

The six Congleton Town Councillors have considered the reports at Agenda items 6, 7 and 8 going to your Cabinet Members for Environmental Services meeting on Tuesday 19th.

There are a number of anomalies in the Parking Review document which need attention but we are only concentrating on those which directly relate to the decisions you are being asked to make at page 52 para 6. They do not necessarily include the recommendations arising from a meeting of the six ward councillors which took place in July, which we agreed at our meeting with the officers and yourself on the 19th September. Some of those recommendations had been made informally by Councillors prior to the July meeting are included.

We welcome the proposed change to off street and on street parking at paras 6.1.1 and 6.1.2.

We can make no comment on para 6.1.3

While we have no objection to the proposed survey at 6.1.4. We would ask that we be given sight of the draft survey form and area to be covered before this is done.

We welcome the proposed change at 6.1.5 in respect of Park Street.

We specifically ask that the disabled only bay be put at the West Street car park exit end of bays near the Spar shop at the junction of Antrobus Street and West Street. This is opposite the doctor's surgery entrance and in our opinion at an easier point to cross West Street.

We would separately like to review the other changes and restrictions recommended at 6.1.7 and detailed at Appendix II before they are proceeded with.

The extension to the Princess Street car park at 6.2.1 has been our recommendation from the introduction of charges and we welcome it.

We have expressed the need for there to be provision for low cost resident's permits to park in a number of selected car parks and we indicated the extent we wished this to be considered at our meeting in September. The recommendation at 6.2.3 fails to meet this requirement

since it is impractical to provide residents schemes close to many locations in the town. The introduction of residents schemes in certain parts of the town could have a significant effect on trade. We consider the priority should be to provide low cost residents permits and only after that has been satisfied to consider contract or leasing arrangements.

We welcome the proposal at 6.2.4 in respect of the Roe Street (Spring Street!) car park.

We agree the proposed increase in wide disabled bays at para 6.2.5 and recommend two such bay be included in the Roe Street car park.

We welcome the proposed Motor Cycle bays at 6.2.6

With reference top Appendix II in our comments on 6.1.4 we recommended that all areas be resurveyed including the need for residents car parking passes as covered above.

Comment has been made on the location of Disabled notice boards specified in Appendix III. One recently installed in the Back park Street car park can present an unnecessary hazard to disabled motorist.

Agenda items 7 and 8 are the enabling regulations to implement the changes, and the timings of the various car parks and are welcomed.