

# Town centre parking facilities set to expand

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New parking facilities are being planned around the town centre as Westmoreland Road car park is set for closure this autumn to make way for an exciting new development.

In the short term, improvement works are being carried out in the Hill car park in the next few weeks to increase capacity by 120, with these improvements to be completed by December, in time for the important Christmas shopping season. Pay and display parking bays will also be installed at Elmfield Road and Walters Yard following consultations with local residents which will provide around 100 further spaces. The St Blaise car park, behind Bromley Civic Centre is planned to be opened for public use at weekends. Westmoreland Road car park is set to close for the redevelopment in the autumn, known as Bromley South Central, which will include a cinema, restaurants, hotel and a new 400 space car park.

"We need to guarantee plenty of convenient parking facilities as it ensures that residents, shoppers, commuters and visitors have an enjoyable visit to our town. Investments made this year will ensure we have enough parking in the town centre throughout the development period and in time for the all important Christmas shopping season. This heralds the start of a new phase for our town centre enhancing the leisure offer and positioning Bromley well for the future" said Councillor Peter Morgan, Executive Councillor for Renewal and Recreation.

Plans to implement electronic car parking signs are also set to go ahead in the autumn. The Variable Messaging System (VMS) will advise motorists of the availability of spaces in the town centre. These VMS signs will be erected on all the major routes into the town centre and will be in time for Christmas this year.

The mixed use redevelopment at Bromley South Central will be set around a central landscaped podium mounted public plaza, with cinema and parking levels below. There will be restaurants, hotel and residential above, with a landscaped flight of steps leading to a lower plaza fronting Westmoreland Road. The landmark site is set for completion in Spring 2014.

To receive updates about the availability of parking space in council-owned car parks, motorists can follow [twitter](#) @bromleyparking1.

**For more information** visit [www.bromley.gov.uk/parking](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/parking)

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**Notes to editors:**

- A planning application has been submitted to create a new 30 space car park in Mitre Close.
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