long and it has deprived the public of a large area of green open space. Furthermore, can you please confirm that the disabled parking bays which were removed from the existing car park some time ago will be reinstated.

Many thanks

J
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Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 28 April 2014 10:14
To:
Subject: RE: WP Car Park

To be clear, I am no fan of car parks but we provide services to our customers, some of whom travel quite some distance to the park and do not live within walking distance.

Nobody here has, or even would propose an excessive amount of car parking as that would defeat the main purposes of the park. There is a balance to be struck and 30 odd spaces at the main entrance to the park is not a reasonable number in summer or when there are organised activities in the park in my view.

I can assure you that the RR car park is regularly full to capacity on weekends during the summer season. That was the case when we had the additional 50 or so spaces of the informal overflow and so it is now rather inevitable this coming summer season without this extra capacity.

If I am "bemoaning" (your words) anything then it is the fact that 1) addressing those who misuse the parking opportunity will do nothing to deal with the weekend parking headaches which are very much more substantial and 2) it is somewhat hypocritical for some local residents to complain now about their streets filling up with cars given the campaign organised locally to prevent the extension and that some, moreover, expressed this as their preference.

Approval to charge for parking in the park will be fundamental to addressing the midweek commuter issue and so there is a plan

Regards,

Doug

From:
Sent: 26 April 2014 12:08
To: Doug Napier
Cc: Redirector For Cllr Janice Howard; Redirector for Cllr Oonagh Moulton; I
Subject: RE: WP Car Park

Doug,

You cannot dismiss the week-day parking issues as though they are of no consequence. These issues require attention. On week-days the main users of the RR car park are NON PARK USERS, FULL STOP. This is the major concern and will be so during the summer school holidays.

As has been stated many times, a park is for recreation, exercise and the promotion of peoples health and enjoyment. The childrens fun facilities are heavily subscribed most days and particularly at week-ends The childrens parents WALK to the park. Very few use vehicle transport.

To cater for all the visitors that you have previously related to, those from other boroughs and also from far and wide, a car park of unlimited scale would have to be provided. Where and when would you stop? The park would have to be ONE large car park to satisfy the visitors you continuously refer to.

I am aware that funds are not easily available, however, the week-day parking at RR entrance has to be clinically addressed. 80% of vehicles parked during a week day belong to NON park users, FACT.

I have visited the park AM today, Saturday 26th. there are empty car park spaces. I have identified this same situation on many, many previous Saturdays & Sundays, AM & PM!!!

The second car park, which, you continue to suggest was so desperately needed, would have been full each and every week-day, when the availability of such a facility was common knowledge. An eyesore of unmitigated proportions.

What I am saying to you is the true reality of this matter. It is no point in you continuously bemoaning the fact that you have been unable to flood the 'flagship' park with motor vehicles. Have you any understanding of how it looked, when the original and second space were full of vehicles each and every week-day, well if not, I can tell you, it was utterly appalling, to put it mildly. The vista was destroyed from outside & inside view. As I stated previously, it imitated a supermarket car park, absolutely dreadful to behold.

Manage the existing car park(s) in a more controlled manner and you will, possibly, attain a more acceptable car parking regime.

Regards.

From: Doug.Napier@merton.gov.uk
To: r
Subject: RE: WP Car Park
Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2014 18:13:43 +0000

You don't need to repeat yourself, I am very familiar with your concerns and issues.

However, sorting out any midweek abuses by some commuters and various local workers will not lance the bigger boil which is that on weekends, when the park is busiest, and there are no or almost no commuters and the like, there are still parking issues and much the biggest ones of all.. As much as commuters are irritating they are not the only or main parking issue. The overarching issue that applied week-round and year-round is that there is insufficient capacity for a park of this popularity. I apologise if I am now repeating myself.

I agree that the charging regime, if and when introduced, needs to be carefully considered to cater for legitimate users and serve as a disincentive to commuters insofar as possible.

Regards,

Doug

From: i
Sent: 25 April 2014 18:24
To: Doug Napier
Cc: Councillor Janice Howard; Redirector for Cllr Oonagh Moulton;
Subject: RE: WP Car Park

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Date: Fri, 25 Apr 2014 09:00:47 +0000

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Regards,

Doug

From: [redacted]
Sent: 24 April 2014 14:46
To: Doug Napier
Cc: Councillor Janice Howard; Redirector for Cllr Oonagh Moulton; [redacted]
Subject: WP Car Park

Hello Doug,

Trust you are well.

Just asking regards the WP Car Park, Revelstoke Road entrance. What do you have in process to try and control the car park use? Last time we communicated you stated that restricted hours were to be introduced with charges. Is this still the intention?

The situation with the car park use remains as it always has been. Over the Easter holiday there was a limited number of cars utilising the car park facility. I counted on each of the four days a maximum of 11 cars, that was on the Saturday at 11.30hrs. The other days there were very few cars in the spaces.

Since Tuesday, and through all the previous weekdays, the car park has been full from early morning until late afternoon. Because this is the situation, actual park users, wishing to park in the park are unable to do so. They have to try and find a space in the surrounding roads, which, inevitably impacts upon the local residents parking. This was very evident during the two week school holiday, when the car park was full with cars from the early morning on-wards with people parking up and exiting the park. I have identified this situation to you on many a previous occasion.

I have carried out a brief survey of residents who are closer to the park than I am, they are all concerned and affected by people who wish to use the park, mothers& fathers with children etc...who cannot find a space in the car park and, so, try and take up any free space outside their homes.

This situation is not going to go away. It requires applied attention to reach the best possible solution.

Doug,

Thanks for your response.

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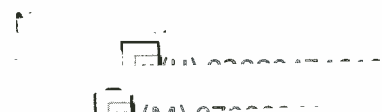
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I don't know how many times I can write the same words.

Regards.

Doug



From: Doug.Napier@merton.gov.uk

To: [redacted]

CC: Janice.Howard@merton.gov.uk; Oonagh.moulton@me.com; [redacted]

[redacted]

Perhaps you can visit with me, as you have suggested, to the park and review the car park on any week day.

Best regards.

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Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 17 October 2013 11:54
To: Michael Udall
Cc: Councillor Janice Howard; Ian Simpson; Councillor Ian Munn; Doug Napier
Subject: RE: 2ND E-MAIL -- Planning Application 12/P1181 - Wimbledon Park Open Space, Revelstoke Road -

Michael,

Thanks for your time and efforts in contacting me regards the subject matter.

I followed the webcast.

My opinion is the application has been poorly thought through and poorly presented. The objectors made a very sensible and articulate case.

Just a little note to you, yesterday during the heavy rainfall my wife and I visited the park. There were 23 vehicles parked in the existing hard standing car park. There were four contractors vehicles, we observed, later, three people drive in and deposit their vehicles before exiting the park! I have observed this over many years. It is not just commuters who use the car park. It is contractors and local visitors. I have observed during the summer months vehicles arrive between 08.00hrs and 09.30hrs and the owners/drivers exit the park.

Why should there be over 20 vehicles using the car park during very heavy rain? As I have stated previously local residents pay for parking permits, why should others, not using the park have FREE parking?

If car park space is made available, people will use it, this does not justify the necessity for an extended car park in the park.

Ian Munn please take note. Also, you need to present a more substantial reason for your support of the application. I witnessed your actions during the meeting and found it very difficult to understand your stance, apart from what was obviously a personnel battle with certain other councillors. You must leave personnel enmities outside and as the chair advised you, obtain legal advice for any answers to your very strange question regarding, 'where do we go from here? You do not understand any of the issues related to this application, only, perhaps the ones you dream up in the depths of your mind. It would be of a certain interest to me to hear why you supported the application. Could you do so?

From: Mike.Udall@merton.gov.uk

To: Doug Napier <dnapier@merton.gov.uk>

Subject: 2ND E-MAIL -- Planning Application 12/P1181 - Wimbledon Park Open Space, Revelstoke Road -

Date: Thu, 17 Oct 2013 09:35:39 +0000

Doug Napier has forwarded your e-mail to me. I assume you are referring to the Minutes of last week's Planning Applications C'ttee (on 10/10/13) which considered the above application.

The agenda for the meeting can be found on the Council's web-site via the link shown below, and the Minutes (including the refusal decision on application 12/P1181) will be published on the web-site at the same link as soon as they are available (which hopefully will be some time next week, once the Minutes have been cleared through our internal procedures).

http://www.merton.gov.uk/council/decision-making/committee.htm?view=event&event_id=4357

As stated on the phone, I tried to e-mail you earlier, but got a message back that my e-mail was "undelivered". I hope this now reaches you.

M.J.Udall

Democratic Services Officer, Corporate Services Department, Merton Council

Tel: 020-8545-3357

E-mail: michael.udall@merton.gov.uk

(Council web-site: www.merton.gov.uk)

(NB. I now work part-time. In my absence, for any urgent matters, please e-mail democratic.services@merton.gov.uk.)

From: M.J. Udall <michael.udall@merton.gov.uk>
Sent: 14 October 2013 15:47
To: Doug Napier <dnapier@merton.gov.uk>
Cc: <dnapier@merton.gov.uk>
Subject: 12P/1181

Hi Doug,

There is no information on the council web site with reference to the above subject matter.

Can you explain why this is please.

Thanks.

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Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 14 June 2017 16:57
To:
Subject: RE: Portable Barbecue's.

As the tennis event is heavily stewarded and the stewards well briefed about this matter, and indeed the queuers well briefed in advance of camping too, then we do not anticipate many, if any problems at that specific time.

I have been discussing this very matter with the parks contractor. There are evident commercial opportunities for them, but I don't expect those to be realised during this summer.

The car park pay and display arrangement is now at the point of formal public consultation now that the national elections are over. I am confident that, subject to the findings of the consultation, that the P&D will be operational within a matter of weeks. At which point I expect a significant element of the longer term non-user car parkers may disappear.

Kind regards,

Doug Napier
Greenspaces Manager
Environment & Regeneration
Merton Council

From: Merton Council [mailto:info@merton.gov.uk]
Sent: 12 June 2017 17:10
To: Doug Napier
Cc: Redirector for Cllr Oonagh Moulton; [mailto:oonagh.moulton@merton.gov.uk]; Councillor Linda Taylor
Subject: Portable Barbecue's.

Hello Mr Napier,

I trust you are well. As you have deduced from the subject matter, I write to advise, that Wimbledon Park grass area is visibly pock marked with damage caused by portable barbecues. This activity has continued unabated for a number of summers. Only yesterday there were a number of these fires burning and all were based directly onto the grass. The people that carry out this activity have no respect for the park facility that they so happily make use of.

I do not know how the activity can be controlled. Therefore, it will continue through the summer months without any control !

In a couple of weeks we will have the 'tennis campers', who is to say that they, or some of them will use the portable barbecue and damage the grass further.

It is very disappointing to see the damage that is caused to the park by these implements, what can be done ?

Also, the car park(s) are continuously used by non-park users, the usual suspects of course, but, that's another saga, isn't it ?

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Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 19 September 2013 12:49
To: David Byles
Subject: FW: Wimbledon Park

Comments?

