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Parking Review

Working Group Summary of possible places for parking in

Wotton -under-Edge

On street parking provision in Wotton is very poor, due to many narrow mediaeval streets, and the necessity of car ownership amongst inhabitants resulting from very poor public transport provision. Wotton does not have the advantage of being near Stroud's transport corridor/hub or major A roads. The Local Plan recognises parking as a severe problem and is the only town in the district to have a special parking requirement of 2 spaces necessary per household for new planning applications. **The Town Council continues to press for 2 spaces per household to be upheld.**

SDC Car Parking Review 2011

- Wanted to bring in charges
- Change to all short stay to increase turnover
- Limited amount of permits available for residents and long stay parking.

Residents in uproar - scheme was not started. In 2012 District Cllr. June Cordwell became Cabinet Member and overturned the review. Money was budgeted to improve signage. SDC 2013 Move by officer to reduce the number of long stay car parking (18) spaces. Objections from Town Council and District Councillors and businesses. It was pointed out to SDC that the Co-op had stopped all long stay parking. This had the effect of displacement to Civic Centre Car park and also to residential roads. Traders found it difficult to park in trading hours.

Present Situation in Chipping Car Park: No change.

Recently spaces have been marked out for residents of 8-11 The Chipping.

Town Council Actions over past 6 years:

In 2010 the Town Council paid £1,500 for a feasibility study of the development of a car park at the Renishaw site in Haw Street. The study was done by Quattro. When Renishaw got wind of a possible car park, they cleared the site of the bakery and put in the infrastructure for 22 houses. The site was then abandoned until 2016. The possible cost of a car park would have been £700,000, paid for by a Works Board loan.

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