**Shropshire Council Draft Parking Strategy**

Wem Town Council wish to make residents and businesses aware of the draft proposals for changes to car parking charges in the town of Wem. Outlined below are the proposals in the document that the forum consider will have the most impact on local residents and businesses.

The full draft document can be viewed in full at <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/parking-strategy-section-1/>

**Proposals regarding: linear parking; pricing bands; unrestricted parking; evening parking; loading bays; ‘pop and shop’ parking.**

**Proposal 1 - The introduction of a set price per hour (known as ‘linear’ pricing)**

Shropshire Council are proposing to introduce a set price per hour in each of our car parks, though the charge will vary between car parks depending on their location.

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| Band 1 | Band 2 | Band 3 | Band 4 | Band 5 | Band 6 | Band 7 |
| £2.50 | £2.00 | £1.00 | £0.70 | £0.50 | £0.30 | Free |

**Proposal 2 - A standard countywide car parking banding / ranking system**

Shropshire Council are proposing to introduce seven new pricing bands. Each car park and on-street pay and display area will be placed into one of these bands, depending on its location, capacity and the likelihood of finding a parking space.

Details relating to Wem

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| High Street | Wem | Band 630p/hour |
| Mill Street | Wem |
| Leek Street | Wem |

Currently the cost of parking in Wem is 10p for 2 hours 50p for 4 hour £1 for 6 hours £1.80 10 hours

**Under the new proposals the costs would be ;**

30p per hour, 60p for 2 hours, £1.20 for 4 hours, £1.80 for 6 hours £3 for 10 hours

**Proposal 4 – introduce linear (set price per hour) charges between 9am and 8pm**

Evening parking across the county is currently free after 6pm and take-up by residents, businesses and visitors can be high, which is great for our evening economy, but can cause congestion in our car parks and on-street parking areas, plus additional operational and maintenance costs.

**Proposal 6 – Removal of the 15-minute ‘pop and shop’ period**

Shropshire Council is planning to end the ‘pop and shop’ period that allows you to park in all pay and display parking areas for 15 minutes without having to pay. If you include the 10 minute ‘observation period’ before a ticket can be issued, people can currently park for free for up to 25 minutes. Shropshire Council are proposing to end this, but you would still have a 10 minute period after parking before a ticket can be issued.

If you would like submit your views on these proposals please either visit the website <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/parking-strategy-section-1/> or alternatively answer the questions below and send your response to

**Deadline for submissions 17.10.17**

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**Do you agree with our proposals? (please circle/tick)**

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|  | **Proposal 1** | **Proposal 2** | **Proposal 4** | **Proposal 6** |
| **Yes** |  |  |  |  |
| **No** |  |  |  |  |

**If ‘no’, do you have any alternative suggestions?**

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**Do you have any other comments regarding these proposals?**

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