Do I need to speak to the police too?

Doug

From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 September 2013 12:31
To: Doug Napier
Cc: [redacted]; Councillor Ian Munn
Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park

Doug,

Thanks for your response. However, the 3 cars parked alongside the bowling green and at the pavilion, do not belong to the park residents, their car is parked at the rear.

Also, please take note, the community police officers do not travel by car to the park! the café only has one car user, the owner and he parks alongside the café.

This is to give you an initial reference to the unsubstantiated figures that the consultants gave you for car users using the park!! Their figures were very inaccurate and therefore give a distorted & false reading of car users at the park. How much more of their assessments are accurate?

This area which is now the topic of discussion should be returned to the park as it did exist for decades.

I am considering cancelling my car parking permits next year and moving my car into the park car park during the permit required hours each day. Good idea??

Sincerely,

From: Doug.Napier@merton.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park
Date: Thu, 19 Sep 2013 10:17:37 +0000

Thank you for your observations.

The vehicles parked by the pavilion will either be cars belonging to staff and/or the occupants of the flat there.

The overflow area will be closed imminently as it usually is around this time of year.

The formalisation of the overflow will, of course, resolve any quagmire issue there.

Regards,

Doug

From: [redacted]
Sent: 19 September 2013 10:53
To: [redacted]
Cc: Doug Napier; Councillor Ian Munn
Subject: Wimbledon Park

Hi,

For the last two mornings I have monitored the cars using the Revelstoke Road entrance to Wimbledon Park and subsequently the parking of these vehicles.

On each of these mornings there have been 17 & 15 cars respectively using the car park facility and to include the grass area now being used for parking vehicles.

I made my observations between 08 10hrs and 0915hrs on each of the mornings.

Only two of the vehicle drivers were using the park directly, which was for dog walking. The other owners departed the park through Revelstoke Road entrance and the Home Park Road park entrance and one vehicle was a camper van with internal lights on.

Also, there were three vehicles parked by the bowling pavilion, I could not ascertain who the owners/drivers were.

I have made these observations on numerous mornings throughout this year and last year, with the same conclusions.

The grass area which has been left by Tfl and now used illegally for parking cars is becoming a quagmire and will further deteriorate through the coming winter.

I also observed the excess speed of vehicles entering & exiting the Revelstoke Road park entrance. It is my considered opinion that this area is now an accident waiting to happen.

The council should now block off the grass area that is being used for car parking until any decision is reached on the council planning application.

Sincerely,

[redacted signature]

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Hello Doug,

Trust you are well.

Just asking regards the WP Car Park, Revelstoke Road entrance. What do you have in process to try and control the car park use? Last time we communicated you stated that restricted hours were to be introduced with charges. Is this still the intention?

The situation with the car park use remains as it always has been. Over the Easter holiday there was a limited number of cars utilising the car park facility. I counted on each of the four days a maximum of 11 cars, that was on the Saturday at 11.30hrs. The other days there were very few cars in the spaces.

Since Tuesday, and through all the previous weekdays, the car park has been full from early morning until late afternoon. Because this is the situation, actual park users, wishing to park in the park are unable to do so. They have to try and find a space in the surrounding roads, which, inevitably impacts upon the local residents parking. This was very evident during the two week school holiday, when the car park was full with cars from the early morning on-wards with people parking up and exiting the park. I have identified this situation to you on many a previous occasion.

I have carried out a brief survey of residents who are closer to the park than I am, they are all concerned and affected by people who wish to use the park, mothers& fathers with children etc...who cannot find a space in the car park and, so, try and take up any free space outside their homes.

This situation is not going to go away. It requires applied attention to reach the best possible solution.

Perhaps you can visit with me, as you have suggested, to the park and review the car park on any week day.

Best regards.

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Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 19 February 2014 19:00
To: Doug Napier
Cc: Councillor Linda Taylor; Councillor Oonagh Moulton; Councillor Janice Howard;
Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park

Doug,

In answer to your last mail I wish to relate the following;

- How many car park spaces do you believe would be required for the number of 'visitors' you consider use the park?
- How much of the available park would be transformed into a car park?
- Where would car parking stop and the park remain?
- You have used the word 'comparators' in relation between WP, Battersea Park & Morden Hall Park. To make comparison with Battersea Park is not valid. The comparative park areas are vastly different. Battersea Park is at the least five times larger than WP, and has designated roadside & internal car parks c/w charges and do not offend the eye. Battersea Park is visited by a diverse public, to include for both national & international tourism. There is NO comparison with WP whatsoever.
- Morden Hall is at least three times larger than WP, it has always had dedicated car parking spaces and those car parks do not blight the landscape. They are inside a walled park and are hardly visible. There are more visitor amenities catered for at Morden Hall than WP, such as the National Trust Centre and the museum.
- Nuffield Leisure Centre is a purpose built facility which included for car parking. The parked cars do not infringe upon the other park facility. The park on either side are not affected, in any way, by the cars that are parked for the leisure centre users.
- You say the play area water feature is very popular and used by 100's, so, how many car park spaces would you like to see? Where would they be accommodated, so as not to infringe upon the park area?
- As I have previously stated, the existing car park areas need to be upgraded. This would/could increase the car park spaces then available. It would then provide a measured amount of spaces, say 100, which would be reasonable & adequate for the size and amenities available at WP.
- To continue to focus on car users is truly defeating the objective of park space.
- From how you have stated your view, it can only be a view that is focusing on providing never ending car park spaces in WP.
- Upgrade the existing car parks.

There will be plenty of available car park spaces in Wimbledon Park, when the timed charges are introduced, at both car parks, I trust??

Sincerely,

From: Doug.Napier@merton.gov.uk

CC: Councillor.LindaTaylor@merton.gov.uk; Oonagh.Moulton@merton.gov.uk;

Janice.Howard@merton.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park

Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2014 18:59:28 +0000

My reference to sports clubs was specifically to address your apparent scepticism about people travelling from afar to the park and my point was that these clubs are engaged in competitions in which their opponents may come from Surrey, North or West London, etc.

AFC Wimbledon's kids coaching sessions in the park attract participants from across a wide geographical area: Wandsworth, Kingston, Hammersmith and Sutton, as well as all parts of Merton.

Hercules WAC has made use of additional temporary parking space on the grass field for their competition days for more years than I have been here (5).

Over and above that we have a very popular water play facility that attracts young families from far and near and often measured in the 100s throughout the summer because it is a good and comparatively rare facility.

Comparators:

Whereas Wimbledon Park is our most popular and diverse park by far, it does not even have the largest car parking capacity in the Merton parks portfolio.

Others:

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Morden Hall Park | 159 parking spaces |
| Battersea Park | 298 parking spaces; 3 car parks |
| Nuffield Leisure Centre, Wandsworth | 82 parking spaces |

I'd suggest that we make a diary date for some weekend in the forthcoming spring or summer time to look at the parking situation in Wimbledon Park simultaneously and compare notes.

Regards,

Doug

From: [redacted]
Sent: 12 February 2014 16:33
To: Doug Napier
Cc: Councillor Oonagh Moulton; Councillor Janice Howard; Councillor Linda Taylor; [redacted]
Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park

Doug,

First thanks for your response.

Can you state what are the comparative recreational facilities in the area?

Who is denying anyone access to the park? Upgrade the car parks, control the parking and there will be spaces available for genuine park users.

The bowls club & the athletics club have performed their related activities in the park, for many, many years, long before the TfL hard standing area appeared and cars from all and sundry suddenly started to park up on that working area. They managed without any additional car park spaces??

We could go on talking backwards & forwards for ever. As Oonagh has stated fast track the restating of the said area.

I suggest that the existing car parks are UPGRADED, introduce some form of parking regulation and we should sit back and review at a later time.

Best regards.

Oonagh.Moulton@merton.gov.uk; Janice.Howard@merton.gov.uk;
Councillor.LindaTaylor@merton.gov.uk
From: oonagh.moulton@me.com
Subject: Re: Wimbledon Park
Date: Wed, 12 Feb 2014 13:54:30 +0000
To: Doug.Napier@merton.gov.uk

Dear ... & Doug

I think the arguments for & against the extension to the car park have been well stated but the concern of residents and councillors is for an improvement to the mess that this saga has resulted in.

Delays in resolving the dispute and to resolution of the planning application have resulted in the pile of rubble left on the site of the extension for far too long.

We appreciate that the weather has caused further delay in its removal but it is an eyesore and a shame to have at an entrance of such a wonderful park that we all love and enjoy.

I do believe that once the rubble is removed further improvements need to be made to this entrance and to the car park. Also what is missed by some of the correspondence are the improvements that were proposed to the extension and existing car park.

Furthermore reverting to using the original car park all year long will not be satisfactory for either users of the park or for residents. I hope that some contingency plans can be made before the busy Easter and Summer periods.

I hope the Council officers will monitor the affect not only in the park but on our local streets.

Best wishes

Oonagh

Cllr Oonagh Moulton

Wimbledon Park Ward

Sent from my iPhone

On 12 Feb 2014, at 13:30, Doug Napier <Doug.Napier@merton.gov.uk> wrote:

I simply suggest that we agree to differ and I would simply say that the Council's view is that Wimbledon Park is a destination park with facilities, other than parking, that reflect that vision.

It is Merton's premier park and users and potential users from Mitcham and Morden, for example, who contribute to its upkeep, should not be unreasonably denied access to it and forced, in effect, to take 2-3 buses or walk to the park. That is not to say that we would expect nor cater for all users to be arriving by car, but the current capacity for cars is not reasonable and compares very poorly with comparative recreational facilities in the local area and beyond.

Neither the bowls club nor the athletics club, for example, would be very effective if they could not hold competitions with similar clubs in the south-east of England and I think that you and I, if were honest, would struggle to find many parents of young children or older people with access to a car who would walk for 30 minutes to get to the park, irrespective of how beneficial that might be. Nor was local opinion unanimously stacked up against the extension proposal of course.

Regards,

Doug

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 12 February 2014 12:40
To: Doug Napier
Cc: Councillor Janice Howard; J
Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park

Doug,

Thanks for taking your time to respond. It is appreciated.

You either have a park, or a car park. How large do you wish the car park provision to be for the park? Where would you stop?

I would be very interested in evidence to support your points that there are so many visitors coming from as far away as Richmond, parts of Surrey and Kingston -U -Thames to utilise the park facilities???. Would these visitors use the Revelstoke Road park entrance or the Wimbledon Park Road entrance?? How many are there each day? Would car park spaces be made available for all?

The existing car park facilities need to be upgraded at both park entrances before any further park land is removed.

With the correct planning and design this upgrading would provide more spaces and also provide a more sustainable car parking facility.

Don't you agree that the more car park spaces that are made available the more they will be used by all and sundry. The park space will be lost forever. These car parks would be full each day with commuters vehicles, commercial vehicles, care workers vehicles, cleaners vehicles, school teachers vehicles, local residents who refuse to pay the residents parking fee, tradesmen's vehicles and more. I have the evidence of this over many months and years, for that matter

I visited the park yesterday early PM, at the Revelstoke Road entrance car park, five commercial vehicles were present, other drivers came, parked and left the park. The car park was full, as was the Wimbledon Park Road car park?? There were not enough people actually in the park to fill all the cars & vehicles that were parked.

