

Town car parks, Swadlincote

I attended the following car parks in my role as a crime reduction officer and have the following comments and recommendations to make:

1. Leisure centre car park

The bushes on the perimeter need to be trimmed down as there is no natural surveillance and the bushes are causing hiding places for thieves to be able to carry out their crime unseen. All planting of bushes should be of low level. Centre of the Car Park planting consider thorny berberis bushes to prevent people hiding in these areas.

All trees should be pruned to a minimum height of 2m, thereby maintaining a clear vision around the car park. Trees when fully grown should not mask light columns, CCTV cameras or become climbing aids.

There is CCTV on the car park but this is due to be upgraded and will improve security.

The adjacent car park that is used for council employees, again the bushes need to be trimmed down.

2. Collingwood Car Park, Market St, Swadlincote

There are no bushes here and there is a level of lighting, this is to be subjected in the near future of having CCTV installed and will improve the security and reduce the fear of crime.

3. Bus Station Car Park, Civic Way,

There is due to be CCTV installed in the car park in the near future, The car park is well lit with traffic calming measures already installed.

4. Rink Drive Car Park.

This car park would benefit from CCTV installation. There is a good level of lighting and good natural surveillance.

5. Car Park rear of Lentons, off Civic Way, Swadlincote

The area below the recycling bins. There is a small-secluded corner, which is very dark and could be used to hide in. This area would benefit additional lighting. The car park would benefit from installation of CCTV.

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