

REPRESENTATION INCLUDING COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE SOUTH CHESHIRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

The Chamber of Commerce has consulted its members in Nantwich in relation to the proposal to introduce more Car Park Permits.

I attach a selection of the responses that have been received by e-mail which reflect a number of different views.

I have also received a number of other verbal responses which indicate that whilst the idea is welcomed, the proposed costs seem to be on the high side.

I have also received comments in relation to how the Council proposes to manage and control the permit scheme where the concerns have been around whether there would be “roving permits” or whether they would be “space specific” which is notoriously difficult to manage.

The permits would apply only to one car park chosen from the three and would not guarantee a space.

Other general comments have been around the problems of a high take up leading to reduced spaces available for shoppers and visitors.

I hope that these comments prove to be helpful.

In theory a good idea but a little on the expensive side. We currently pay 30% less to a private car park owner. I'd rather park on a council run facility but at a competitive cost.

Personally I believe that Nantwich should be attracting people to the town by offering preferential parking costs to those who work here. I'm not sure how many companies in the town would be able to afford to pay nearly £500 upfront for car parking for each of their employees. Individuals would, I'm sure, not be in a position to pay in advance either.

Sounds like a good idea!

I can see benefits to any business domiciled in Nantwich which does not have off-road parking. My business visits to Nantwich are sporadic and of short duration. My concern would be the reduction in available public parking spaces if this scheme implemented. On occasions I am already frequenting more than one car park to find an available space!

I feel that the price of a permit is too high (approx. £2.00 a day on a 5 day week) if you use it every day and if you take into account annual leave and Bank Holidays it quickly exceeds the price of day to day parking.

Unless the council make the price attractive the 'side streets' will remain the town's parking lot!

My first thoughts are that this will be a retrograde step for retailers in Nantwich who rely on shoppers being able to park easily and nearby.

No additional car parking has been provided since I,[....], retired in 1991. Just the reverse, valuable places, including Heavy Goods parking, have been lost at the Civic Hall Car Park.

Additionally, a lot of residential properties have been erected since this time greatly increasing the demand.

[...] It was the [Borough Council's] policy to provide an all day car park for shop owners and business users at the periphery of the town centre so they could park their vehicles and walk to their business premises.

This was proposed to be free of charge at the time! and possible locations were earmarked at the old Coal Yard next to Nantwich Station and an extension of the car park behind the Crown Hotel in Mill Street.

Unfortunately both sites were allowed to be developed for residential apartments, and no one at the Borough Council had the foresight to bother with monitoring or thinking of car parking provision.

[....] Nantwich Town Councils' "Nantwich Transport Group" which debates and advises on such matters; I am very surprised that no knowledge of this current intention has come before this group.

As usual the discussion/objection period is terribly short.

The consultation period provided is governed by statute which has been complied with.