

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 Brian C Thompson, Amesbury

I am writing to register our concern that consideration is being given to introduce charges to the car parks in Amesbury which are currently, and have been for many years, free of charge.

Amesbury is going through a critical time with every endeavour being made to revitalise the centre of the town. There are at present several shop premises vacant and if this trend were to continue it would be the end of Amesbury as a compact shopping location to the serious detriment of the inhabitants.

The impact of introducing charges will deter motorised people from using the town for shopping which in turn would necessitate more shops closing. The viability of the retail businesses would be lost, as to sustain a service the town require both vehicular as well pedestrian shoppers.

We urge you not to impose the charges but to retain the present arrangements to the good of both local residents and also all in the community.