

Gentlemen,

This is a formal request to call in today's decision made at cabinet relating to Wiltshire Local Transport Plan 2011-2026 - Car Parking Strategy by Councillors Colmer, Brown, Oldrieve and Carter, all full members of the Environment Select Committee.

This in accord with the constitution and the decision in our view does not meet some of the principles outlined in Article 14, appendix 2 of the said constitution, namely;

- to ensure open, fair and honest administration
- to state the reasons for the action
- to consult interested parties where appropriate and practicable
- to promote the economic, social and environmental well-being of the County
- to determine issues at the lowest level commensurate with their importance

Rationale as to the call in request as this decision was a key policy framework change which constitutionally the cabinet member is required to do is:

At the Environment Select Committee on 2nd. November there was a presentation made by officers, supported by the cabinet member Cllr. Dick Tonge. This presentation was purely associated with the result of the consultation process. Whilst the committee recorded their thanks to the cabinet member and officers with regard to their work so far relating to the results of the consultation process, the comprehensive detail as outlined in the cabinet papers were not presented to the Environment Select Committee and therefore not subjected to the scrutiny process.

Today what transpired at Cabinet was a pseudo scrutiny process, naturally there was a lot of public interest, quite rightly so. The opportunity to absorb the representations made by the public and Councillors with regard to the detailed recommendations, had the process been through the recognised scrutiny committee, would have enabled the committee to document recommendations to amend the proposals for the cabinet member to consider.

During the course of today's cabinet meeting, concessions were made to Amesbury no doubt as a result of evidence provided by interested parties, however representations made by other towns and parishes who provided evidence relative to their particular issues were not considered, this is not deemed to be fair and even handed. Additionally, the proposals have not been shared with 'backbenchers' in a timely manner for them to consider the implications with the towns/parishes they represent.

Robust discussion took place as to the bandings of each major community in the county. However within the strategy there is not documented evidence as to the economic justification for the bandings.

Reference was made to the minority report, submitted by some members as a result of the dissatisfaction of the process at the Environment Select Committee, which in their view the strategy being contrary to the localism agenda, which was epitomised by the public representations today. The response to the minority report was only handed to the authors of the report, literally seconds before the cabinet meeting and was obtained by chance! Additionally the statement made in response Para 3 is totally inaccurate.

To summarise, the process that has been adopted to enable the cabinet to come to a decision, albeit very lengthy is flawed and in the interests of fairness to all the residents. employers, businesses within the county requires a scrutiny process is both robust and transparent.