

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

14 December 2010

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

**Question from Michael Williams MBE, Chief Executive
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Would the cabinet take note of the content of correspondence to Cllr Tonge, Cabinet Member for the Highways & Transport, with the view that the contents be taken into consideration before taking any final decision on the Car Parking Strategy.

I attach a copy of the letter send to Cllr Tonge for your information.

Response

For clarification, Band 3 towns have been offered the opportunity to 'buy back' a small proportion of spaces; Band 4 towns have been offered the opportunity to take over the management of local public car parks.

The revised car parking strategy is seeking to deal with a number of economic, community and environmental issues and has been based on a banding approach within which the Council's consultants have considered the possible economic impact of the strategy (see paragraphs 46 to 55 in the Cabinet report).

In terms of the points a, b and d, the banding of the towns has been based on the hierarchy in the emerging Local Development Framework (the Council's spatial plan for future development growth) which considers the role and function of towns, and their level of facilities and services. With regard to point c, the strategy includes details on revised parking standards including minimum standards for new residential development which was strongly supported by respondents to the consultation. In answer to point e, paragraph 61 of the Cabinet report states that prioritised reviews will be undertaken where there is an identified displacement of parking into inappropriate areas caused as a result of the imposition of the revised parking charges.