# **Introduction of Car Park Charges to Golden Acre Park: Consultation**

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**Short introduction**

Leeds City Council is proposing the introduction of modest car parking charges to meet the cost of maintaining car parking services at Golden Acre Park and to deliver a programme of improvements to the car parks at this site.

Without further action, the Council is currently facing a budget shortfall of nearly £34 million this financial year alone due to factors beyond the local authority’s control including inflation and the price of energy. The proposed charges would help support the costs incurred from maintaining and improving the car park.

We are consulting on these proposals because we are keen to understand the views of Leeds residents and users of the car park.

This consultation is taking place in parallel with a similar proposal at another major park: Otley Chevin Forest Park. If you wish to also contribute to this separate consultation, then you can find more information about how to do so at the end of this survey.

**Instructions**

It should take you about 5 minutes to answer all the questions. The last day that you can respond is Sunday 5th November 2023.

Please leave your completed version at Golden Acre Park Café or send by post to Farnley Hall Park, Hall Lane, Farnley, Leeds, LS12 5HA.

If you need to speak to someone about this survey please telephone 0113 378 6002.

**Privacy notice (data protection)**The information provided will be used by Leeds City Council (as data controller) to help us make decisions about the potential introduction of a parking charge at Golden Acre Park. We will keep your information safe and secure in line with UK data protection law. Your data will be processed by the relevant teams within Leeds City Council. Our software supplier, SmartSurvey Ltd, will also process your data on our behalf but will never use these for its own purposes.

Further information regarding how the council processes your personal data, including your rights and contact details for our Data Protection Officer, can be found on our website (www.leeds.gov.uk/privacy-statement).

### **Please confirm... \***

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|    | I give my consent for my personal information to be used as described in the privacy notice. |

**Context: Golden Acre Car Park**Golden Acre Park is a major park in Leeds, six miles North of Leeds city centre on the A660 between Adel and Bramhope.  There are currently two car parks which are both free to enter with one on Otley Road and the other on Arthington Road as indicated below.

The car park on Arthington Road is in need of resurfacing and would benefit from marked bays to maximise the number of vehicles parked in the available space.  Similarly, the main car park off Otley Road would also benefit from some surface improvements and more marked bays would enable more vehicles to use the car park. This change would be of particular benefit during peak periods when the car park can reach capacity.  If funding is not identified, then the car parks will continue to decline with limited opportunity for any significant improvements.

**Context: Financial position**

Unless action is taken, Leeds City Council is projected to have a budget shortfall this financial year of nearly £34 million, due to the increasing costs of delivering council services. Over the following five financial years from 2024/25, the council is projected to have a budget shortfall of £251 million.

The cause of this overspend is due to factors beyond the local authority’s control. Last year, the price of energy and the UK inflation rate rose to their highest levels for more than 40 years which meant the council paid significantly more to operate council services at existing levels. Meanwhile, people in Leeds spent less than expected on the council’s traded and ‘paid for’ services, which added further strain to the council’s financial position.

Leeds City Council has a legal duty to balance its budget by the end of the financial year. We also have a legal duty to a deliver number of statutory services: e.g., waste collection, children’s safeguarding and social care, planning and housing services, road maintenance, adult social care, and many more.

We have already asked every council service to freeze all non-essential spend and take steps to minimise recruitment, overtime, and use of agency staff. The council has already reduced in size by approximately 3,700 people since 2011. Leeds City Council was formally praised last year for how it operates—including how the authority manages its finances—following a peer-to-peer review by the Local Government Association.

However, without additional government funding, the council must find new ways to raise money and to reduce costs (without impacting the services which we are required to deliver) in order to balance our budget as we are required by law to do. It is in this context that the following proposals should be considered.

 **Proposal/s**A summary of the proposals being consulted on in this questionnaire is as follows:

1. Leeds City Council is proposing to introduce a modest parking charge to fund the Golden Acre Car Park surface improvements, bay marking, and ongoing maintenance.  It is proposed that work would commence on improvements to Arthington Road before charges are introduced.
2. We are proposing that drivers would pay a charge for each visit, although there is potential for a convenient season ticket option to be introduced for those who regularly visit.
3. We are not proposing to charge ‘Blue Badge’ holders for using the car park. Under our existing proposals, these visitors would be exempt from paying car park charges.
4. We are considering whether visitors who purchase from the Golden Acre Park Café should be eligible for a parking discount.
5. We would look to offer a range of payments methods including: credit or debit card, mobile phone, or cash payment for pre-paid tickets.  We are not proposing to accept cash payments on-site due to the risk of theft and/or vandalism.
6. We would consider introducing measures to prevent overspill parking if this was a problem, for example by introducing double yellow lines on Arthington Road. The need for these measures would be assessed after introducing the charges.

