

SILVER MOTION (CONSERVATIVE) CHANGES TO DISTRICT CAR PARKS

This Council ~~very much regrets~~notes the decision to introduce changes in the terms and conditions for the use of the City's district car parks and, as stated in the Cabinet report on this issue, to sell four additional sites deemed to have 'low occupancy' and appropriate for disposal.

Council notes ~~That~~ these proposals were not subject to ~~any specific~~ prior public consultation.

~~All identified~~ Council notes that transport of all types plays a vital role in support of local shops and small businesses, many of which are within a 15 minute walk or cycle of the local community they serve.

Council notes that many older and disabled people currently rely on their private cars to access ~~Many serve~~ vital public amenities such as local shops GP surgeries, pharmacies, churches, and community centres.

However, this Council also notes that the Citizens Assembly top recommendation is that parking should be progressively reduced through the City as a key tool in tackling the Climate Emergency.

This Council believes parking is part of a market in mobility and needs to be used as a tool as part of a balanced transport policy and that the often-promised parking strategy for the City is much needed and severely overdue. such a move is misconceived, based on a flawed premise and methodology, whilst ignoring the needs and social benefits of retaining some free provision in our suburbs.

This Council believes that this would allow the ~~The exclusion of local~~ input from local people and their elected representatives at a strategic level to determine the needs of parking in all areas of the City. dictates that it should be revisited, reviewed and reversed.

Council believes that a full consultation involving older and disabled people and non-users of these car parks should be undertaken, and that it should include consulting on alternative uses of the land proposed to be sold.

Accordingly, the Mayor is called upon to:

- (i) Listen to and acknowledge ~~the strength of~~ opposition to these ideas
- (ii) Commit to conducting ~~full~~ consultation prior to ~~any the~~ introduction of parking fees
- (iii) Work with local Councillors and communities to explore possible compromise solutions prior to implementation