I am beginning to consider that your understanding of what a park is for are becoming confused. Why do you believe that car park spaces should be provided for anyone and everyone? Where would you stop?

The park has provided for visitors over many years, before any of us were around. Visitors are not being denied the facilities, as you allude to.

There are parks all over Surrey, Richmond, Kingston-T-Thames Chessington, Morden, Mitcham Streatham & Tooting etc..... What tells you that the many people who reside in these areas need to drive to use Wimbledon Park facilities?

Your commentary states that by *not* having an unlimited amount of car park spaces in Wimbledon Park, visitors from outside a mile radius of the park, and elsewhere in SW London & Surrey are being denied the use of the park facilities.

By the way a 30 minute walk is good for us and children.

Upgrade the existing car parks, bring in parking restrictions for a certain amount of time on week days, and all will run smoothly and I shall stop annoying you.

One last point. The views of local residents, a stones throw, or two away from the park, expressed their views when the car park planning application was held, twice!!

Doug

From: Neil
Sent: 11 February 2014 13:06
To: Doug Napier
Cc: Councillor Janice Howard; Councillor Linda Taylor; Councillor Oonagh Moulton, ...
D. I
Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park

Doug,

Thanks again for a reply.

I find some of your points rather muddled.

The facts are that the car park is used every day by non park users, almost 90%.

I have monitored this situation over a much longer period of activity than I believe you can afford time wise. Each day as the park opens the vehicles enter the park and the drivers exit the park, come and see for yourself, any week day morning.

At week ends the car park is never full at this time of the year. The summer months will be different.

People using the park do so for recreation, they do not need to use a vehicle to reach the park. Public transport is adequately available and furthermore people should use it, or walk, exercise, exercise and more exercise!!

The park does not require any more car parking facilities. Where would a line be drawn. The Wimbledon Road entrance car park requires attention to provide a proper car parking facility.

If you pander to car users you are defeating all objectivity to stop people making unnecessary car journeys. If you provide free car parking people will run in like ducks to water.

If we followed your reasoning all the park would provide is car parking. One massive car park to rival that provided by the major supermarkets.

Sincerely,

D. I

Best regards.

From: Doug.Napier@merton.gov.uk
To: r: [redacted]
Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park
Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2014 17:59:54 +0000

I feel that an appropriate balance has to be struck between encouraging sustainable transport usage and the legitimate needs of park users. The provision of 33 parking spaces at the main park entrance is inadequate in my view and unreasonable given the nature of the park and the range and popularity of the facilities that it supports.

I would be very surprised to find any parking spaces at R.Road in the second half of *any* Saturday morning even at this time of year.

And whilst I would agree that some of the transport options are convenient for users based in the Wimbledon Town Centre, Putney and Fulham areas, these are not so very great for the residents of Mitcham and Morden, most especially those with young families. I lived in Wandsworth for many years and it's not even a great option from there - the drive was 4 minutes and the walk 30 minutes by comparison even without kids in tow.

Some of the facilities in the park are of regional significance and attract users from far-afield, including parts of Surrey, Richmond and Kingston. Relatively few recreational users who travel more than a stone's throw or two to the park have expressed similar views to your own about the parking capacity; indeed quite the reverse.

Regards,

From: Doug.Napier@merton.gov.uk

CC: Janice.Howard@merton.gov.uk; Councillor.LindaTaylor@merton.gov.uk;
Oonagh.Moulton@merton.gov.uk

Subject: RE: Wimbledon Park

Date: Tue, 11 Feb 2014 11:01:02 +0000

This mail has come to me, as you might expect, and so I'll refrain from replying in great detail as I would simply be covering old ground.

I have been in the park a couple of times recently myself, including last week. The Revelstoke Road car park was indeed busy then, but then so was the park and I'd be very surprised if most of the cars present were long-stay commuters or off-site workers as cars were coming and going throughout the morning.

On my last two visits to the park I made a particular point of noting that there were no commercial or trades vehicles in the Revelstoke Road car park and only one van (both unmarked and different vehicles on the two occasions) in the Wimbledon Park Road car park.

Of course, all of this is irrelevant at weekends when the on-site parking demands in the park are at their most acute. The current parking provisions are simply inadequate for a park of this size and popularity and will remain so irrespective of whether there are some residents, or others, taking advantage of the free parking in the midweek period. As you know, the aspiration is to introduce parking fees in the park.

There are some very large notices at the park gates which specifically state that the car park is for park users only.

Regards,

Doug

From:

Sent: 10 February 2014 16:49

To: Leisure

Cc: Councillor Janice Howard; Councillor Oonagh Moulton; Councillor Linda Taylor; Doug Napier; HAMMOND, Stephen

Subject: Wimbledon Park

To Whom It Concerns.

Whilst the reinstating of the grass to the 'old hard lay down area' at the park Revelstoke Road entrance is still to be completed, the existing car park is still being fully utilised by non park users.

Why is it that the work required for the grass to be reinstated appears to be causing 'concern' for our local councillors, I cannot remember certain councillors voicing their support for the efforts that were carried out by the WPRA and others to *oppose* the council planning application to have the area established as a permanent car park!

Also, on enquiry, our local MP advised me that he was in favour of the planning application to have a permanent car park established. Now, we have certain conservative councillors publicising leaflets to inform us of their wishes for the area to be 'quickly' returned to a grass area?? Is there a local election imminent? One might ask

However, such is life and to continue with the main reason for this mail.

I have monitored the type and number of vehicles that are present on a daily basis in this car park over many, many months. The car park is always, if not full, 90% full on any given week day. This will be the status no matter what the season, or weather.

Most vehicles arrive between park opening and 10.00hrs, with the drivers exiting the park. Then as time proceeds, through each day, various commercial vehicles park up for certain lengths of time. On one particular day, when it had been raining heavily since day break and continued for most of the day light, the car park was actually 'overflowing', with vehicles, I might add. There was nobody actually in the park, apart from myself.

Some of the people that I have spoken with, who use the car park and leave the park are; local cleaners, home helps, school teachers, health workers, commuters, visitors to

local residents and tradesmen. In most cases they tell me that they have been advised, by whoever, that the car park exists and therefore they can use it.

This scenario has continued for years, unabated. It is time for positive action

I have spoken with *two* local residents who have quite openly informed me, that they use the car park between the hours of 11.00 & 15.00, so as to avoid paying the residents parking permit charge. This is only two that I am positively aware of. All us residents should do the same. I have stated this to you in many previous mails.

If regulatory control of this car park is not implemented, genuine car park users, during the fairer months, will never have a car park space available. I fully appreciate and understand the problems involved with car park control in the park and that is not easy to implement. However, non park users should be deterred from abusing the car park spaces.

It is also worth relating, that the other car park at Wimbledon Park Road is also full each day.

Free parking for all and sundry.

I, like most other residents, pay for a parking permit each year!!

Kindly revert as required.

Sincerely

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Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 09 April 2014 11:27
To:
Subject: RE: Users of Revelstoke Road Car Park

Thanks for the information. Useful local intelligence.

There are very prominent signs on the gate to the effect that the car park is for park users only and so that is no secret.

I am not sure how often and when you use the park but if you are walking the dog later today and they are still there then that would be useful to know and the evidence to challenge them even more stronger.

The park is indeed busy today and parking space will be at a premium irrespective.

Regards,

Doug

From: .
Sent: 09 April 2014 11:08
To: Doug Napier
Cc: David Byles
Subject: Users of Revelstoke Road Car Park

Doug

I have just returned from Wimbledon Park, and thought you should be made aware of the fact that one of the regular commercial users of the Revelstoke Road car park had 3 vans parked; hence taking up spaces that users of the Park were thereby denied. It was particularly noticeable today, because the Park is busy with many activities, including football, water-sports and tennis.

The name of the company on the side of the vans is [redacted], with address [redacted] telephone number [redacted] and email [redacted]. It occurs to me that you might respectfully make them aware of the fact that the car park is for Park users, and should not be used by them as off-street parking for their vehicles.

Regards,

Doug Napier

From: Amanda Woodhall
Sent: 27 July 2017 15:20
To: Doug Napier; Jonathan Turner
Cc: Jeremy Gibson; Graeme Kane; Neil Thurlow
Subject: FW: Tamworth Rec car park, Mitcham
Attachments: IMAG0142.jpg; IMAG0141.jpg; IMAG0138.jpg

Jonathan,

Thanks for the info, I have contacted the Lavender SNT so they are aware of issues down there.

The black astra that was dealing has been checked and a criminit has been put on the police system.

If you do see any dealing going on at any time please call it in on 999.

I have alerted Pat's team to the what looks like abandoned vehicles.

Cheers
Amanda

Anti Social Behaviour Officer
Safer Merton
Direct dial 0208 274 5974
Email Amanda.Woodhall@merton.gov.uk

-----Original Message-----

From: Safer Merton
Sent: 27 July 2017 12:56
To: Amanda Woodhall; Jeanette Chacksfield
Subject: FW: Tamworth Rec car park, Mitcham

-----Original Message-----

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 27 July 2017 12:44
To: Safer Merton
Cc: Jeremy Gibson
Subject: FW: Tamworth Rec car park, Mitcham

I think that you need to be aware of these issues. Getting worse and worse down there and on the very doorstep of a children's centre too.

Doug

-----Original Message-----

From: Jonathan Turner

Sent: 27 July 2017 10:55
To: Doug Napier; Jeremy Gibson; Alan Trumper
Subject: Tamworth

Gents

Just some evidence if we need it for later re: the future pay and display scheme.

Cars parked all over the grass. Mostly untaxed and no mot according to the .gov website.

