

## Amesbury Town Centre – Amendments to Limited Waiting

<u>Ref No.</u>	<u>Comment Received</u>	<u>Comment Type</u>	<u>Officer Comment</u>
1	<p>As a small retail business located on High Street Amesbury I strongly object to the proposed shortening of waiting times in Amesbury town centre. The current wait time of one hour allows shoppers to complete several tasks in one visit like visiting a bank, the bakery and a gift shop. Cutting the wait time to 30 minutes will restrict this kind of activity in the town centre which is vital to the continuing survival of small businesses in Amesbury town centre. Yet again it is the smaller businesses that will suffer unlike our out of town shopping areas with their large free car parks. This is yet another a short sighted view from the council aimed at streamlining their own objectives rather than supporting local businesses. The current problem with the lack of turnover within the on street parking is nothing to do with the current waiting time allocated but with the lack of resources provided by Wiltshire Council to police and enforce parking in Amesbury. Regardless of the wait time being 60 or 30 minutes as long as the town centre continues to rarely see a parking ambassador drivers who feel they cannot be caught will continue to park in 60 minute bays free for several hours or, as is often the case, with contractors and people working in the town, park all day for free ignoring the regulations. I speak here from experience of what happens directly outside our shop. Do not persecute the small businesses in Amesbury further but instead enforce the current parking regulations more efficiently.</p>	Objection	<p>The changes have been requested and funded by Amesbury Town Council to encourage an enhanced turn-over of spaces within the limited waiting bays around the town centre in order to support the businesses.</p> <p>There are a number of car parks within walking distance of the town centre that can accommodate longer stay visitors. Disabled badge holders will be unaffected as they are able to park for an unlimited amount of time within any limited waiting bay.</p> <p>It is acknowledged that an appropriate level of parking enforcement will be required to make the proposed time limit work effectively. The Council's Parking Services Team will be made aware of the need to undertake regular enforcement of the time limited parking bays.</p>
2	<p>This proposal will finally kill off the businesses in Amesbury. They have been struggling for years. It is outrageous that these changes are proposed. Move the Taxis first!</p>	Objection	See officer comments above.
3	<p>How can you restrict parking any further, especially for the elderly who just want to pop into town to do minor shopping.</p>	Objection	See officer comments above.
4	<p>I have just heard that you are looking to reduce parking from 1 hour to 30 minutes for street parking. I have lived in the area for 40+ years and have seen many changes over the years. Amesbury doesn't have much going for it and I certainly will not pay for parking for the privilege. Local people now call it "shamesbury" and I have to say I kind of agree. Businesses are struggling to get people to shop locally and I feel that this change will be detrimental to them.</p>	Objection	See officer comments above.