

Five things you need to know today



Today marks the tenth anniversary of 9/11 and in Edinburgh faith groups are [planning a peace march](#).

[Yelp](#) advise us in their weekly newsletter that [Stockbridge Sunday Market](#) takes place from today at 10am in Jubilee Gardens. Everything from food to jewellery will be available. [Priority Parking Morningside](#) are trying to gather some support to counter the council's proposals to introduce a controlled parking zone in the area during the 12 days left of the consultation period. PPM also have a [Facebook page](#) to spread some of the information they think residents need to make an informed choice. They tried to present a deputation to the council meeting in August but this was prevented by the council solicitor.

The Council said at their meeting of the Transport Infrastructure and Environment Committee on 2 August 2011 that:-“The cost of implementing the eleven proposed priority parking schemes had been estimated at between £550,000 and £730,000 to be met from within the existing Transport revenue account in the financial years 2011/12 to 2013/14.” At the same meeting they reported that the committee budget was heading for an overspend of about £455,000.

This is some of what Priority Parking Morningside have to say:-

*Local residents have organised the printing and distribution of a **couple of leaflets** highlighting information that was **not even mentioned** in the letter sent out by the Council. The*

intention is to highlight **“the hidden facts”** and enable people to make a **fully informed decision**, whether that is for or against the scheme. The view of each individual resident is, of course, to be respected. If you have not yet received these leaflets – just reply to this email, saying so, and a copy will be sent to you by email. Many people have already sent in their objection, since the first and only public “consultation” started on Mon 29 Aug.

- If you are one of those people, you have already made sure that **your view will count**. That is a positive step.
 - You should expect an acknowledgement from the Council – eventually – not sure when
 - If you do not get one – you should contact them again to ensure that they did receive your objection

- An **informal survey** conducted 23-31 July 2011 showed that **90% of people object** to the Priority Parking scheme.
 - This survey **will not be counted**, by the consultation, as evidence of the views of residents
 - The only thing that counts is an objection sent from **each individual resident**

- If you have **not yet sent in your objection** – you need to do so or your “silence” will be considered as support for the scheme
 - it **only takes a few minutes** to submit an objection by email – click on the link to see how <https://sites.google.com/site/priorityparkingmorningside/object>

Even if you have sent in your objection – you can still do a

little bit more to help ensure that the majority view is made clear to the Council.

You may have missed First Minister's Questions on 8 September 2011 but you can follow the full proceedings again here on the [Holyrood magazine website](#). They covered FMQs with a liveblog. We are currently planning our next series of liveblogs. Watch [this space!](#)

[Abundance Edinburgh](#) is all over the city collecting surplus fruit grown here and putting it to good use. They said:-" There are many fruit trees in Edinburgh, growing wild or in people's gardens, yet most years a good deal of this produce goes in the bin. We plan to harvest this abundant food and redistribute it to local charities as a way of highlighting the social and health benefits of growing local, seasonal, and organic food." Perhaps you could help? Either donate your food or become a volunteer.