

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

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

**Statement from Major General & Mrs Patrick Brooking**

As a long time concerned resident of Amesbury, I am writing to you regarding the possible Parking Charges in discussion for our Town Centre.

Amesbury is fast losing its character and its character partly due to the new Tesco on its outskirts, which is also close to a FOCUS and a Lidl. We are told we must have a Tesco Petrol Outlet, although we have a new one in the central area.

Shops are already in difficulty and are closing - Crouch the Fruit & Veg shop only this weekend. We already have an empty chemist due to relocation, a large empty 'old' Co-op, due to the opening of a bigger Co-op – now 3 years old!

If you allow parking charges in our 2 central car parks, this will be a further cause of people going elsewhere. Our central shopping community will cease.

Please don't go down that road as we will be left with a 'ghost town' with only pubs, clubs, estate agents and hair dressers – the latter already feeling the pinch.

Surely Mr Cameron's 'Bigger Society' does not mean an empty centre to our Community!