

**News release**

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**Temporary closure of car park at Campus West**

The car park at Campus West will temporarily close on 11 April for improvement works in the first step of wider regeneration plans for Welwyn Garden City town centre.

Campus West and the WGC Central Library will remain open as normal throughout the works.

The addition of 156 spaces to the car park through the construction of a single deck will help reduce the impact on town centre parking when Campus East closes for redevelopment into new homes.

Visitors to Campus West will still be able to use the drop off and pick up point at the entrance to the building.

Nearby parking is available at Campus East, Hunters Bridge and Cherry Tree (weekends only). Information about the alternative parking in WGC town centre can be found at <https://one.welhat.gov.uk/WGC2120/cw-carpark>

Pedestrian access from Ayot Greenway into the car park at Campus West will also be closed while the construction work is taking place, but signs will show the nearest exit point.

The improvements to the car park include electric car charging points, 30 disabled parking spaces and 21 parent & child bays. New cycle racks will also be installed to encourage green travel.

After reviewing feedback from residents, the council revised its initial plans for two decks on the car park.

This project is the first phase of wider WGC 2120 regeneration proposals to bring new homes, leisure, retail and community spaces to the heart of the town. Funded by a £6.1m Homes England grant, the phased project will transform five plots across the north of the town centre.

Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council’s Chief Executive, Ka Ng, said: “We know parking is important to residents and this project will help improve and consolidate the parking available in the town centre, freeing up the Campus East car park for redevelopment into much-needed high quality homes.”

“This first phase in our exciting plans to rejuvenate the town centre will ensure visitors and local businesses are not impacted during the wider regeneration work.”

The new car park at Campus West is expected to open in winter 2022.

For more information on the WGC 2120 regeneration project, visit: [one.welhat.gov.uk/WGC2120](https://one.welhat.gov.uk/WGC2120)

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