

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

14 December 2010

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

Statement from Mr and Mrs Rogers

We understand there is a proposal to introduce car parking charges in what are currently free car parks in Amesbury Town. Whilst this would not directly affect us, we are convinced that it would be very harmful to the already dwindling number of shopkeepers in the town and unfair to those who live some way from the Town centre or who due to age or infirmity have to drive to the shops.

We appreciate of course that in the current economic climate the council needs to raise funds to meet their increasing financial obligations. If revenue has to be raised from parking charges then it should only be done on the basis that the first two hours parking are free or that the charges only apply (but then at a higher rate) between 08.00 and 10.00 am.