

Notice of Motion – Town Centre Parking – FINAL VERSION

This Council:

- Recognises the huge challenges facing local businesses, particularly those in our town centres.
- Acknowledges that with alternative shopping options available in other town centres, as well as the growth of online shopping, parking charges may discourage people from visiting Farnborough and Aldershot.
- Observes that forthcoming option of setting up town councils could lead to changes which allow for more support to be provided to town centres and local economies, making consideration of the matter timely.
- Believes that any discussions or consultations on this issue need to be informed by detailed evidence.
- Recognises the heavy workload placed upon Council Officers and the desirability to avoid duplication of effort.

Therefore, this Council:

- Requests officers, under guidance from PPAB, to develop a suitable method of consulting residents, local businesses and potential investors about the likely impact of free or discounted parking and how it could work best.
- Requests the Portfolio Holder to present the findings of feasibility investigations to PPAB to allow it to make recommendations to the Cabinet in time for next year's budget.