

COUNCIL MEETING

18 September 2023

PUBLIC QUESTION 3

Name of person submitting the question: John Bradford

Member to whom the question is to be put: Councillor Hazel Timpe

Question

Was any consideration given that the two car parks in Old Lydd Road gave the only level access to the beach for disabled and those who needed it. And to the fact the steep dunes at Western would prevent some people, if not many, getting access to the beach if unable to afford the fees at Old Lydd Road car parks or climb the steep dunes?

Answer

Rother District Council does not have a policy of providing free off-street parking to all Blue Badge holders; prior to the start of the trial Blue Badge holders paid to park in all Camber car parks. Many Blue Badge holders have chosen and continue to choose to park for free on street if they are visiting for less than three hours. After receiving a complaint, a decision was taken to offer free parking in our nine disabled bays at Camber Central, and four disabled bays at Old Lydd Road for the duration of the trial.

Non-Blue Badge holders who choose to park at Western car park but do not wish to or are unable to walk over the dunes, can access the beach at Central via a 0.4 mile walk along the pavement on Old Lydd Road.