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Any changes in the Masterplan that are made to facilities for people with disabilities must be replaced and also improved to meet the current standards.

The Masterplan says "*ensure adequate provision of convenient parking for people with disabilities*" and reference is made to the existing public blue badge parking, namely the top of Henley Street but it is also at Rother Market. Both of these have good qualities for this parking as they are on hard level ground but they fail some users because they do not meet the prescribed size for blue badge parking, which means there are some restrictions. Any new blue badge parking must meet the agreed design styles and requirements.

At present across the town of Stratford upon Avon the number of blue badge parking spaces in car parks is a poor allocation and the Masterplan gives you the opportunity for them to be improved to meet the national requirements.

With changes to the car parks and assuming that Arden Street car park becomes more than one level marked blue badge bays should be on the ground floor.

A lift to all floors would be useful for some people.

Easy access for all pedestrians is required, with tactile markings when crossing roads and this means more crossings not less, and direct routes too! The Gateway area is some distance for any pedestrian to walk to the shops and beyond and the river is a long way off!

Street furniture has to be the highest standard and improved from the existing in Upper Henley Street so it is suitable for everyone. Nationally a large percentage of the population has a mix of disabilities; physical, mental health and dementia and each one has its own needs which we must encompass to be *inclusive*.

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