

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

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

Statement from Ms Anne Richards

I write to express my horror at the proposal to increase the charge for all day parking in Station Road, Devizes to £5.60, which would simply make it financially impossible for me to continue my job.

How do you expect anyone on an average wage to be able to afford £112 a month of income after tax? The only alternative for the scores of us who park in Station Road daily will be to clog up residential streets. I for one refuse to do this having experienced the difficulties of commuter parking outside my previous home in Bristol.

Public transport, however much you promise to improve it, is never going to offer a fast, reliable link from Marlborough to Devizes at the flexible, often off-peak and odd ball times that I require, especially to fit in with the needs of my children.

I have commuted to Devizes for more than ten years, contributing not only to its car park but to the economy of its shops and sandwich bars. I pity for the town's future if this proposed charge is approved and forces scores of workers to go elsewhere.

Please think again.