

Parking Services - Feedback from consultation.

Following meetings in Warwick we received the feedback from the Town Council detailed below.

The Town Council Committee agreed that there should be early discussions on linear tariffs for both on & off street parking and that the Town Council was supportive of the proposal, and believed that the Chamber of Trade was also supportive.

Cllrs Dhillon & Holland were appointed as the Town Councils reps & in addition to WDC the Town Council proposed that the Chamber should be represented & that a County Cllr for Warwick should also be invited to participate.

The other 2 issues for discussion by that group were to be

1. The harmonisation of on street car parking restrictions but bearing in mind the circumstances that require residential areas to be controlled for the possible needs of town centre residents and
2. The examination of how charges in Warwick could be reviewed to stimulate increased visitor numbers to support the visitor & retail economy. It may well be that this is an example of closing the door etc but visitor numbers have dropped. If this is because of road works & bad weather only, then next year could see an improvement. Members did however consider that a stimulus was needed, similar to the action taken to assist Kenilworth in the past.

Following meetings in Leamington we received the feedback from the Town Council detailed below.

- (i) that the proposals for off-street car park charges and regulations at Leamington Spa for 2013/14 are welcomed;
- (ii) that the Town Council endorses making car parking policies more reflective of the need to enhance the shopping offer and promotion of the Town as a vibrant retail destination; and
- (iii) that priority is given to enhancing directional signage to the Town Centre from all the off-street car parks

Following meetings in Kenilworth the feedback from the Town Council is detailed below.

Existing Car Parks.

Town Council Members were pleased that current level of charges was achieving the targeted revenue level and welcomed warmly the proposal to retain the

existing charges in the current pay parking areas for 2013-2014. They endorsed the view that in the current financial climate further increases might prove counter-productive.

2. Abbey Fields Car Park.

a. Members endorsed the overall proposals covering the free parking period and scale of charges in the Abbey Fields car park, but called for further consideration of the resident's arrangements. They considered that it was necessary to enhance residents parking provision to cover a wider area than currently proposed.

b. Members expressed concern that Fieldgate Lane, and some other roads, could become still more congested because of the ripple effect of the changes in Abbey Fields, exacerbating safety issues; they therefore sought confirmation that this would be subject to formal monitoring and the provision of feedback data.

c. Members felt that it would be appropriate to enhance bicycle-parking provision on the periphery of Abbey Fields, including close to or within the car park.