

**SLAE Written Representation Submission for Deadline 9 -
Parking issues caused by cars illegally parked and an associated litter problem**

In SLAE's submission for deadline 4 (TR020001-002041-SLAE - Wigmore Valley Park Written Rep) we identified under *4.10 Work Type – Highways* that 'Uber cars already park on the pavement and grass areas leading to Wigmore Valley Park waiting for a possible fare to book a lift via the Uber app system.'

This issue has got worse since that submission and over the period of this DCO examination with each evening, a number of vehicles are parked on the grass verges and pavements at the entrance to the park, including parking on double yellow lines at the entrance to Wigmore valley park and parking on the pavement on Colwell Rise by the roundabout opposite the park. They appear to be waiting for their mobile devices to alert them to people who require picking up from the airport. The drivers of these vehicles chuck their litter into the hedges and the area by the park entrance. It is impossible to litter pick this area and requires a deep clean.

There are three points here,

1. This will get worse if the DCO is approved
2. Cars are parked illegally and there is no regular and active action undertaken by the council to stop this
3. The litter now mounting up at the entrance to the park and the cost to Luton Borough Council to address this. The signal this sends to those who take pride in the park, is that others think it is acceptance to drop litter in this area. As a result, people's wellbeing and health may suffer and it also encourages other problems associated with litter, such as economic impact, crime and anti-social behaviour.