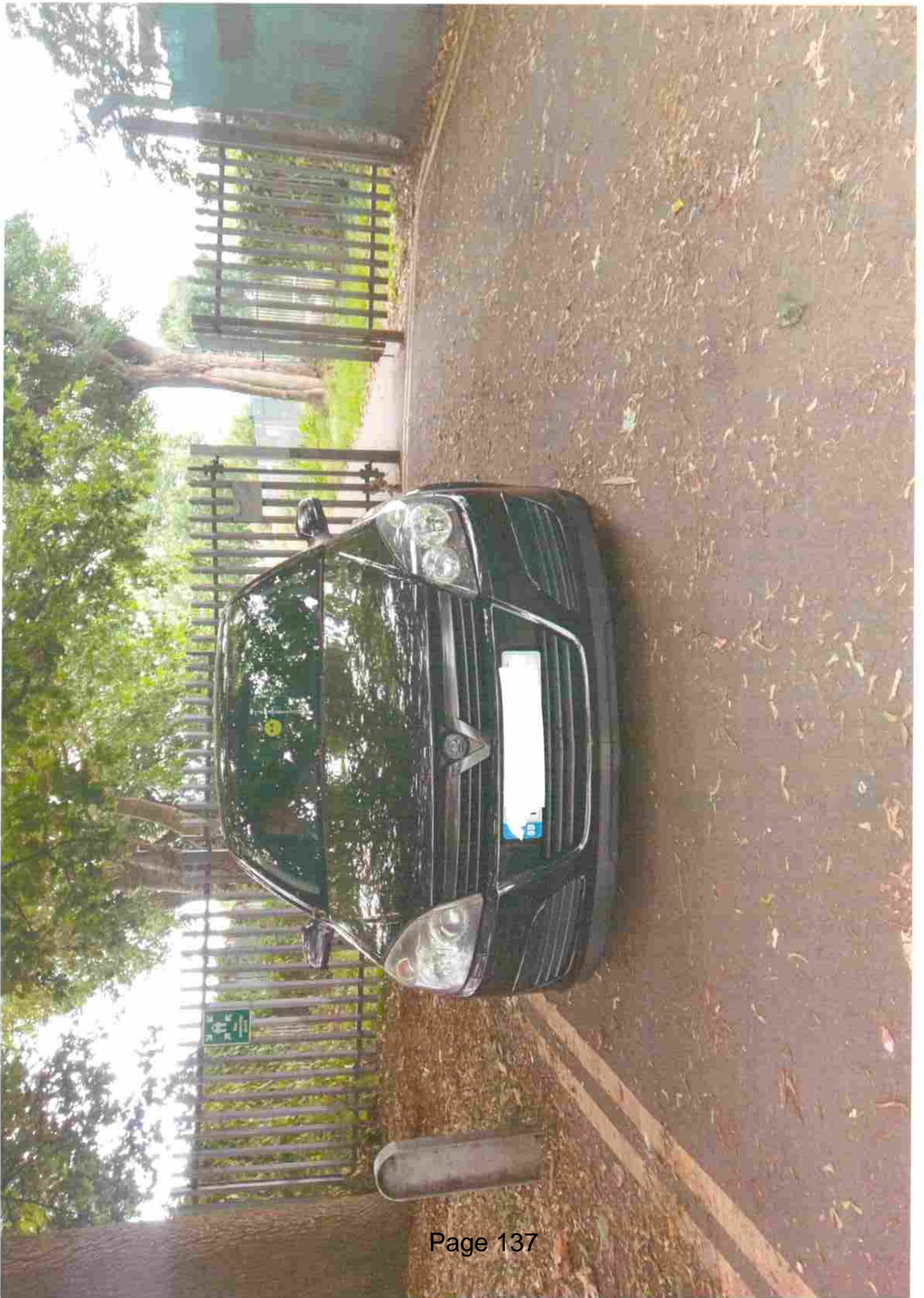
The black Astra was dealing drugs, two clients arrived and left within my time here.

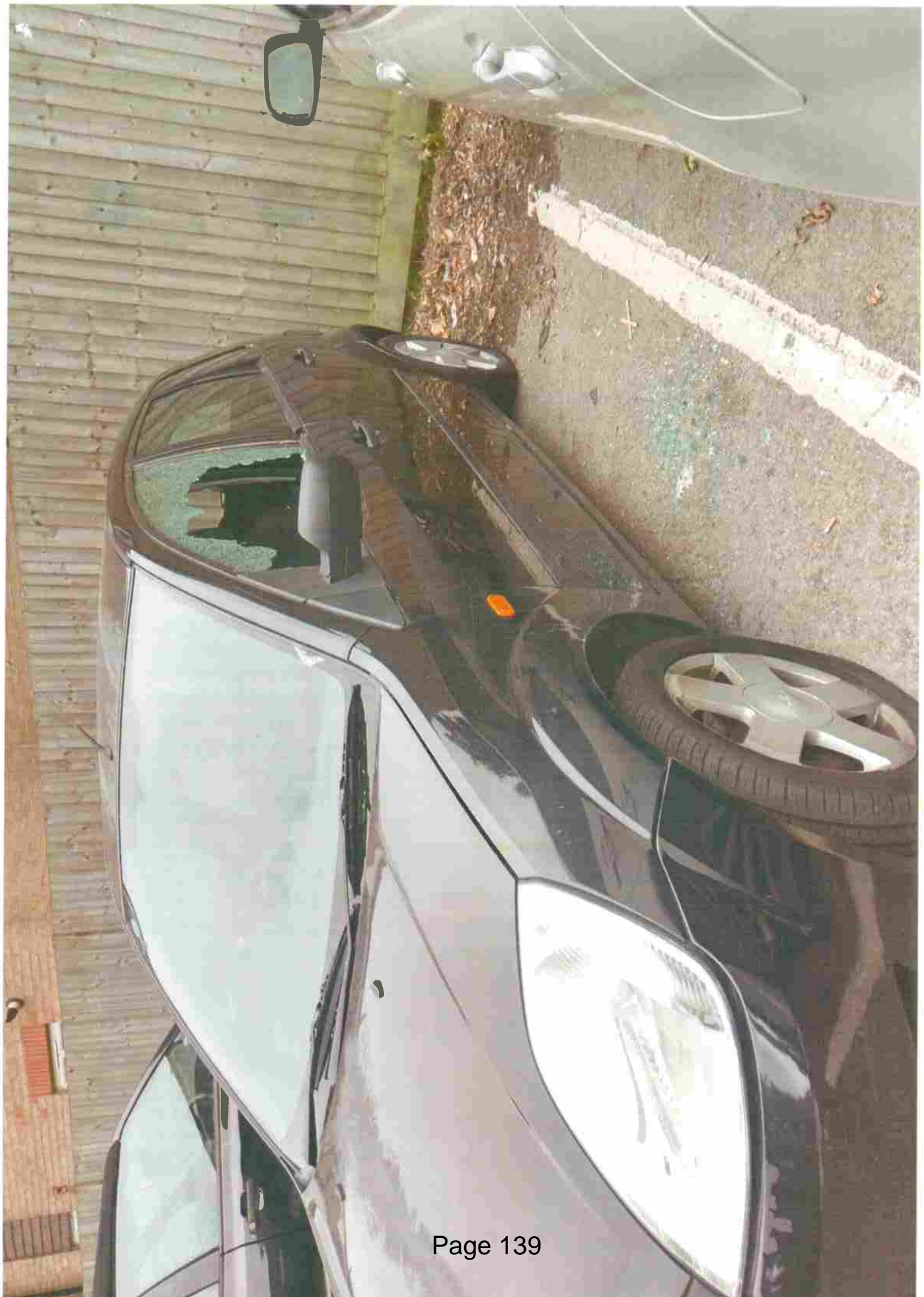
Had a 20 min debate with two angry allotment holders, they now think the p&d is a good thing, they just want to see it implemented sooner rather than later.

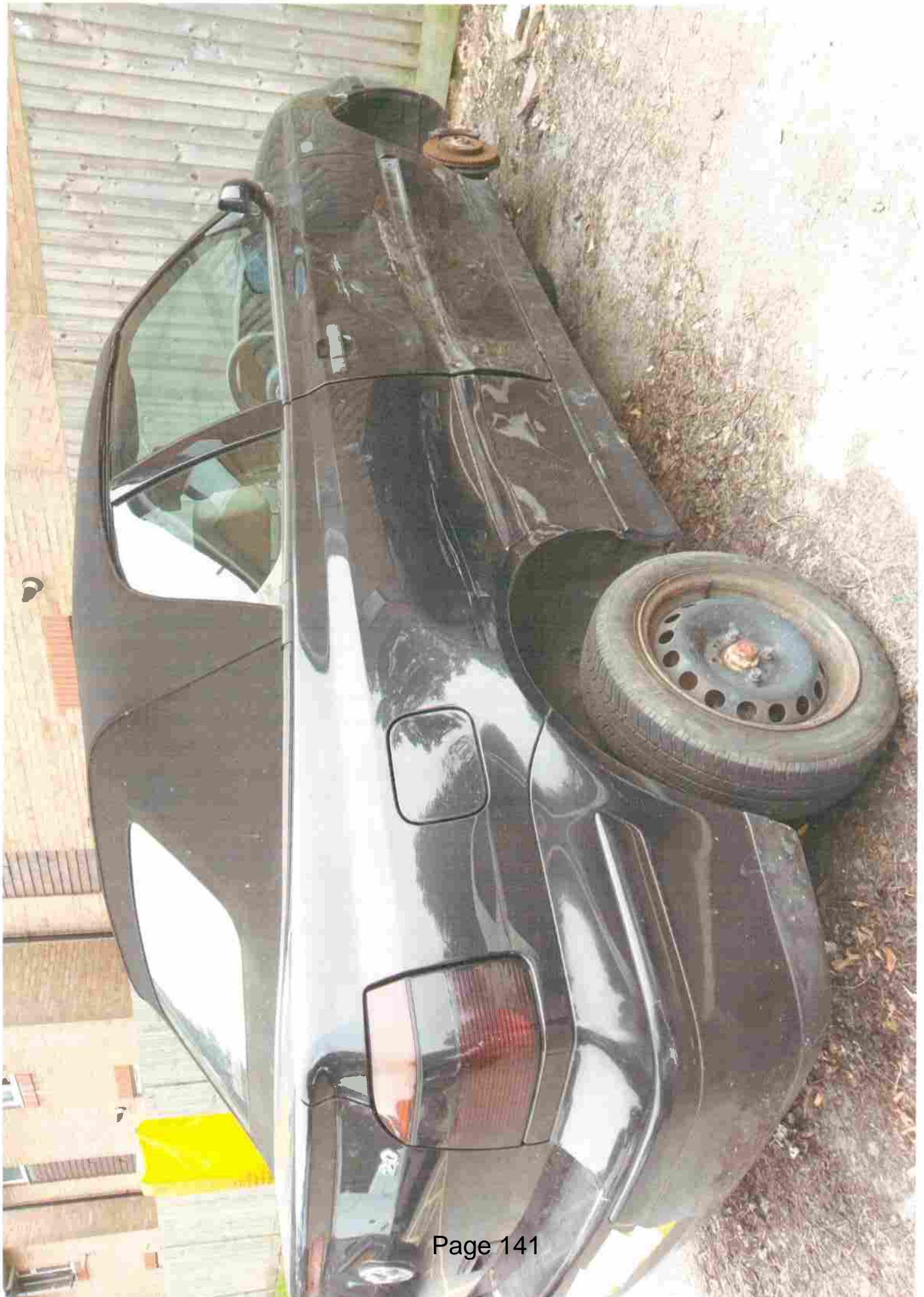
One car is being used as a knocking shop looking at the back seat, gross.

Serious abuse taking place.

JT







Doug Napier

From: Leisure
Sent: 12 April 2016 10:55
To: David Byles
Cc: Doug Napier
Subject: FW: TAMWORTH RECREATION GROUND

Email received in Leisure inbox.

Kay Mankerty
Leisure Support Officer
Direct Line: 020 8545 3665

From: J [mailto:]
Sent: 12 April 2016 09:42
To: Leisure
Subject: TAMWORTH RECREATION GROUND

My name is [redacted] I live at [redacted]

My lounge, kitchen and bathroom overlook The Tamworth Recreation Ground, London Road, Mitcham.

I am writing and hope you can help with some issues I have.

