

## CASTLE COMBE PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE FOR AREA BOARD 13.03.23

Since the last meeting the Unitary Council has again declined to suspend parking charges despite the known risks to the public.

This is despite their inability to identify any other location within Wiltshire with a commensurate risk profile.

We have constantly emphasized that in the event of a serious incident, their refusal to suspend charges until safety measures are complete and proven to be effective is reprehensible and driven by political and financial expediency despite the dangers.

The Information Commissioner's Office has now reviewed our complaint regarding the Council's inadequate response to our initial Freedom of Information request and has criticised the Council's handling of our request.

The Commissioner instructed the Council to deal with the matter more transparently and has formally recorded its dissatisfaction with the manner in which our request was dealt with, stating that if it had been handled properly from the outset, their office would not have needed to be involved.

We have now submitted a further Freedom of Information request for which a response is awaited.