



FARNHAM TOWN COUNCIL

Annex I Council

Time and date

Thursday 7th November, 2019 at 7pm

Place

Council Chamber – Town Council Offices

Response to Waverley Borough Council Car Parking Consultation

1. What is your vision for your area (e.g. growth, economy, retail, tourism/leisure, workplace patterns, demographics, etc)? How does parking support or hinder this?

Response:

- Adequate parking for residents, businesses, shoppers, commuters and to support retail, travel and tourism.
- Affordable parking charges.
- Pay-on-exit technology.
- No increase in on-street parking, unless income is ring fenced for Farnham.
- Parking solutions which do not increase congestion and air pollution in the town centre.

2. What are the key parking related issues (including on-street) and what is causing these?

Response:

- Number of parking spaces – the number of spaces has been significantly reduced followed the closure of Dogflud Way car park leading to increased traffic and air pollution in the town centre.
- Car parks on the outskirts of the town centre (St James, Riverside 2 and 3) never appear to be fully occupied, are badly lit and not promoted well.

3. What would be your recommendations to improve parking including any parking management solutions (e.g. amount of and location of parking, length of stay, tariffs, etc)

Response:

- Pay on exit supported by ANPR technology - to encourage more residents and visitors to come into Farnham and stay longer, resulting in increased footfall for the retailers and leisure outlets of Farnham – if this use is permitted by local authorities.
- A review of parking charges – eg a small evening charge could increase income without the need to raise daytime charges excessively.
- Smarter charging.
- To maximize use of the car parks on the outskirts of the town centre.
- Dedicated parking for commuters.
- Parking for low income retail and caring staff.
- Direct access to Hart Car Park from Castle Street.
- A comprehensive review of traffic flow and spaces in north of the town.
- Traffic Wardens and enforcement of the Farnham town centre gyratory system to ensure traffic flow.

4. Are there any other transport related interventions that you believe may help?

Response:

- Park and ride – should developments at Coxbridge Farm, Wrecclesham area and the Northbrook development site go ahead, a Park and Ride close to the Coxbridge Business Park could be viable.
- For on-street parking to be controlled by one authority.