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350 New Parking Spaces Open at MidTown Car Park

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is pleased to announce that 350 parking spaces are now available to the public free of charge at MidTown Car Park.

With the parking spaces being opened today and those already available at King's Wharf, there are now currently 700 parking spaces available to the public free of charge in the immediate vicinity of Commonwealth Park. This is double the number of parking spaces that were previously available where the Commonwealth Park now stands and the Government is confident that this represents the best possible use of Gibraltar's limited space.

A further 350 spaces will be opened at the MidTown Car Park by the end of October, totaling 700 parking spaces to be available to the public at MidTown. At this point the King's Wharf parking facility will be handed back to the owners so that they can embark on the second phase of construction of the King's Wharf development. The MidTown Car Park will also provide secure overnight parking for taxis, a group that has often been ignored by previous administrations, and the MidTown development will host a new permanent Coach Park, bringing tourism directly into the City Centre.

The MidTown Car Park is not intended to provide long-term parking, but rather a safe and convenient location for those who work, shop and do business in Town. One floor of the MidTown Car Park (about 100 spaces) will therefore be unavailable for parking between 3am and 7am. The Car Park will be free of charge to all whilst construction at MidTown continues. Whilst fully opened, however, short-term parking will only be free for holders of the new Gibraltar electronic ID card.

The car park will be cleaned and inspected regularly, and any vehicles found in breach of the terms will be removed.

The Chief Minister, the Hon Fabian Picardo QC, said: "This Government has recognised and listened to the public's concerns about the serious car parking problem in Gibraltar that has affected the daily lives of many people. These 700 new spaces at the MidTown Car Park should help to solve the problem of parking in the town area for good and is part of a well-thought out plan to really make our City Centre the best it can be. Instead of a small car park half full of abandoned vehicles we now have the fantastic Commonwealth Park and double the number of parking spaces in a secure, covered facility permanently available to Gibraltar ID card holders free of charge. Another manifesto commitment delivered."