Parking Strategy Consultation – Questionnaire Responses

Respondents were asked whether they agreed with the vision set out in the Parking Strategy and to rate how significant the different objectives were to them, and to indicate their level of support for the proposed measures. Detailed below are a set of pie charts showing the responses received.

Кеу	
	Very significant
	Significant
	Neither significant nor insignificant
	Insignificant
	Very insignificant

1. <u>Balanced: To increase use of more sustainable and healthy forms of travel and achieve a more effective and efficient transport system</u>



2. Fair and well managed: Ensure we apply and enforce a consistent and easy to understand approach to parking management, that is transparent and financially sustainable



3. <u>Safe and convenient: Deliver facilities that are safe, secure and convenient for a</u> variety of users



4. Modern: Embrace opportunities created by new technology to manage car parking



5. <u>Are there any other outcomes which you feel the Parking Strategy should aim to achieve? (individual response below)</u>

To assign a value to the land used by parking and do so in such a way to optimise parking occupancy to 85% at all times.

Ban parking half on pavements

Keep cars out of town by offering a Park & Ride service

No

Make on street parking more accessible for disabled people. Many independent wheelchair users can't get from car to pavement for lack of access points between road and pavements.

In great trust know as when warrant knocking down building at bank top train station parking exits entrance pensbury road plus safety of house people living area against

rodents rats mice in building been empty for years. As have enough even before knock down

Stop parked on pavements

Continue with 2 hours free parking

Increasing blue badge parking in town centre and better policing to enforce penalties for non blue badge holders

Parking strategy is intrinsically linked to the desire the increase public transport usage. Having a strong parking policy that complements public transport can drive economic benefits (https://www.cpt-uk.org/media/fc0bzccy/decarbonisation-dividendreport.pdf). Growth numbers achieved in London have been successful in part due to their parking policy whereby the cost of spaces is always higher than using a bus, and spaces are limited and prioritised for those most in need. Consideration should also be given to a workplace parking levy in centres with good access to bus services. Working with operators, businesses within the area can then offer reduced price bus travel as an alternative. The DfT are actively encouraging local authorities to make bold moves to discourage parking in favour of public/active travel.

Кеу	
	Strongly support
	Support
	Neither
	Oppose
	Strongly oppose

6. <u>Review the number of parking spaces in the town centre to ensure there is sufficient</u> parking to meet the needs of residents and visitors



7. Review the way that resident parking zones operate and are enforced



8. <u>Make provision for residents and businesses staff to park in the town centre through</u> <u>contract parking</u>



9. Provide electric vehicle charging points in town centre car parks





10. Make provision for coach and HGV parking close to the town centre

11. Review the cost of parking



12. Continue to manage our car parks to a high standard



13. Improve signage to car parks including the signs that display the number of available spaces



14. <u>Provide disabled bays in off street and on street parking locations that are</u> <u>convenient for blue badge holders</u>



15. <u>Continue to provide more flexible ways to pay for parking services i.e. contactless</u> payments, pay by phone etc



16. Is there something else you would like to see? (individual responses below)

- Park & Ride to keep cars out of town and to reduce traffic on the feeder roads i.e. through Cockerton, also to alleviate parking issues at the hospital
- Stricter enforcement of illegal parking.especially on housing estates
- A policy that states that providing electric vehicle charging points will not reduce the number of parking bay for non charging vehicles.
- buses getting around darlington better services as lately need wait hour as lack bus cover . sundays 1/2 darlington has no service need service get to yarm
- Prioritise parking in town centre for those that need it most and encourage a culture of greater active travel within the town and improve public transport.
- Priority for blue badge parking over that of other cars or taxis in the market place.
- The review of parking charges is supported on the basis that this is with a view to increase the charge.
- 17. <u>Are you providing your own response or responding on behalf of an</u> <u>organisation/group?</u>

Providing my own response	12
Responding on behalf of an organisation	2