

Hi All,

My thoughts on parking charges.

**Parking charges at country parks.** I so hate it... but, the principal is sound. A notice should be placed by the payment sign/machine that informed people of how much the charges raised in the previous financial year and a brief breakdown of the costs of operating the parks.

People buy lottery tickets because they contribute to good causes. They can see where their money goes. Some might win... but generally people are happy to spend when they can see the benefit.

### **Barry multistorey car park**

Demolition had environmental costs. The first principle of sustainable building is to use what we have. Keeping it with charges must be our prime objective.

### **Street parking**

Streets are a public place. A car stored on part of this public space privatised that space.

We should be trying to reduce car ownership. I oppose free residential parking permits that privatise public space at a cost to all. At the very least the cost of issuing residential parking permits should be covered by an admin charge. But... there should be a premium to contribute towards sustainable transport alternatives to the private car. Perhaps a paid driver for Greenlinks that ferries any resident of Barry to the island or Porthkerry Park?

**Carers/health workers-** can we provide these key workers with a parking charge pass? We are chronically short of carer. Perhaps free parking on streets for work could be extended to the country parks as a "thank you" perk?

### **Charges for me visiting places...** (Street parking)

Awful idea! But tell me where my money goes and be kind... I agree with cheap short stay parking charges whilst wishing to discourage short stay trips by private car.

We really need a strategy to get people to Barry Island by bus and train. We need guarded parking for bicycles. This means a person standing guard not secure frames in the street.

But, would I need to pay to pick my chips up in Penarth (there are super awesome chip shops with gluten free fish!!!) What allowances are we offering for quick collections? 15 minutes, 30, 60?

Cover the costs and tell us about the costs. Any premium must be shown as being invested in sustainable alternatives to the private car.

Those are my super brief thoughts off the top of my head.

We need to reduce the space used for car storage. Replace car storage with parklets on our streets and secure bicycle and mobility scooter storage. Dutch streets now have play equipment for children, the street regaining its use as a social and play space. We are not even making small steps... Climate Emergency?

We need alternative transport methods, not just a charge for driving. I would choose to cycle but we lack infrastructure... there isn't a feasible bus service.

I am still missing a bus stop at Bonvilston and eight children are walking on the A48 with 40mph heavy traffic as there is no footway to reach the nearest bus stop. Parking charges could pay for missing infrastructure like this. And we must stop issuing permits to drop kerbs... paving front gardens is bad for nature and onstreet parking charges.

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Mr Thomas

I would like to express my opposition before the meeting of the Environment and Regeneration scrutiny committee on the 28th Jan in regards to the proposals put forward by the Vale of Glamorgan council to increase its scope of chargeable parking to areas such as Barry Island seafront and surrounds.

This appears to be another disastrous plan put forward which in my view can only harm the prospects of businesses in this and other areas around the Vales under the threat of similar proposals.

Surely allowing a couple of hours free roadside parking allows scope for those popping down to such areas as Barry Island in order to exercise, spend money on coffees and breakfasts, lunch etc and propagate a turnover of parking spaces which encourages turnover of cars and custom.

Those wishing to spend longer at each destination do and can of course pay hopefully a reasonable and fair amount to stay in long term car parks ( despite of course the Vale council building over them as fast as they can)

This would seem to be a sensible mix of free short term turnover parking added to longer term chargeable parking.

The other catastrophe of introducing total car parking charging is the effect of surrounding streets and the almost inevitable introduction of Resident parking zones due to the introduction of parking fees at popular visitor locations.

As we have already seen this can cause problems in regards to charity and fund raising functions plus trade parking in these areas and of course as we all know will crop up again and again with proposals by the local authority to introduce fees for permit parking in residents own streets as in a number of areas in Cardiff and elsewhere.

I wonder if you and your staff could take note of my views and also relay them to the chair and members of the aforementioned scrutiny committee please?

Thank you

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