

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 01 September 2025

Question from: Cllr Bellenger

Question to: Councillor Durrans, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Public Services and Communities

QUESTION

Why has it been felt necessary to stop Council staff parking in the Mulcture House car park by erecting barriers at a cost of £17,000, and to then decide to sell the Mulcture Hall Road car park, thereby losing an income stream for the Council and potentially displacing staff car parking spaces for a second time?

Response

The barriers at Mulcture House car park were installed as part of a whole scheme of works at Mulcture House within the self-funded Workplace Office Accommodation Strategy. The barriers were installed to create a Council fleet only car park for staff who are essential vehicle users, supported by electric vehicle charging infra-structure. The installation also addressed previous health and safety and operational issues. Since the installation of the barriers, these issues have been resolved. Other staff who are designated as 'essential car users', who by definition travel across the Borough, are able to park in designated long stay car parks and long stay on street spaces throughout Calderdale.

The decision to dispose of Mulcture Hall Road car park is not linked to the changes to Mulcture House car park. The site has recently been marketed, along with an adjacent piece of land owned by a third party. The sale of the land will help to address our housing shortages, and it will generate a capital receipt for the Council.