

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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

Statement from Nicholas Godden

I am writing to mention my deep concern about the suggested changes to parking in the Market Square in Devizes. Devizes centre is now our main shopping area as there is no provision of shops or post offices in the local villages (other than the community shop in All Cannings). There is no regular bus service from our village. We are generally dependent on car transport. I am not alone in wanting to support Devizes as a fast recovering commercial centre. I would like however to object violently to the suggested cut to half an hour the free parking in the market place. One hour gives enough time for most daily shopping requirements. Half an hour would be unnecessarily restrictive. The further idea of charging for parking in Devizes centre is crazy. Devizes is not a wealthy town and it needs all the help and support it can get from surrounding supportive village residents. It is different to Marlborough and this difference should be respected. In Wiltshire the one size fits all policy is not necessarily the correct one. Please forward this plea to the correct councillor and officer and acknowledge its receipt.