

**Warminster Area Board - 11 November 2010**

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## **Chairman's Announcements**

### **Car Parking Strategy: Consultation Feedback – Key Points**

#### **Why Review Car Parking?**

- Move to Wiltshire Council – lack of consistency between former districts
- Parking is wider than just charging – important part of local transport policy
- Need to update existing strategy – price comparison with neighbouring areas

#### **Consultation Process**

- Informed people through:
  - Web portal and documents in libraries
  - Press release, Parish Newsletter and Area Boards
  - Emails and letters to some 8,000 contacts
- Overall, some 600 people responded making over 5,000 comments
- Reasonable response from Amesbury, Chippenham, Corham, Devizes and Salisbury; more limited number of responses from most other areas
- Concerted campaign by councillors and parish councils in South West Wiltshire

#### **Countywide Responses**

- Overwhelming support for economy as most important objective
- Next highest support for meeting residents' need for parking
- Majority support for concept of banding towns and proposed land-use zones
- Small majority disagreed with proposed bands
- Large majority agree that town and parish councils should be offered 'buy back' and car park management opportunities
- Majority selected 'conventional' (lowest) parking charges option
- Little enthusiasm for proposed Sunday parking charges
- Significant support for more pragmatic approach to residential parking in new housing developments
- Overwhelming support for policy and process on residents' parking zones
- Majority support for council's approach to parking enforcement

#### **Local Responses**

- 6 Total respondents
- No localised comments

#### **Next Steps**

- Sept-Nov: Area Boards' feedback presentations
- Oct-Nov: consideration of consultation responses
- Dec: Cabinet decision meeting (14th Dec)
- Jan-Mar: statutory procedures
- Apr: implementation of changes