

Supplementary question to the Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Property and Technical Services from Councillor Roger Bell.

Will the cabinet member say whether or not the district council will actively support all the towns and the larger villages in seeking to find and provide additional off street parking in designated car parks as set out in section 5.31 of our adopted core strategy relating to our market towns?

Response

Paragraph 5.31 of our adopted core strategy deals briefly with car parking and states:

5.31. The approach to car parking needs to recognise the rural nature of the district and the dependence on the car for many journeys. Providing and managing car parks is a key part of the strategy to maintain and improve the vitality of our market towns. Car parking standards will take account of the objective to increase the use of sustainable modes in the context of the alternatives available.”

We will continue to provide and manage car parks in our market towns, Didcot and some of our larger villages. If any of our towns and larger villages wish to submit a case for additional off-street car parking in designated car parks, then we are happy to consider such proposals and their appropriateness to any specific local parking needs, together with any associated finance, land, legal and management issues.

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