



SCRUTINY TOPIC REGISTRATION

Date:	24 th January 2018
Name of person proposing topic:	Cllr Dr David Willingham Cllr Max Wilkinson
Contact:	
Suggested title of topic:	Town-wide parking strategy
What is the issue that scrutiny needs to address?	
<p>In August 2017, Gloucestershire County Council expanded residential parking zones in Cheltenham, introducing permit parking in areas around Cheltenham Spa Station, and the West End area near the Lower High Street.</p> <p>In representations made at the time, the County Council were advised that this was likely to cause parking to be displaced to adjacent areas, and of the need for post-implementation reviews to be performed.</p> <p>Once the scheme was implemented, this parking displacement occurred. As predicted, it simply moved the commuter parking and the problems this brings to residents, from one area to another. It is clear that there are issues related to the most recent parking scheme affecting residents of several wards. The requirement for post-implementation reviews does not seem to have been given adequate consideration, and residents have been left in limbo waiting for the County Council act.</p> <p>The absence of a coherent town-wide parking strategy and the current piecemeal approach, lacks vision, fails to see the wider picture and is unsustainable. If unaddressed, the knock-on effects are likely to be detrimental to the economy and environment of our town.</p>	
What do you feel could be achieved by a scrutiny review (outcomes)	
<p>As a matter of urgency, the scrutiny committee needs to identify what can be done for the residential areas affected by parking displacement following the most recent parking changes. Gloucestershire County Council need to attend the committee, and detail how they will address residents' concerns.</p> <p>Scrutiny may wish to consider how it wants future parking schemes to be consulted on. For example, it may wish to consider how parking displacement is taken into account in proposals, how communities at risk of parking displacement should be consulted with and how post-implementation reviews are scheduled to address snagging issues within newly implemented parking zone as well as parking displacement.</p> <p>In the longer term, a coherent parking strategy needs to be developed for our town. This needs to be done transparently, in local meetings that the public can attend and contribute to, and partners including Gloucestershire County Council and representatives of our town's business community, need to attend.</p> <p>The work needs to consider the wider picture, considering not just the needs of residents, but also the needs of businesses and our town's economy and environment. Work also needs to be done to ensure that there is sufficient encouragement for those who can make the modal shift away from driving to do so, which means considering how improvements to</p>	

public transport, park-and-ride or cycling infrastructure can encourage more people to use those methods to get into town.

In areas close to Cheltenham Spa station, the parking displacement into residential streets is caused by a lack of adequate facilities at the station, and there may be a specific piece of scrutiny work specifically on this, as a different set of partners may need to be involved.

If there a strict time constraint?	No, but the issue is a high priority
Is the topic important to the people of Cheltenham?	Yes, it detrimentally interferes with residents' daily lives
Does the topic involve a poorly performing service or high public dissatisfaction with a service?	Yes
Is it related to the Council's corporate objectives?	Yes, community cohesion
Any other comments:	

No implications were received from officers at Gloucestershire County Council (who are responsible for on-street parking).