

Problems with Parking

- 68% of respondents reported no problems with parking, although some commented that they might have to wait a couple of minutes for a space. Some people found this more of a problem and commented that they would leave if there were no spaces
- The % finding a problem with parking varied according to time of day – peaking around 10-11am -the % finding no problem did not vary much through the morning

Comments (from 133 interviews)

- Problem times and difficulty getting a space (25 comments)
- Positive comments around having a free and convenient car park (22 comments)
- Abuse of car park - 2 hour spaces and 'long term' parking and requests for enforcement (18 comments)
- Requests for additional parking (9) Requests for Residents parking (7)

Where did people come from ?

Watlington 106 (26%) Surrounding Area 166 (41%) Oxfordshire 6 (16%)

Other places 68 (17%) comprising a total of 406 in the 18 hours covered

Summary

- There is a high throughput of vehicles, the majority of users stay for less than 2 hours and are shopping and using local services
- The biggest group were from the surrounding area using Watlington as a service centre (41%) and from Watlington (26%)
- Our observations were that although the car park is very full most people get a space straight away or after a couple of minutes
- People loved the fact it is free – especially as a lot of people were popping in and would not want to stop and get a ticket and pay
- There are on average around 30 vehicles using the car park overnight
- There is abuse of 2 hour spaces as people know there is no enforcement
- Street parking very highly utilised, the lowest being Gorwell as people don't want to walk
- People are not interested in using other car parks as they don't want to carry shopping or walk