

Wiltshire Council

Full Council

15 October 2024

Notice of Motion No. 2024-06 – Private Motor Vehicles

From Cllr Dominic Muns and Cllr Nick Holder

To consider the following motion submitted in accordance with the constitution:

Motion

We recognise that Wiltshire is a rural county in which many residents have a significant need (not a choice) to use a private motor vehicle. From residents with mobility issues, young people seeking education or employment, working families travelling miles to school and work, or families with low incomes, much of Wiltshire is disconnected and relies on private vehicle use.

We have seen the unintended negative consequences of Clean Air Zones, Low Traffic Neighbourhoods, Congestion Zones and strategic parking price rises in places like Bath, Bristol and London. Furthermore, these places bear little resemblance to the rural makeup of our towns and villages.

We ask that this Council refuses to support any scheme that seeks to force people out of their private vehicles without a high quality, efficient, reliable and cost-effective alternative. Until every person who stands to be affected by such schemes has a viable alternative means of travel for education, employment, healthcare, and leisure, we request that this Council refuses to incorporate such controls over our residents.