

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

14 December 2010

**Item 5 – Public Participation
Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 – Car Parking Strategy (item 6)**

Statement from Mr Michael Freedman, Amesbury

As a resident of Amesbury, I am writing to you to express my concern at the possibility of your imposing car park charges in the Town. Our car parks have always been free to use, and the local shops have benefited from this. It would kill local trade, especially as a new Tesco store has recently opened just outside the town centre, where car parking is free.

As a Council, surely you have a duty to protect our shops, which are at the heart of the community. Some have already closed, and car park charges would accelerate further decline. This must not be allowed to happen and I urge you turn down any motion for charges to be made in the future. You must now allow our Town Centre to die.