

CAR PARK REGISTRATION

We have had numerous e-mails from members worried they will not be able to park if they don't register before the 15 February 2008.

The legal advice received from our lawyers states Lancashire County Council are in breach of contract in implementing a charge, so on that basis for those of you who haven't signed up (and congratulations to you) if you feel you must, you should say you are registering **without prejudice and do not accept the need to pay**.

For those of you who have already signed up UNISON are suggesting that you e-mail to say you do not accept the charges either – unless of course you do!

The Branch is writing to LCC regarding the advice received and will keep everyone informed.

Advice to UNISON Members

Car Parking Registration – Advice to Unison Members

A Unison member writes

Dear Unison,

**I'm worried, about the Car Park Registration Deadline.
What if I don't sign up by the 15th February?**

Unison's Car Parking Agony Aunt replies

The 15th February is not an absolute deadline for registration, it is only necessary to gain access during the 'trial period'. Provided you are eligible you will not be refused a pass after this date.

This is stated in the letter from the Director of Property Services to all staff : -

'It is important that you register by the latest date Friday 15th February 2008 as it is our intention to start trialling the use of car park barriers during March 2008. Please note if you are not registered you will not be able to gain access to the county council's car parks during this trial period.'

Another Unison Member, on seeking further clarification asked the following question.

Q. Will I be refused a Car Park Pass if I do not Register by 15th February 2008?

The reply from the car parking mail box was : -

A. No, you will not be refused a pass as long as you are eligible, you will not have our guarantee that the badge will be activated for the testing phase in March and start date in April.

You may wish to e-mail carparkingcharging@property.lancscc.gov.uk to confirm this in your own particular case.