

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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

Statement from Lt Col N O H de Foubert, Amesbury

The centre of Amesbury is being extremely hard hit not only by the recession but also 'out of town' supermarkets on the villages' periphery. Several of our long standing local shops have closed and if the current trend continues more will most definitely also cease to trade. The present proposal to charge for parking in the currently free car park will I'm confident deter shoppers coming to the town and will further enhance trade in the local supermarkets where parking is free.

It would be a tragedy should 'Amesbury Village' centre be further disadvantaged by charging for parking; may I ask that you consider seriously the danger that this proposal could have upon the future centre of our town.