Firstly, the litter is everywhere. The complete area, including car park, play ground and tennis courts are absolutely disgraceful.

Having a recycling centre in the car park does not help especially as they are never pulled out and cleaned behind and underneath. The grass areas are extremely bad.

The car park has recently been re-marked, as some cars were parked in the bays it has not been finished.

The car park is used as a dumping ground for untaxed vehicles etc, here are the ones there at the moment:

WHITE FORD TRANSIT

UNTAXED

BLACK PEUGEOT

UNTAXED

NOT MOT'D

THIS VEHICLE IS ACTUALLY PARKED ON THE LAWN

SILVER PEUGEOT

TAXED AND MOT'D

FLAT TYRES

I would appreciate someone addressing these issues and more than anything I would like to look out of my windows and see a nice clean area.

I would appreciate someone responding to my email.

Best Regards

Doug Napier

From: Doug Napier
Sent: 12 May 2015 07:21
To:
Cc: Emma Carnell; David Byles; [^]
Subject: RE: Abuse of Revelstoke Road Car Park

I've been away on other business and on leave too and not able to access mails very often for some days. You should have received an "out of office" message from me?

Volvo: noted. Will see what we can do but we could well do without such distractions and the investigative work required to check on the vehicle's status. Was more easy in the past when there was a visible tax disc which offered obvious clues.

Coaches:

You are correct, the usual access for the stadium is WPR but, as I've said before, we have no control over where any driver *actually* chooses to enter the park. We can merely advise and hope that they don't simply improvise, choose to use the one nearest their point of origin, or the one that avoids the frequent congestion around Southfields Underground Station.

There are about 4 separate postcodes for the park I seem to recall, the official one being in the very centre. I will recommend to colleagues that track visitors be advised to use WPR and the relevant postcode for that gate but I'm pretty sure that already occurs and is our official policy..

Regards,

Doug

From:
Sent: 11 May 2015 10:02
To: Doug Napier
Subject: Fw: Abuse of Revelstoke Road Car Park

Doug,

You are normally very quick to respond to emails, so I wondered whether you had received the attached?

Regards,

Nigel

----- Forwarded Message -----

From:
To: Doug Napier <doug.napier@met.police.gov.uk>
Cc: [^]

Sent: Wednesday, 6 May 2015, 10:15
Subject: Abuse of Revelstoke Road Car Park

Doug,

With the busy period of the year for Wimbledon Park beginning, I thought it was worth pointing out a couple of issues connected with use of the Revelstoke Road Car Park

Firstly, you may not be aware of the fact that a Volvo car has been parked in the car park for months. It is always in the same place, so I wonder whether it has been moved at all and whether it has just been abandoned. The back tyre looks pretty flat, which would lend support to this suggestion. I attach a photo so you can identify the car and take appropriate action.

Secondly, I was in the Park this morning and saw a full-sized coach had driven into the car park to deliver students who were going to use the athletics track. Fortunately the driver was able to back out without too much difficulty (you can see him doing so in my poor picture taken from some distance away). But if coaches persist in using this entrance rather than the Wimbledon Park Rd one it is a recipe for chaos at this time of year. Quite apart from that the students, who were from the Harris Academy in Morden, had to walk across the grass to the Southfields entrance to the track; WPR would have been much nearer! Perhaps you should give the Post Code for the WPR entrance to try and direct coach drivers away from the use of Revelstoke Road, and the entrance to the Park there?

Regards

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Doug Napier

From: Pat DeJesus
Sent: 06 September 2016 16:17
To: Jonathan Turner; Councillor Geraldine Stanford
Cc: Alan Trumper; Doug Napier; David Byles; Mel Higgs
Subject: RE: Abandoned Car Tamworth Park

Hi Jonathan

You are very welcome.

Mel will either arrange via Surestart or yourself to get the key and arrange for the removal.

Kind regards

Pat

From: Jonathan Turner
Sent: 06 September 2016 15:39
To: Pat DeJesus; Councillor Geraldine Stanford
Cc: Alan Trumper; Doug Napier; David Byles; Mel Higgs
Subject: RE: Abandoned Car Tamworth Park

Hi Pat,

That is great news, thanks you very much yourself and Mel.

The key is held by the Surestart centre staff. I also have a spare I can give to you or Mel if needed?

Kind regards

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From: Pat DeJesus
Sent: 06 September 2016 15:34
To: Jonathan Turner; Councillor Geraldine Stanford
Cc: Alan Trumper; Doug Napier; David Byles; Mel Higgs
Subject: RE: Abandoned Car Tamworth Park

Hi Jonathan

Mel has now carried out her inspection and we have carried out a DVLA check, owner lives in Battersea. Due to the vehicle being left open and a target for vandalising we would like to lift this one asap. There is height barrier on site, can we arrange with our contractor to be there when someone from parks can open the barrier and for it to be closed straight as I am aware our traveller community are in the area at the moment.

If I could ask that you liaise with Mel Higgs so that she can get Darren our contractor on site when it suits all please.

Thank you

Pat

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From: Jonathan Turner
Sent: 06 September 2016 08:15
To: Pat DeJesus; Councillor Geraldine Stanford
Cc: Alan Trumper; Doug Napier; David Byles
Subject: RE: Abandoned Car

Hi Pat,

Much appreciated, thank you. Its next to the playground by the recycle bins.

Silver Ford Focus
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Kind regards

-----Original Message-----

From: Pat DeJesus
Sent: 05 September 2016 16:43
To: Councillor Geraldine Stanford; Jonathan Turner

Cc: Alan Trumper; Doug Napier; David Byles
Subject: RE: Abandoned Car

Hi Jonathan

We will look into this for you, if you can send me the full vehicle details I'll get one of my officers to make the inspection.

Cheers

Pat

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-----Original Message-----

From: Councillor Geraldine Stanford
Sent: 05 September 2016 15:35
To: Jonathan Turner; Pat DeJesus
Cc: Alan Trumper; Doug Napier; David Byles
Subject: RE: Abandoned Car

Hi Jonathan, I've passed it on to police.
Pat - Won't your team deal with it as it's on Merton land??

All the best,
Geraldine

-----Original Message-----

From: Jonathan Turner
Sent: 05 September 2016 13:55
To: Councillor Geraldine Stanford
Cc: Alan Trumper; Doug Napier; David Byles
Subject: Abandoned Car

Hi Geraldine,

Looking for a bit of assistance. A car has been abandoned in Tamworth Rec (next to the recycle bins) its been there for serveral months (no tax mot etc), but as its not on a highway no one is interested in removing it. Do you have any contacts within the police that could assist? The car is unlocked and pretty much trashed. We have also have reports of drug taking in the car although I have no proof of this.

Thank you in advance

Kind regard

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Doug Napier

From:
Sent: 06 August 2017 15:33
To: Doug N
Subject: Tamworth car park abuse / Abbey rec compliants
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Doug,

Please find attached some sample photos showing the daily abuse of parking at tamworth.

Please can you chase up the enforcements team with regards to getting the illegally parked & dumped cars removed & also local knowledge suggests that the local car garage may be worth a vists from Pat de Jesus's team? They use your be responsible for a lot of these cars being left 'in-situ'

Some are members of public also parking illegally, hence several random vists from parking enforcements / Pat's team during peak usage times will also hopefully send out the message publicly that the council is getting to grips here with historic issues.

You previously spoke of leaflet drops, great idea.

Could you mearge it with the other antisocial issues rife to this & surrounding areas, I. E alcoholism, rough sleeping, toileting, fly tipping from local residents (reported to me again from our staff team on Figgs marsh today , Sunday 6th august) & gangs drug dealing.

Anyhow appreciate any updates , what's happening to the parking meters there & at sir Jo, haydons , abbey are they about to go live soon? Why the delay please?

A local resident at abbey is livid, alledgily claiming the council contractor charged thousands of pounds to construct concrete machine bases(a waste of tax payers money), put in state of the art machines , got the car park painted & lined up professionally, then spent more limited resources with all the fiasco in getting the metal security barrier made safe by numerous alterations, yet still the car park remains shut for months on end due to bad construction & the entrance floods continuous with foul water from the meter pit situated in the main entrance, flowing down the street , hindering him when he is trying to walk his kids to school (forcing them to walk into the busy road) He then continued to moan by mentioning the green roof at abbey now being infested with fleas & the external gutting leaking due to its bad design, constantly dripping & not flowing away correctly.

He wanted to get in touch with his local mp Andrew Judge, yet he understands that he left, he wants to know what is going on at the counci lplease, when his business rates as a local builder are ever increasing to a new sky-high limit?

He was furious & I am afraid I can't answer his concerns & shouldn't have to be bombarded with this abuse when going about my job as the public face of the council / I d verde etc..

It is one things receiving an angry phone call/ email, however it is totally different when faced & exposed to this level of stress from an anger public whilst just trying to go about your day to day job.

Luckily this member of the public is unaware of all the other internal issues we have had at abbey rec regarding ceilings collapsing, water leaks & boilers issues due to the services installed being way over what is required (according g to Bilfinger experts)

And this site was suppose to be a state of the art intelligent modern green building

Its a little embarrassing to say the least moving forward..., we are where we are yet we mustn't rest on the past, we need to move forward & address issues , Abbey rec / Tamworth are just small samples of a big picture that needs addressing.

I have tried yet my supervisor role has been compromised whilst I attempt to cover missing managers who have left.

Surely this is not I D Verde's fault, I would appreciate some action here that actually gets to grips with so easy of our professional concerns & the publics ones , once & for all.

