



Winchester

City Council

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Request:

Please could you let me know what the policy, action plans and responsibilities are for securing the South Winchester Park and Ride? Specifically, I would like to know what measures are in place to ensure that rogue bikers and motorists can't gather there to speed or engage in other anti-social behaviour.

Response:

The site cannot be locked up due to the 'late-night' special NHS bus services running Monday-Friday. The design of the site also hinders us with restricting 'Traveller' incursions and 'Car meets'.

The site is however locked on Saturday evening (approx. 9pm) to ensure use for British Cycling, who are entitled to use the site (on Sundays only). This is a duty carried out by our 'late shift' team which includes visiting multiple sites and making them secure on a daily basis.

Current protocols with our enforcement team (CEO's) and CCTV, are for the police to be informed as quickly as possible, should a large group be seen.

Even if police presence is available on site (which is not always the case due to their operational priorities), they may not ask the group to move on (depending on whether they feel the group is appearing to be a nuisance).

Site security for all locations will be reviewed as part of ongoing improvement works across the district.

If you have any specific recommendations you would like us to consider, then please do so.

Thank you.