

**REPORT OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL
(ENVIRONMENTAL WELL-BEING)**

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 At its meeting on 9th February 2010, the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) considered the following reports:-

- Car Parking Review Update
- Revised Local Development Scheme
- Development Management Submission Document

2. DELIBERATIONS

2.1 The Panel welcomed the content of both the Revised Local Development Scheme and the Development Management Submission Document, and endorsed the recommendations contained in the reports.

2.2 With regard to the Car Parking Review, Members raised concerns over the possible implications of introducing charging at Riverside Park, St Neots. It was reported that footfall in St Neots had fallen and that the town was suffering from traffic congestion. It was felt that the implementation of parking charges at Riverside Park would further exacerbate these issues and would increase air pollution in the town centre. The Panel therefore invites the Cabinet to consider allowing 3 hours free parking in the whole of Riverside Car Park which would benefit shoppers who wish to park there and those who want to use the Park for leisure and recreational purposes. The Panel suggest that an appropriate charge be set for those who park longer than 3 hours with payment on exit which may reduce enforcement costs.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 The Cabinet is invited to consider the comments of the Overview and Scrutiny Panel (Environmental Well-Being) as part of its deliberations on the reports referred to above.

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