

Disability Direct Nottingham

Written submission received from Charlotte Throssel, Services Manager, Disability Direct Nottingham on 15 February 2018:

I am unable to provide a decisive response to the impact of removing the blue badge concessions at Trinity Square car park. However I can assure you that once it happens the majority of blue badge holders will not use the car park so the predicated gain of 25k a year is inaccurate. In addition to this I would like it highlighted that although on street car parking is to remain free, there is very little accessible parking in that area.

Whilst it is correctly reported that the public transport links into the city are numerous, it fails to recognise that the buses are difficult to negotiate for people with mobility issues, mental distress, sensory and auditory impairments. Accessibility on buses varies and often they are so full that wheelchair users are forced to wait for another.

I would strongly urge the council to carry out a more in depth impact assessment with disabled people and carers and consult wider than its own disability group, if or when it considers to do the same at other car parks.

I apologise that on this occasion I cannot offer any further information, this is partly due to the short time scale of the request but hope my response has been of some use.