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TRAFFIC COMMISSIONER'S RULING SENDS A CLEAR MESSAGE TO PASSENGERS
- check before you book car parking

Following the decision by the West of England official Traffic Commissioner to revoke the operator licence which allowed Winford Parking and Rental Ltd (which also operates as WC Park and Fly from South Bristol) to transport passengers. Bristol Airport is reminding holidaymakers and business travellers to check the credentials of car park operators before booking.

A recent inquiry heard that the Office of the Traffic Commissioner had been called in by local police and the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency after repeated concerns about the firm, which is entirely unconnected with Bristol Airport.

For peace of mind when flying from Bristol Airport, passengers are advised to use the range of on-site car parking options available. All the airport's official car parks are located on site, equipped with CCTV and automatic number plate recognition, are Park Mark accredited and are served by a courtesy bus to and from the terminal operating 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Passengers can guarantee their vehicle will be parked on site in an official Bristol Airport car park by making their booking at www.bristolairport.co.uk.

When considering parking for holiday or business trips, passengers should make the following checks:

1. **Ask where your car will be parked and if it will be moved while you are away.** Bristol Airport's Silver Zone uses valet parkers to put customer vehicles into block formation to make best use of available space, but your vehicle will not leave our site. Apart from our

premium 'meet and greet' service, all other on-site car parks are 'self-park', meaning you take your keys with you.

2. **If a minibus is used to shuttle customers between the airport and the car park, make a visual check of the vehicle.** If you have any concerns, ask to see the vehicle's documentation, including insurance certificate and MoT. All Bristol Airport's vehicles are regularly checked by our in-house motor transport team.
3. **Check with the local council's development control department whether the car park has permission to operate.** Remember, unauthorised car parks could be causing disturbance and distress to neighbours.

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