

**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 Margaret Rawlings**

Just a comment regarding the proposed increases in parking charges.

I live in St Paul Street, Chippenham and my very elderly father lives in Dallas Road, Chippenham. I pass Spanbourne Avenue car park several times a day. It used to be almost full by 9am, but now if there are half a dozen cars there by 10am it is busy - usually there are just two or three. Everyone now parks in Dallas Road and the surrounding residential roads rather than pay for the car park. So, if I visit my father after 9am it is rare for me to be able to park anywhere near his house, if I can stop in Dallas Road at all. This can make unloading shopping or taking him to appointments awkward.

Surely it makes more sense to charge less and have the car parks used, than to price people out and force them to clog up even more residential roads on the outskirts of town, causing congestion and annoyance?

Please can a bit of common sense be applied.