

APPENDIX B

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Dear Mr Williams

Re: Parking Charges in Salisbury

Thank you for your letter of 29 June 2011. Please accept my apology for the delay in replying.

Since your initial letter, I understand there have been a number of communications concerning parking charges with both Salisbury City Council and Salisbury City Centre Management. Your comments at 1 and 2 of your letter are noted.

Taking your other points in turn:

3. I understand that my colleague, Allan Creedy, has already provided you with the contact details of Graham Creasey (Corporate Estates Manager) who is able to provide advice on covenants at Lush House and Southampton Road car parks. There are also a number of other issues that would need to be clarified, for example, funding source of required Traffic Regulation Order process and traffic impact on local highway network of any amended parking charges, before we could consider your proposal. Please can I suggest that following receipt of Graham Creasey's advice, if you are still legally able to take your proposal forward, that you contact Allan Creedy to arrange a meeting to discuss your proposal and the other issues in more detail.
4. Further to your request for extended Park and Ride opening hours, we would be pleased to do this, if it were cost neutral. As you may be aware, we have recently withdrawn the 7.10pm service due to a lack of patronage. However, our new operators have quoted us a price of £140,000 to operate an extended service from 6am to 8pm. Given this situation, we are actively investigating a number of options that might allow passengers on some of the Park and Ride services to use their tickets on later-running buses.
5. You requested a flat £1.00 parking fee for Saturday and Sunday, however, it is considered that the current £1.70 Sunday parking charge is good value when compared to towns such as Bath and Southampton where normal Monday to Saturday parking rates are typically charged on Sundays. It would appear that this value is recognised by car park users as initial usage figures indicate that Sunday occupancy levels have not really changed since the increase from £1.50 in April.

I trust that you will find these comments helpful. If you wish to discuss this further, please contact Rob Murphy (Principal Transport Planner) who will be happy to discuss this with you.

Yours sincerely

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