

**Car Parking Strategy Action Plan –
Public Consultation Questionnaire**

ANNEX A

Q1. The proposed Action Plan seeks to appropriately balance the competing demands for parking by introducing a tailored approach to meet the individual needs of each of our towns.

Do you agree with this differential approach? - YES / NO

If you wish, please explain your reasons why;

Q2. Our Consultants have identified particular levels of high demand for car parking in Huntingdon, relating to the high number of office-based workers in the town and the issues related to the proximity of the rail station to the town centre.

a) The proposed changes for Huntingdon seek to discourage rail commuters from using town centre car parks. Do you agree with this approach? – YES / NO

If you wish, please explain your reasons why;

b) To recognise the nature of the leisure usage at Riverside car park in Huntingdon, it is proposed to provide a designated short-stay area for parking, with reduced charges, as well as allowing short-term parking within longer-stay areas. Do you agree with this approach? – YES / NO

If you wish, please explain your reasons why;

Q3. It is proposed to introduce long-stay parking charges for Huntingdon at Riverside and Bridge Place Car Parks for the reasons outlined in Q2. In St. Neots, due to the high leisure usage at Riverside and currently less demand on town centre car parks overall, it is proposed that Riverside Car Park remains free of charge as well as Cambridge Road, the latter pending further improvement and review.

Do you agree with this differential approach? – YES / NO

If you wish, please explain your reasons why;

Q4. In order to contribute to the Climate Change agenda, it is proposed that the Council recognise the benefit to the environment of encouraging the use of cars that produce less carbon emissions by proposing Season Ticket/Resident Permit discounts for qualifying vehicles.

a) It is proposed that a 25% discount be offered over the standard cost of a Season Ticket or Residents Permit?

Do you agree with this approach? – YES / NO

b) It has been suggested that the Council should go further and offer greater discounts, possibly free parking, for certain other qualifying low emission vehicles?

Would you support such an approach? – YES / NO

Please explain your reasons why;

Q5. Residents Season Tickets & Permits are offered to those who have limited or no off-street car parking. It has been suggested that the current and proposed charging levels are far too low to encourage those living in town centres to consider using less polluting cars, alternative forms of transport or to reduce their use of the car.

Do you consider that Residents Season Tickets & Permits are too cheap and not encouraging the use of alternative forms of travel for those living in town centres? – YES / NO

Please give any feedback ;

Q6. For those working an average 5-day week in Huntingdon, St. Neots or St. Ives, it is currently around 30% cheaper to purchase a standard 12 or 6-month Season Ticket rather than pay a daily parking charge.

Do you consider that this current policy gives far too great a discount or fail to encourage people to consider other forms of travel? – YES / NO

Please give any feedback ;

Q7. To address the continuing need for short-term parking, it is proposed that the car parks at Mill Common, Huntingdon and Tan Yard at St. Neots will only allow short-term car parking with long-term parking moving to other car parks at the edge of each town centre;

a) Do you support this approach? – YES / NO

b) Is it unreasonable to expect people who park all-day to walk a short distance into Huntingdon or St. Neots town centres? – YES / NO

If you wish, please explain your reasons;

Q8. With the planned introduction of charges for Huntingdon at Riverside and Bridge Place car parks, it is proposed that a trial of alternative methods of payment be undertaken utilising new ticket machine technology e.g. taking notes, payment by debit/credit card etc.

Do you consider alternative payments to coins would be useful? – YES / NO

If yes, what other methods would be useful for you?

Q9. We are aware that certain Leisure Centre car parks are being used by people not using the facilities at those Centres. Should we consider introducing charging as a mechanism to try and control this situation with a reduced rate for Centre users? – YES/NO

Please give any feedback ;

Q10. The consultation outlines the revised charges being considered for each town within Option 1 or Option 2.

Which Option do you prefer – Option 1/Option 2 – and please state why?

Please use the space below to make any other comments you wish on this consultation.

When completed, please return your comments to Huntingdonshire District Council, Planning Policy Division, Pathfinder House, St. Mary's Street, Huntingdon PE29 3TN or alternatively, e mail to transport@huntingdonshire.gov.uk

Thank you for your time.