

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

14 December 2010

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

Statement from Mrs Susie Heggie, Amesbury

I am writing to express great concern at the plans of Wiltshire County Council to charge for parking in Amesbury's car parks in future.

Already there are several shops empty in our town centre and another closed yesterday – our greengrocer. To impose charges will hasten the demise of Amesbury centre as a place to visit and shop and the heart of the community will become a depressed and sad area.

This is particularly sad as in the past few years more shops have opened in the town – a butcher's and gift shops which will be now be further threatened. The opening of a weekly market in part of the town will do nothing to mitigate this sad state of our small town in the south of Wiltshire (the home of Stonehenge and so a possible tourist venue).