

Freedom of Information response - Subsidised Parking for worshippers

Woking Borough council – 26 April 2013

Dear Mr Evans

Thank you for your freedom of information request. I can advise as follows.

Please provide details of all subsidised parking made available to worshippers in Woking over the last 12 month financial period. Please include:

- 1. Name of the religious organisation involved/being provided with subsidised parking;** Coign Church, Christ Church, Trinity Church and Woking United Reform Church in addition to adhoc discretion/suspension of parking regulations for religious ceremonies across the borough.
- 2. The names and locations of the car parks affected;** Victoria Way and Heathside Crescent car parks.
- 3. How the subsidy is monitored and managed;** Free parking is provided via a discount device on Sunday mornings for parishioners from Coign Church, Christ Church and Trinity Church who park in Victoria Way car park. Permits are provided to parishioners from Woking United Reform Church who use Heathside Crescent car park for Sunday services. A adhoc discretion/suspension of parking regulations is arranged for religious ceremonies across the borough – principally funerals.
- 4. The total cost to local tax payers;** The estimated cost of the above arrangements is £53,370 in the last 12 months.

"The Council has decided that any complaint regarding requests for information that cannot be dealt with satisfactorily on an informal basis should be dealt with in accordance with its established complaints procedure. I attach a copy of "We're listening. How to give feedback on Woking Borough Council's Services" which gives details of how to make a complaint. I am also happy to discuss any queries that you may have regarding how we have dealt with your request for information. In addition, you may apply to the Information Commissioner for a decision whether your request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (although I understand that the Information Commissioner may decline to become involved if you have not first exhausted the Council's complaints procedure). The Information Commissioner may be contacted at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF; tel. 01625 545745; fax. 01625 524510; e-mail. mail@ico.gs"

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