

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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

Statement from Julie Owen from Lower Compton

Further to the article in the Gazette & Herald today regarding the increased parking charges I write to express my horror at the huge proposed increase for all day parking in Calne Church Street Car Park to £5.60.

I work in Calne and if the proposed increases are approved then I will have to pay £112.00 per month (as against the current £24.00 per month) for the privilege of working in the town. This is a massive amount of money particularly given the current economic climate.

In the alternative, of course, I could park in the free Sainsbury's bottom car park and then add to the already unacceptable congestion in the town centre.

Calne is a small town and the only people who are likely to require all day parking are those who work here and have no choice but to park all day. I think it is highly unfair to penalise people who are working in the town. If people do not work here then there will be no shops or services and thus it will become a ghost town.

The parking used to be completely free and I do not mind paying something towards parking, but the current proposals smack of pure greed.

I trust these comments will be taken into consideration.