

Questions from Councillor Nick Wilkinson to Councillor Martin Bottoms

Question 1

ANPR cameras are now installed in the Lancaster car parks. One of the key aims of the cameras was to reduce air pollution and congestion by giving real time data to people visiting the city so they could more easily find a parking space. What is the go live date for the public facing app/web page for the real time parking availability information?

Councillor Bottoms responded:

Parking services are working closely with ICT and the ANPR contractor to provide this information as soon as possible. There are some IT technical matters to resolve before this can be done. At present we do not have a firm timescale for placing any occupancy data from the ANPR system onto the parking page or app. This is however a priority for the work of Parking Services, IT and the provider and we will provide an update on this when timeframes are firmed up.

Supplementary question by Councillor Wilkinson:

Could I ask for a firm go live date from officers in writing.

Question 2

The parking data coupled with footfall data is an important economic indicator for Lancaster city centre and very useful for Lancaster bid to have access to. Please can this data be shared monthly with Lancaster bid?

Councillor Bottoms responded:

Parking Service are meeting the BID on Friday this week to demonstrate the system and what its reporting capabilities are. We do need to be careful on sharing information and that any reporting is set at the right level to avoid any risks which come with data sharing. We must also ensure any data we provide is GDPR compliant. Updates will be required to the Privacy Notice on the Parking pages for the website and we must also update the Data Protection Impact Assessment and agree an Information Sharing Agreement with the BID. All of this is in hand.

Supplementary question from Councillor Wilkinson

This data will be publicly available to people via the web page. They will be able to see a snap shot at any point in time on the availability of parking information so GDPR really shouldn't come into this. Could I just have a hard go live date from officers please with regards to when we can get that shared on a regular basis. A written response is fine.