

Wiltshire Council

Cabinet

13 September 2011

Item 5 Public Participation (on items not on the agenda)

Question from Chippenham Vision Board

'If the patronage of the town's car park is reduced, what is the Cabinet's view on the damage to retail in the town, and whether the increase in car parking charges should be reviewed'

Response from Councillor Dick Tonge, Cabinet member for Highways and Transport

A report to Cabinet currently scheduled for 18 October and full Council on 8 November will analyse the countywide economic, social and environmental impacts of the current car parking charges.

Question from Mr John Bowley

'In referring to reported remarks of Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe "that Westbury was holding up Wiltshire with the lack of a bypass and the next inspector might have different findings" asks whether these broadcast remarks represent the view of the Wiltshire Council Cabinet?'

Response from Councillor Fleur de Rhe-Philippe, Cabinet member for Strategic Planning, Economic Development and Tourism

Mr Bowley is quoting - inaccurately - from something I said during a half hour interview on BBC Wiltshire in respect of the Core Strategy. I said that, in my personal opinion, Westbury did need a bypass which would also benefit the whole A350 corridor - or words to that effect. I categorically stated that it was a personal opinion and I definitely did not say that "Westbury was holding up Wiltshire".