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Dear Eric,

Car Parking Charges 2006 / 2007

City Centre Management would like to respond as follows to your schedule of proposed car parking charge adjustments for 2006 / 2007.

Off-street car parks – short stay

We have no comment to make on the 0-1 and 1-2 hours but feel that the increase in 2-3, 3-4 and 4-5 is not supportive of the businesses of Salisbury or encouraging of shoppers to the city as opposed to our competitors in Southampton, Poole, Bournemouth, etc.

Market Place car park

This is one of the most expensive car parks in the city for short stay and we welcome the reductions you are suggesting. We would comment however that this is often the first car park our visitors locate and can we suggest that signposting to the more economical car parks in Salt Lane and Brown Street be introduced.

Park & Ride

We feel that an increase in the park & ride charge to £2.50 a day on opening of the London Road site is a mistake and is not the way to encourage increased usage and could actually result in a decrease in patronage. We already know of young people working in the city who stopped using park and ride following the increase to £2.20.

We do however welcome the reduced charge for December 2005 and January 2006 and look forward to the launch of the saver scheme next year, which I understand will offer regular users a £2 a day fee indefinitely.

Residents Parking Schemes

We are aware of a large number of streets outside of the ring-road that are used by commuters on a daily basis. This is not only inconvenient for the residents of said streets but a huge loss of revenue to the council. In St. Marks Avenue we estimate between 45 and 60 cars now park every day in the street. We would be supportive of schemes to discourage the use of FREE street parking and the use of park & ride while recognising that a park and ride site for Southampton Road is still some way off.

General

We are supportive of the 'no change' to long-stay off street car parking which remains at £5 and the 'no change' to on- street parking.

While we are pleased to see that the council continues to support coaches to Salisbury by not increasing car parking charges we might ask that you consider better 'policing' of the coaches in Exeter / St. John's Street. We received a number of complaints this year about coaches ignoring the 'no waiting' signs and sitting with their engines running causing pollution and congestion.

May I also draw your attention to my emails dated 17 and 24 September sent in 2004 when City Centre Management were asked for ideas and possible solutions to the parking problems of Salisbury. I have attached a hard copy for ease of reference and hope that you might again consider some of our ideas such as first 2-hours in the city free and free parking after 4pm.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your car parking charges schedule.

Kind regards,

Lindsey Brown

Salisbury City Centre Manager on behalf of the members
of Salisbury City Centre Management