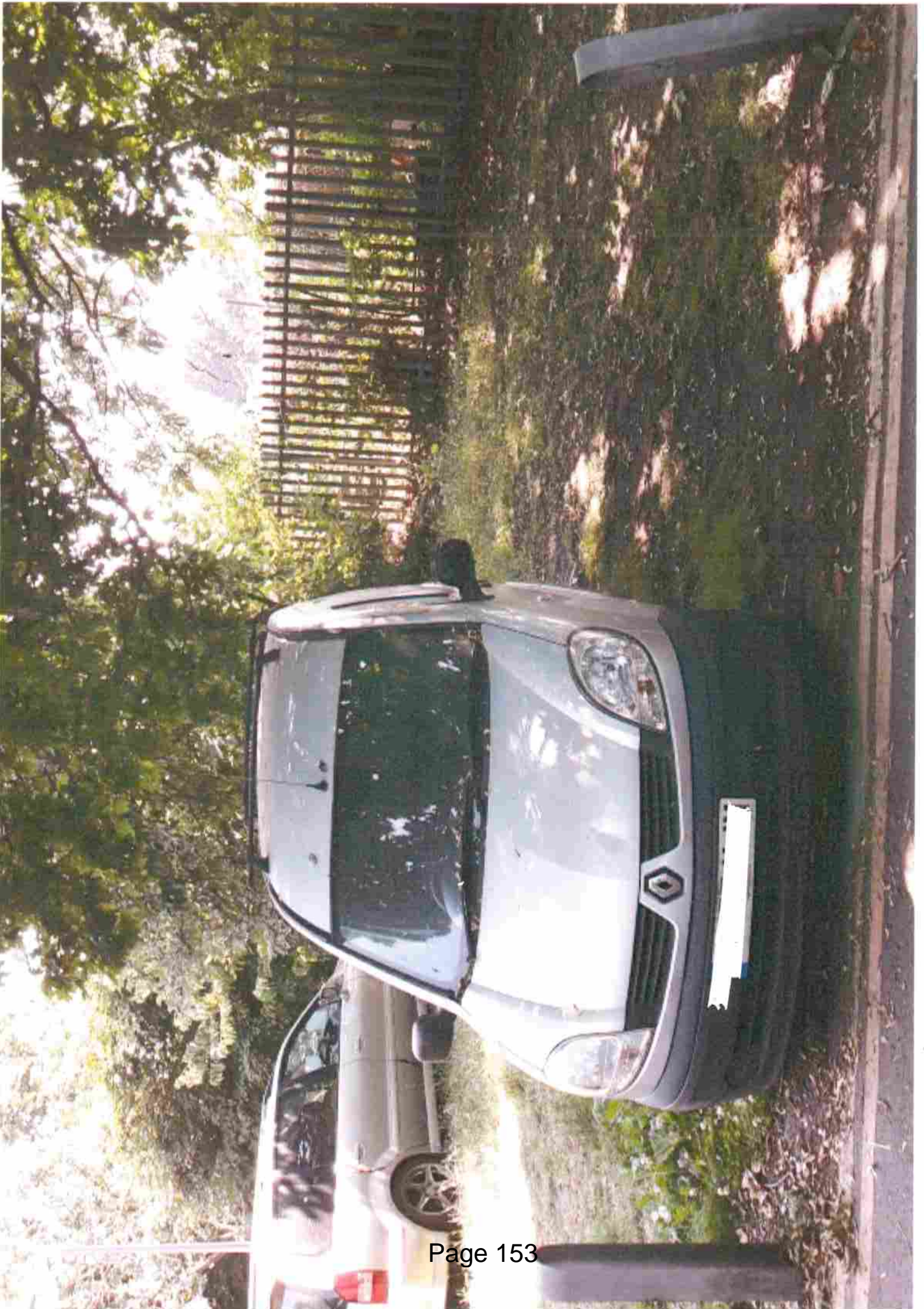
We can't keep on defending this kind of issues.

Thanks

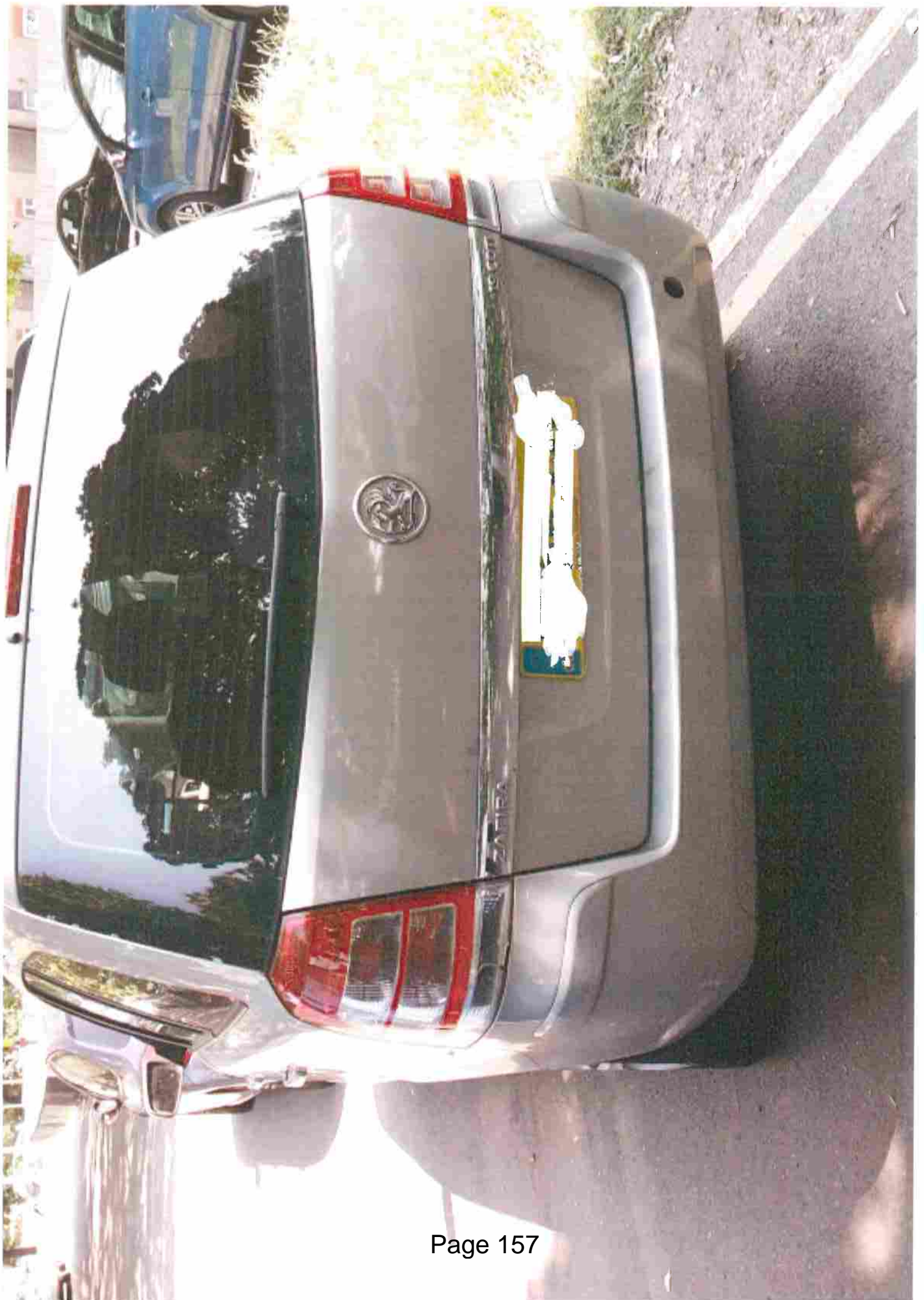
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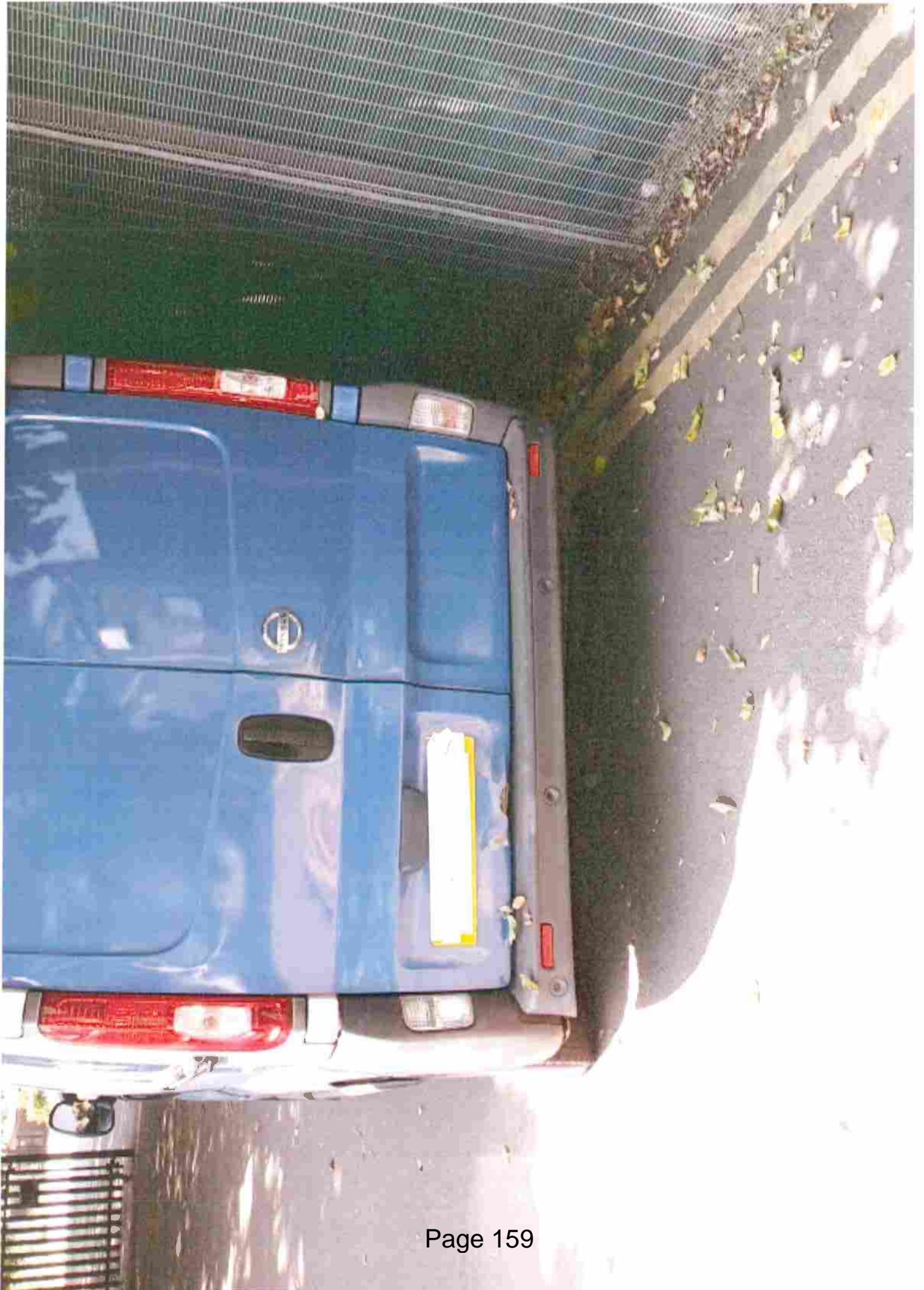
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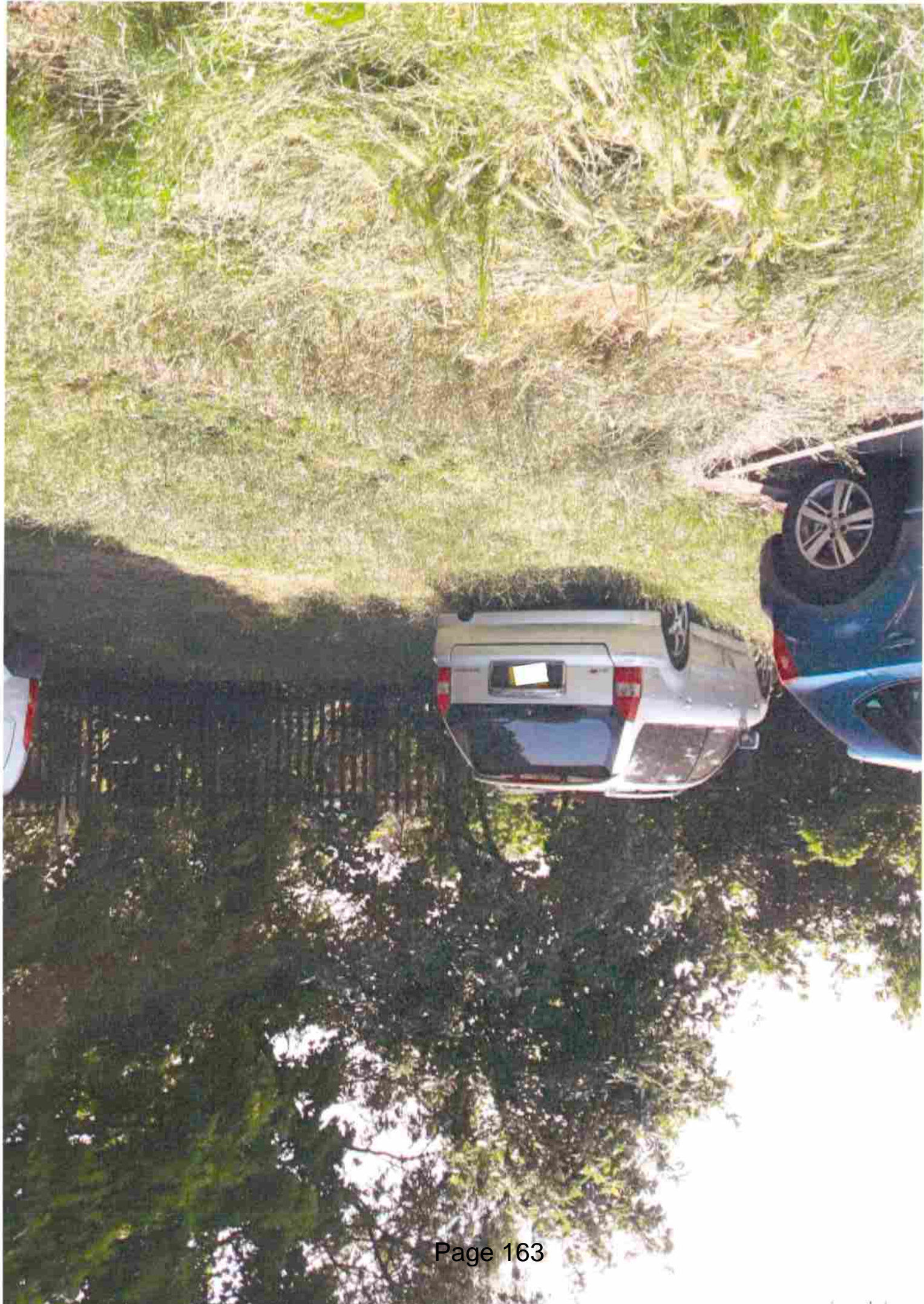


