

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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

Statement from Col (Retd) CA Heggie, Amesbury

I understand that parking charges are to be introduced in Amesbury. This will be a disaster for the town centre, the heart of the Amesbury community.

One of the attractions of visiting the shops in Amesbury has always been that the parking is free. The imposition of a parking charge will undoubtedly have a detrimental effect out of all proportion to the fee actually charged. As a shopping centre Amesbury is already on the verge of going under.

Already there are several shops that have been vacant for over a year and others are closing by the day. Many shops, of course, are under threat from a new Tesco Superstore that has just opened about a mile east of the town centre as well.

Please do your utmost to prevent this folly. I am very concerned for the long term future of Amesbury as a community, a community that it has taken centuries to build.