

EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL full council meeting held THURSDAY 22 OCTOBER 2020 commencing at 6.00pm

Excerpt (7 ii) Parking Enforcement

This Council unequivocally endorses the constitutional commitment to free car parking in its off street town centre car parks. This commitment, together with a proportionate enforcement regime, is even more important now to support town centre businesses to recover from the COVID 19 crisis. Nevertheless, the Council remains concerned at the growing instances of dangerous and anti-social on street car parking across the District, not limited to, but notably in Ely, Littleport, Bottisham and Soham. The on street enforcement regime is not fit for purpose. The decriminalisation of on street car parking does not offer an appropriate solution to a District committed to free car parking and sound financial management.

The Council cannot sign up to a scheme which is irreversible, has significant unfunded capital and revenue commitments and would lead to the introduction of car parking charges in our District.

Therefore, this Council instructs the Director, Operations to engage with the Chief Constable to discuss the provision of a dedicated car parking enforcement resource for the District and/or the effective implementation of CSAS (Community Safety Accreditation Scheme) and furthermore requests that an update is reported to Finance and Assets Committee in January 2021 detailing any legal and financial implications for consideration and decision on how to progress the matter.

Proposer: Cllr Anna Bailey

Seconder: Cllr Joshua Schumann