

## Resident Questions for Housing Area Panel

<b>Department</b>	Housing
<b>Date question raised</b>	28-03-2022
<b>Date of Area Panel</b>	17-03-2022
<b>Area in city</b>	Central
<b>Star rating applied by residents</b>	2
<b>Deadline for officer response</b>	22-04-2022, 12pm
<b>Name of officer responding</b>	Geof Gage
<b>Department / team</b>	Head of Housing Investment & Asset Management

**Title of question: Underground carpark at St. James's House**

**Issue raised by residents:**

There is a derelict underground carpark at St James's House, which has been closed for three years. Residents would like this to be refurbished and opened again as a carpark.

**Background:**

The empty space attracts drug dealers and users and contributes to the overall problem of anti-social behaviour in the area. If it was a functioning car park it would discourage anti-social behaviour and provide valuable parking spaces.

**Action requested by residents:**

A report was requested on:

- a) why this has been allowed to stay empty for so long and
- b) what plans are there to refurbish this space?

**Officer Response:**

Thank you for your question.

An extensive refurbishment of the car park has been undertaken and this has been fully updated and refurbished to a high standard.

The car park has now been allocated to Corporate Car Parks & Garages to manage on our behalf as they of course have the experience in managing the City's car parks and the staff to operate and maintain these.

There have been some difficulties with setting up of the IT management systems of the car park to be in line with our other car parks and these have now been resolved and the carpark will be opening shortly.

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**Specific Action:**

*No further action required.*

**Timeline:**

**Start date:** 11.04.2022

**End date:** 20.04.2022