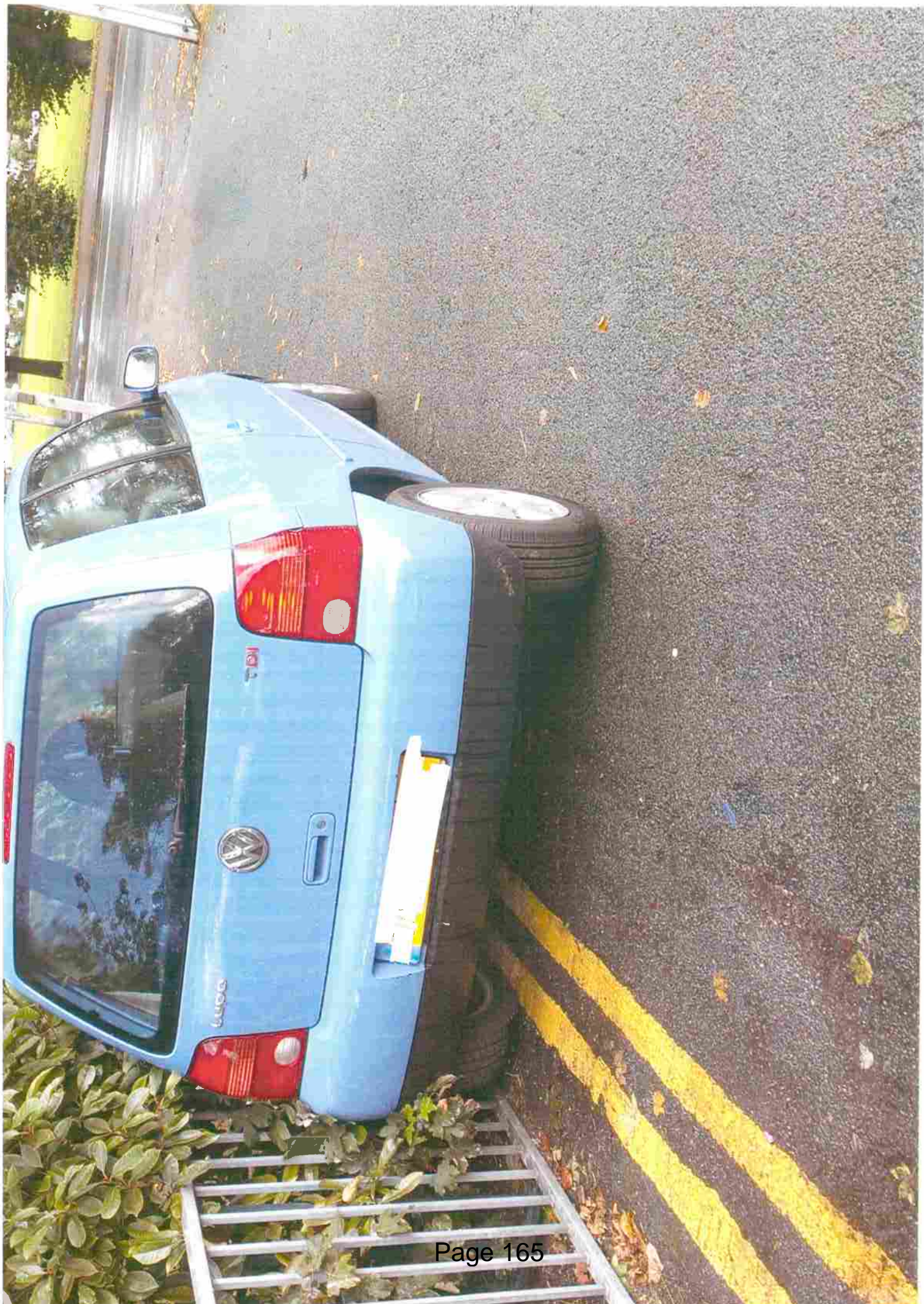


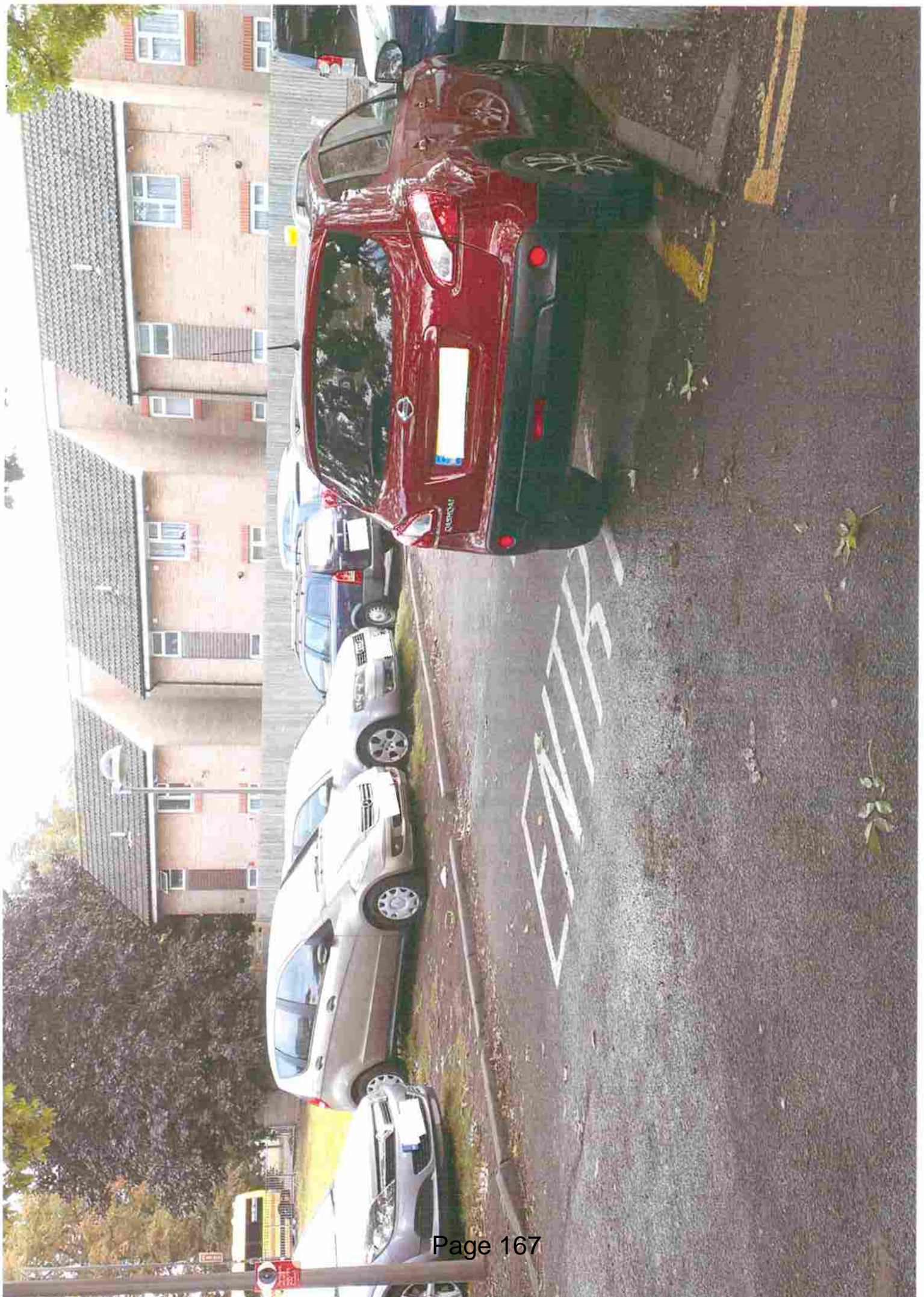
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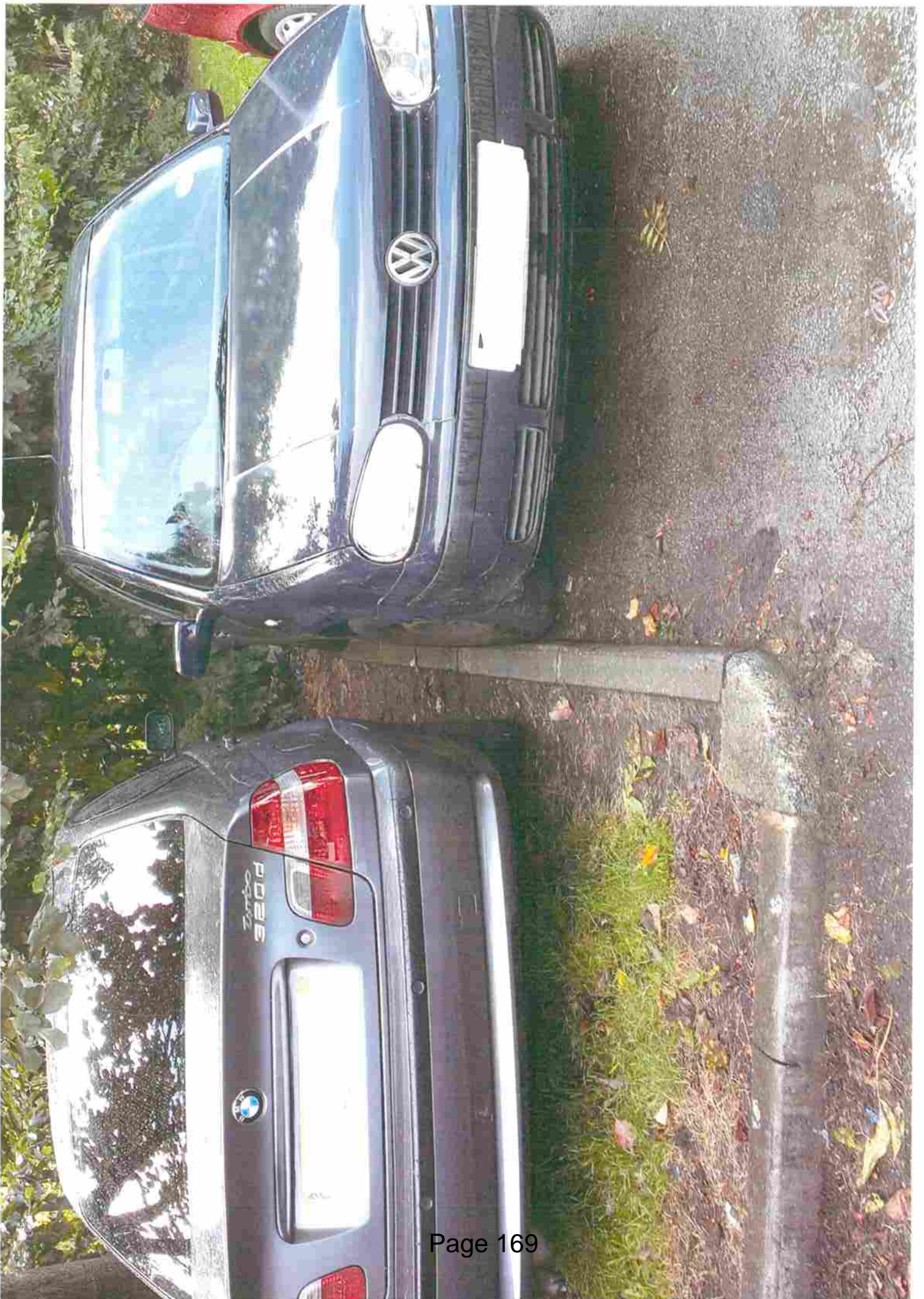




