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Democratic Services
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Dear Frances Machin

I am writing in respect of your petition for extended off-street resident permits parking scheme at Wood Street and Borough Fields Car Parks, thank you for the petition and the Council notes the request to consider extending the off-street residents scheme.

The residents off street schemes are historic arrangements put in place by the former district councils . In 2010 it was decided by the then Cabinet Member for Transport and Highways that these schemes should be phased out as part of the forming of the unitary council which happened in 2009.

The council has been heavily subsidising the Royal Wootton Bassett Resident Permit Scheme now for a number of years. The scheme is not available to the vast majority of residents in a similar position across the county and has resulted in unfairness in charges elsewhere and as you have noted even in Royal Wootton Bassett.

With the need to fund vital services the council has to question discretionary spending and subsidised schemes. Hence the decision was made not to subsidise the Resident and Season Ticket schemes after September of this year. Everyone will be moved onto a percentage of the day rate to ensure fairness in every car park. This means that a Season Ticket in Borough Fields will be set at £624 per annum and Wood Street at £540 per annum.

The change in prices illustrate the subsidies that the Royal Wootton Bassett parking schemes has been given over a number of years. Whilst the Council fully understands the price increase is considerable, it ensures all residents across the county are treated fairly and the scheme is self-funding.

Should you have any further questions, please direct these to Joanne Pattison, Parking Services Manager, Joanne.Pattison@wiltshire.gov.uk .

Kind regards,

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