

**Wiltshire Council**

**Cabinet**

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

**Statement from Mr Pete Hawkins**

The proposed increases in car parking charges in Wiltshire are a disgrace. The comparison with other counties is fatuous because all counties and areas have different levels of bus and train services-country districts in Wiltshire have virtually none. This is a money making exercise at the expense yet again of motorists who have no choice other than to use cars. I notice that there are no proposals to charge for workplace parking spaces-how convenient for Council workers. No doubt all the very well-paid Council officers have their own free spaces but then, as with turkeys voting for Christmas, I would not have expected anything else.

My wife, who is directly affected by these absurd proposals, only read about them when it was too late to mail you before your deadline. Not much time to complain was there?