

APPENDIX 2

PARKING PERMITS IN NANTWICH

I write as chair of the Nantwich Local Area Partnership (LAP) group on Environment and Quality of Place, in response to the consultation on parking permits in Nantwich.

Our group's aim as set out in our Sustainability Statement (attached) is that the "Nantwich LAP area is environmentally diverse and robust, economically prosperous and socially fair."

You will note that one of our objectives is "Deliver and add to the Community Strategy in environmentally sustainable living (e.g. transport, procurement, energy efficiency, localism in decision making)."

We acknowledge that decisions such as the one on which you are consulting are not clear-cut and the economic advantages of implementation are balanced by environmental disadvantages in terms of encouraging car usage rather than other transport options.

We just wish to request that the elements that potentially give rise to conflicting solutions have all been adequately addressed in coming to your recommendations. Namely:

- substantial savings on annual parking charges via parking permits is a commercial incentive for businesses to locate in Nantwich centre, where the cost of parking might effect a downturn in the commercial activity of Nantwich;
- the convenience of having a parking permit coming at such a low cost might encourage car travel over using public transport, or more healthier options such as cycling or walking.
- the potential for bus subsidies.