



Space Availability

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Faced with a combination of difficult circumstances outside the control of the university we have made great efforts to offset the adverse impacts on parking caused by the Tram and construction works. Now that works are complete parking areas have now been returned to use.

In summary

- We had known about and made available the full information about the impact of construction of the Tram.
- Regular bulletins and a website provided advice for when the significant changes happened.
- The engineering & science parking areas were reviewed to maximise the marked parking spaces.
- Contractor's use of parking areas in term time has been minimised.
- Visitor P&D areas were relocated to increase staff parking provision.
- Staff only permit parking was extended along Lenton Hall Drive and Lincoln Hall car park.
- Additional offsite car parking has been provided on Derby Road.
- Additional investment has been made in cycling provisions and the hopper bus services.
- Public bus operators have increased routes and frequency of buses to and from our campuses.
- Temporary parking on grassed areas is opened up for events and UCAS days when large visitor numbers are expected.
- The number of permits issued has reduced with no significant increase in ratio of permits to parking places.

Representation about not being able to find a parking space on UP campus or the wasted time trying to find a space is not accepted– this only occurs when staff are needlessly driving round popular and full parking areas near to their place of work hoping for a vehicle to vacate a space. Security do monitor parking space availability on a daily basis and since fresher's week there has always been parking spaces available on campus and the offsite parking provisions at all times of the day. On request the gatehouses will provide advice on where parking is likely to be available. The advice to staff wishing to park as close to engineering as possible but arriving on campus throughout the day when engineering parking areas are full are to firstly try the main visitors car park 1 – if this is full then to try Lenton Hall drive and Lincoln Hall car park. If these areas are full then it may be necessary to park on Beeston Lane near the conference centre or the Hall car parks (Sherwood / Ancaster) in this area. To avoid unnecessary roaming on campus looking for a parking space then Beeston Lane and the Hall car parks will offer parking spaces – the frequent hopper bus service around campus gives an alternative to walking from these areas. Staff are also reminded that it is a matter of choice as to whether they purchase car parking permits and the terms and conditions together with university transport regulations are clearly set out in this process.