

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

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

**Statement from Mrs P H and Mr D J Skinner, Amesbury**

We wish to represent to you in the strongest possible terms the detrimental affect the loss of free parking would have for the residents of Amesbury. It is our opinion that the loss of this much valued facility would not only cause distress to local residents, but would inevitably lead to a loss of business in this small market town. All actions by local government should be endeavouring to improve the quality of the amenities in Amesbury and not to destroying them by taxing the residents and others with un-necessary and uncalled for taxes.

I think it also questionable that you have the right to take a gifted facility (the central car park) away from us without our express agreement, This is a matter solely for the residents of Amesbury and not for the county council and you should abide by whatever decision is made by our councillors in this mater. The Coalition Government has declared that decisions affecting local affairs is to be devolved back to the people (residents) and this is an ideal opportunity for that to be demonstrated.