

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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Agenda Item 5 – Double Yellow Line Parking, Station Road, Royal Wootton Bassett

Question from Cllr Chris Hurst

To Councillor Bridget Wayman Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste

Question 1 (21-07)

In the attached article in the Swindon Advertiser on 23rd December 2020, the Cabinet Member for Highways is quoted as denying the Council were aware of repeated parking on double yellow lines outside the Premier shop on Station Road in Royal Wootton Bassett. Cllr Wayman as quoted 'Councillor Bridget Wayman, council cabinet member for highways, said: "We're not aware of any complaints for this particular location, which is patrolled on a regular basis.

"However, vehicles are only permitted to stop on double and single-yellow lines if they are carrying out loading and unloading. Our officers will always carry out some observation to check if this is being done before deciding to issue a penalty-charge notice.

"We ask that drivers be considerate for pedestrians and other road users, because selfish behaviour can really cause problems for other people. Parking on a pavement is an obstruction offence and this can be enforced by Wiltshire Police."

This statement by Cllr Wayman is not true. I have twice reported the issues to the Council's parking services on both 4th April 2018 and again on 11th September 2018 and received a response from officers. Following this, the road was resurfaced and the yellow lines repainted but the problem has persisted due to lack of enforcement.

Did the cabinet member consult with officers before making the inaccurate statement to the local paper?

Would she take this opportunity to correct her statement?

Attached article: <https://www.swindonadvertiser.co.uk/news/18960572.illegal-parking-royal-wootton-bassett-outside-premier/>

Response

Officers confirmed that there were forty nine logged visits to the area with no Penalty Charge Notices in the last six months. Officers did note vehicles carrying out loading and unloading had occurred, which is permitted.

Officers were not aware of any recent issues in the area. Records of reports over two years ago were not include in the response to the newspaper as they were not considered current.