

The Survey



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A survey was commissioned recently to gauge staff opinion on the forthcoming changes at *Robex Software International*. Here is a representative sample of the comments that came out of the initiative. All are from existing staff. The survey was anonymous to encourage staff to speak openly.

“The question is *will it affect the working environment?* To my mind the whole ethos will change from a modern business environment to a down-at-heel social centre. We’ll lose our image. I shall go elsewhere.”

“My car is essential to my job and I’m not going to pay £15 a week just for the privilege of something I used to get free.”

“That footpath is muddy and dangerous. I’m not going to come by train and risk my neck on that path – and what about my shoes? I’ll arrive looking bedraggled and a real mess.”

“It’s too far to go into town for lunch and these days if you have visitors you just want somewhere clean and tidy where you can be served a good cup of coffee in relative silence – not next to a children’s nursery. It’s ridiculous.”

“Well, everyone will get used to it eventually. Energy consumption is a big issue and we’re clearly going to be doing our bit! I like that.”

“They’re looking after women’s interests for a change. I think a crèche is a really good idea. We should be proud we work for such a far-sighted organisation.”

“What a cheek expecting us to pay for parking. I shall just park on the main road and walk in. They’ve got a nerve. I’ll get soaked when it’s raining.”

“The crèche is a great idea – it would certainly make me much more comfortable about staying here when I have children – which I hope to do soon - but I don’t like the idea of losing the kitchens. At present I can have a very nice lunch and it’s all prepared for me. I haven’t got time in the morning to make sandwiches and in any case I don’t want to eat sandwiches every day! I don’t eat breakfast so I need something substantial at midday and it’s too far to walk into town and eat there and get back – as well as being far more expensive. We used to get a good deal - basically they’re taking away our one treasured privilege.”

“We don’t want a crèche. This is a serious workplace not a community centre. It’ll be right next to the dining area where I meet with suppliers. I can just imagine how good that’ll be with kids screaming the place down!”

“Not in favour at all of no kitchen. What’ll happen is there’ll be rubbish all over the place. At the moment the kitchen staff keep the place spotless – clean the table, remove the trays. It’ll be a like a motorway caff. No doubt we’ll have that disgusting machine coffee and canned drinks dispensers lowering the tone of the place. You never have the right change! The place is going to the dogs.”