### **Please tell us how often on average you visit Golden Acre Park:**

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| --- | --- |
|    | Daily or almost daily |
|    | Once or twice a week |
|    | Twice a month |
|    | Once a month |
|    | Once or twice every three months |
|    | Less often |
|    | I do not visit the park |

**How do you usually travel to the park?**

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| --- | --- |
|    | Car |
|    | Walk |
|    | Cycle |
|    | Motorcycle |
|    | Wheelchair/ mobility vehicle |
|    | Public Transport |
|    | Other (please specify):

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 **At what time of day do you usually visit?**

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| --- | --- |
|    | Before 8am |
|    | 8am to 12pm |
|    | 12pm to 4pm |
|    | 4pm to 8pm |
|    | After 8pm |
|    | No particular time |

**How long do you usually stay?**

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|    | Less than 30 minutes |
|    | 30 minutes to 1 hour |
|    | 1-2 hours |
|    | 2-3 hours |
|    | 3-4 hours |
|    | More than 4 hours |

**How would you rate the condition of the main car park off Otley Road?**

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| --- | --- |
|    | Excellent |
|    | Good |
|    | Average |
|    | Poor |
|    | Very Poor |
|    | Don’t know |

**How would you rate the condition of the main car park off Arthington Road?**

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| --- | --- |
|    | Excellent |
|    | Good |
|    | Average |
|    | Poor |
|    | Very Poor |
|    | Don’t know |

**Do you agree with the proposal to introduce parking fees?**

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|    | Yes |
|    | No |

If no, how do you suggest the costs of maintaining the infrastructure are met?

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**What would you regard as a reasonable fee for car parking, if it was introduced? Please state the amount in £s:**

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| First Hour   |

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| 1-2 hours   |

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| Half day   |

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| All day   |

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**What would you regard as a reasonable fee for an annual season ticket, if this was introduced? Please state a monthly amount in £s:**

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**How do you prefer to pay for car parking when you visit a pay and display car park?**

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|    | Mobile Phone – ring the number on the sign |
|    | Mobile Phone – use app |
|    | Credit or debit card |
|    | Cash |
|    | I do not visit pay and display car parks |

**Do you agree that disabled Blue Badge holders should park for free?**

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|    | Yes |
|    | No |

If no, please state why:

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**Do you agree that those who visit the Golden Acre Park Café should receive parking discounts and other offers?**

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|    | Yes |
|    | No |

If no, please state why:

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**Please state any other views or suggestions you would like to make regarding car park charging proposals at Golden Acre Park:**

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**6. Equality Information**

**Please note that this section is voluntary.**We would like to know a little more about you. This is so we can be sure we are hearing from a wide range of people from different backgrounds. Leeds City Council are committed to ensuring that our practices and services are free from unlawful discrimination and they meet the needs of all sections of the community. These questions are optional but answering them will help us better understand what you tell us.

Information collected will only be used for the purposes of this consultation and individuals will not be identified as part of the analysis.

### **Sex and Gender identity:**

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| --- | --- |
|    | Male |
|    | Female |
|    | Non-Binary |
|    | Prefer not to say |
|    | Other (please specify):

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**Is your gender identity the same as the sex you were registered at birth?**

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| --- | --- |
|    | Yes |
|    | No |
|    | Prefer not to say |

**What is your date of birth?**

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### **Please indicate which best describes your ethnic origin:**

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| **White** |
|    | English |
|    | Welsh |
|    | Scottish |
|    | Northern Irish |
|    | British |
|    | Irish |
|    | Gypsy, Roma or Traveller |
|    | Any other White |
| **Mixed / Multiple ethnic groups** |
|    | White and Asian |
|    | White and Black African |
|    | White and Black Caribbean |
|    | Any other mixed or multiple ethnic group |
| **Asian or Asian British** |
|    | Bangladeshi |
|    | Chinese |
|    | Indian |
|    | Kashmiri |
|    | Pakistani |
|    | Any other Asian background |
| **Black / Black British** |
|    | African |
|    | Caribbean |
|    | Any other Black background |
| **Other ethnic group** |
|    | Arab |
|    | Any other background |
| **Prefer not to say** |
|    | Prefer not to say |

If you selected an ‘Any other’ option please describe your ethnic group:

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**Do you consider yourself to be disabled?**

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|    | Yes |
|    | No |
|    | Prefer not to say |

**If you have said yes, you consider yourself to be disabled, what is the nature of your impairment?**

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|    | Physical impairment |  |  |
|    | Visual impairment |  |  |
|    | Hearing impairment |  |  |
|    | Mental health condition |  |  |
|    | Learning disability or cognitive impairment |  |  |
|    | Long-standing illness or health condition |  |  |
|    | Prefer not to say |  |  |

### **Please indicate which best describes your sexual orientation:**

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| --- | --- |
|    | Heterosexual / Straight |
|    | Lesbian / Gay woman |
|    | Gay man |
|    | Bisexual |
|    | Prefer not to say |
|    | Other (please specify):

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**Please indicate which best describes your religion or belief:**

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|    | Buddhist |
|    | Christian |
|    | Hindu |
|    | Jewish |
|    | Muslim |
|    | Sikh |
|    | No religion |
|    | No belief |
|    | Other |
|    | Prefer not to say |
|    | Any other religion (please describe):

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**Do you consider yourself to be a carer?**The council considers that a ‘carer’ is someone who provides care for a relative, neighbour or friend who is dependent on them because they cannot manage without their help because of physical or mental ill-health, disability, frailty, sensory impairment, old age or substance misuse.

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|    | Yes |
|    | No |
|    | Prefer not to say |

**What is the first part of your postcode? (for example LS10):**

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**Thank you - That is all the questions we have for you.

If you wish to keep up to date with proposed developments and improvements to car parks then please visit our Parks and Countryside Consultations webpage at www.leeds.gov.uk/consultations-and-feedback/parks-and-countryside-consultations.**

**If you would like to contribute to the Otley Chevin Forest Park Parking Fee Consultation, please go to www.leeds.gov.uk/otleychevinparking** **or scan the QR code below:**

