



**Notes of the Southern Group Meeting
Held on: 9th December 2016
At: Winchester Guildhall**

1.	Welcome, apologies and Notes of Previous Meeting
2.	Welcome from the BPA President Steve Brown introduced himself; he has been attending regional meetings to get feedback on the main issues facing the parking industry. Steve will be taking these to Patrick Troy (CEO), they are the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DVLA and inaccuracies for the data, not enough progress is being made and wants to start gathering examples of issues that are being faced.• MOJ; witness statements, methods used to stall payments• DCLG statement update is likely to be in Spring. Members were encouraged to write directly and in confidence to Steve about any membership or other matters of concern to president@britishparking.co.uk
3.1	BPA Updates Ali Tooze discussed the latest news and updates from around the Association and the parking sector more generally. A copy of the presentation is available on http://britishparking.co.uk/Meeting-Notes
3.2	Marie Curie During the updates, Ali confirmed that the BPA has chosen Marie Curie as its corporate charity until 2019. Ali thanked Richard Hein for his fantastic efforts in fundraising so far and also asked that the Southern group give some thought as to whether they could collectively plan some fundraising activities in 2017 and beyond. Please contact Richard Hein if you have any ideas to suggest rhein@winchester.gov.uk
4.	Winter is coming – presentation by Graeme Middleton of Cemplas Graeme presented on behalf of the BPA's Structures and Asset Management college and discussed the importance of maintaining car park structures and surfaces, particularly during the winter months and highlighted the implications of not having a proper life care plan in place. This presentation is available on http://britishparking.co.uk/Meeting-Notes
5.	8000 cars 400 spaces – Promoting sustainable transport Mat Jane from the University of Winchester gave a presentation on car park management and sustainable travel at the university. Mat discussed the evolution of the universities parking policies and sustainable travel plans over the past few years and highlighted the issues around managing the growth in campus size and student numbers vs no increase in the number of parking spaces.
6.	The UK EV market and provision of charging points Natalia Silverstone of Pod Point gave a presentation on the UK EV market and the options for provision of charging points. Natalia made reference to the forthcoming on street charging grant which will be available next year for installation of on street charging points.

	<p>Natalia's presentation is available at http://britishparking.co.uk/Meeting-Notes</p>
7.	<p>The Disabled Parking Accreditation</p> <p>Marta Bartosiewicz of Disabled Motoring UK gave everyone an insight into the Disabled Parking Accreditation and what is required to attain it as well as the reasoning behind each of the standards involved.</p> <p>A query was raised regarding page 8 of the SPA handbook with reference to allowing disabled bays to be used by people who have disabilities but do not hold a blue badge. Ali Tooze will seek clarification and circulate further information to attendees.</p> <p>Marta's presentation is available at http://britishparking.co.uk/Meeting-Notes</p>
8.	<p>Key issues</p> <p>Attendees were asked what they consider to be the most important issues facing them or public and private parking in general over the coming year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• ANPR restrictions for Local Authorities• Pavement parking – when will a resolution be reached on this?• Brexit – are still going to be subject to EU procurement regulations• Devolution and how this is going to impact on Local Authorities• DVLA – accuracy of records• MOJ and TEC policies and operational issues, esp out of time witness statement process• Civil procedure rules
	<p>Meeting closed and attendees were invited by the Chair to join the Southern group's Christmas social at the Bishop on the Bridge.</p>