

All change in town's car park

Important changes are about to be put in place at Eastleigh's largest car park.

From April 6th entry to the Swan Shopping Centre's 620 space roof top car park will be from the Southampton Road roundabout only.

The ramped access to the town's popular shoppers car park has been closed for over 18 months during construction of the adjoining £25 million leisure complex.

Over that period both entry and exit to the roof top car park has been from Blenheim Road. But from April 6, Blenheim Road will be the car park's only exit point.

And the roof top car park will also see, for the first time in Eastleigh, the introduction of Pay on Foot parking.

This means motorists will need to take a ticket at the entrance barrier, keep the tickets until they return to the car park and pay at a pay station just before leaving.

Eastleigh's Cabinet member for Transport, David Airey explained that Pay on Foot is a much fairer system. "It means that motorists will only need to pay for the period they park. They won't have to guess how long they will need as with the pre-payment ticket then rush back if the ticket is about to run out".

Charging for Pay on Foot will be:	Up to 1 hour	80p
	Up to 2 hours	£1.70
	Up to 3 hours	£2.70
	Up to 4 hours	£3.60
	Over 4 hours	£8.00
	Over 7 hours	£13.00

Any period after 6.00pm Mon-Sat, all day Sunday and Bank Holidays a flat fee of £2.00 will apply

Disabled Parking spaces will be available on the Swan Centre roof top but the new scheme means that it will not be possible for these to be free and the charges will apply.

However, blue badge holders will continue to benefit from free parking at the other town car parks where pay and display parking will operate.

On 31st March, the Wells Place car park reopens. Located beside Tesco at ground level and below the cinema/bowls complex, both entry and exit to this car park will be from the Southampton Road roundabout. It will not have pay on foot parking but continue with the pay and display system. With the exception of the Swan Centre roof top, all other town centre car parks will continue with pay and display parking.