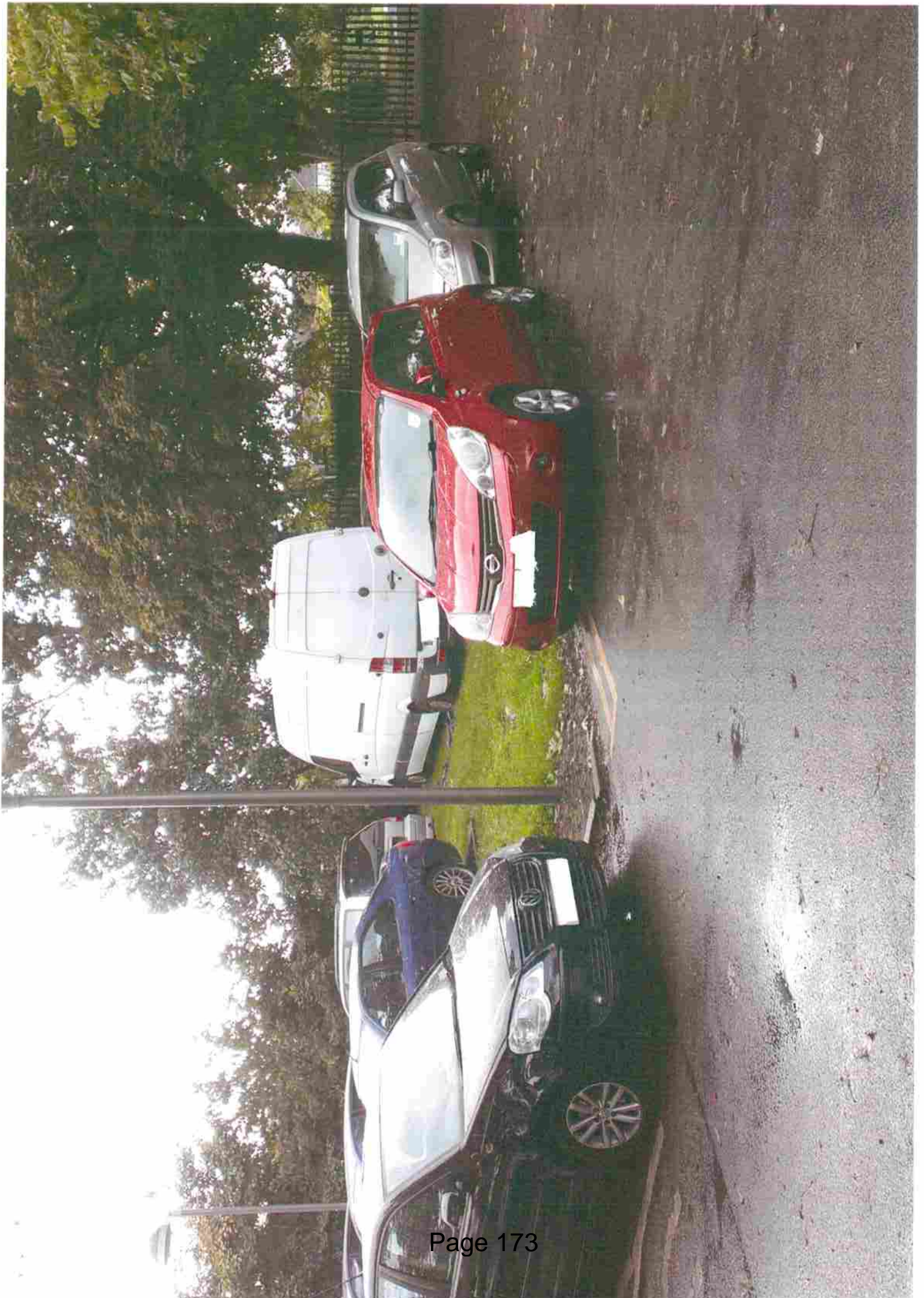




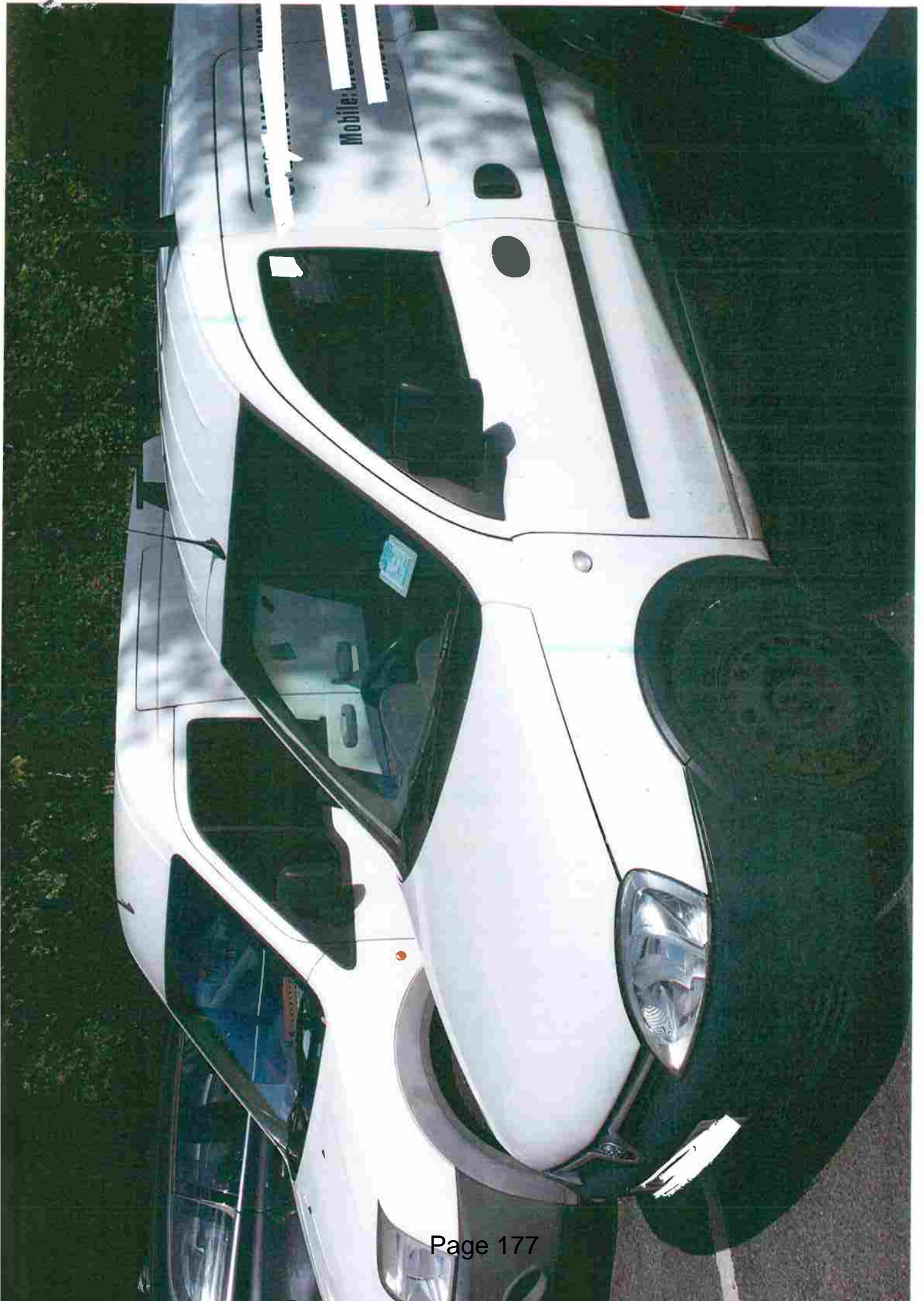












Doug Napier

From: Alan Trumper
Sent: 27 February 2014 15:26
To: David Lofthouse; Doug Napier; Jonathan Turner
Subject: Tamworth car park brain-dead car owners



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Is their a budget to put bars between the tree.

posts to stop the same couple of car owners parking in the



