

## **Chairman's Announcements**

There have been a number of recent announcements by Wiltshire Council relating to:

- Wiltshire Local Transport Plan Strategy 2011-2026
- Wiltshire Intelligence Network ([www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk](http://www.intelligencenetwork.org.uk))
- Consultation for Parish Councils on Community Flooding
- Petitions Scheme
- Parish Steward Scheme
- Delays to Gypsy and Traveller Site Consultation

Full details of these are available on the Wiltshire Council website and are also notified via the Community Area Network - please sign up to receive these.

- Feedback from the Car Parking Strategy Consultation indicates that

### County Wide Responses:

- Reasonable response from Amesbury, Chippenham, Corsham, Devizes and Salisbury but limited number of responses from most other areas. In total 600 people made over 5,000 comments
- Overwhelming support for economy as most important objective
- Next highest support was for meeting residents' needs for parking
- Majority support for concept of banding towns and proposed land-use zones
- Small majority disagree with proposed bands
- Large majority agree that town and parish councils should be offered 'buy back' and car park management opportunities
- Overwhelming majority supported the council's approach to parking enforcement
- Small majority saw the kerb space hierarchy as reasonable
- Large majority stated that council should continue to offer season tickets

### County Wide Response on Parking Charges:

- Majority selected 'conventional' (lowest) parking charges option
- Some respondents disagreed with all three options (eg wanting to keep parking free in small towns)
- Little enthusiasm for proposed Sunday parking charges
- Small majority support for the proposed way of reviewing charges

**Specific Responses from Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Area include:**

- Each town has different characteristics and needs
- Fears that prices will encourage shift to parking upon residential streets
- More frequent and visible enforcement is required
- The strategy goes too far in terms of local authority control

**What Happens Next: Oct-Nov: consideration of consultation responses Dec: Cabinet decision meeting (14th Dec) Jan-Mar 2011: statutory procedures, Apr 2011: implementation of changes.**