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# Phase 2 – comments from the consultation

FOR BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILS

## COMMENTS FROM THE PHASE 2 CONSULTATION

Below are all the comments received during the phase 2 consultation for each of the questions that had a free text box. The comments have been included as received, and have not been modified in any way, such as spelling or grammar checks. Any personal information or use of offending language has been removed.

### Comments from Question 5 - Do you support the aims of a parking strategy for Babergh and Mid Suffolk?

I think if charges apply to parking in the car parks it will stop people popping into town for a few bits and bobs

Parking is often used by councils to gain revenue and harass, or give rise to fear of harassment. The more you charge, the more you keep visitors - and sometimes even residents - away. Parking can extend a council's remit ultra vires (beyond its powers, to affect worship, businesses and those not even living in the area. We advise free parking at one's home and business and to rethink bullying public car parks

Actually I support the stated aims, but I said 'no' so I could make the following comment: This is an inane question, and waste of consultation time and effort. The aims are, as you say, 'obvious', its like asking someone whether they support the police aiming to catch criminals.

I'm not sure I know what the strategy is! Where is explained?

It's nice to have a free location to park my car

Sudbury is already affected by falling footfall of visitors and local spending, charging for parking will put visitors off. As a resident of Acton, I would choose free parking at a large supermarket rather than shopping locally if I have to pay for parking

I have concerns that free parking will disappear from Sudbury and Hadleigh, this would discourage people from visiting these towns and have a negative impact on the area

You could have had station outside of Sudbury, then there wouldn't be a rush of traffic every time a train comes in. You are now putting a Dr's surgery where already there's too much traffic. Sudbury will never develop without proper planning, it'll be full of oaps and youngsters will move out as there's nothing for them to do. The best thing about Sudbury is the free parking. Commuters are already paying 5000 Yr to travel. You allow developments without any further infrastructure.

The strategy is one sided and the question didn't give opportunity to say what residents feel was heavily sided with Babergh's agenda

In a rural area with poor public bus service good parking is essential

Regeneration requires free parking for 30 mins in Stowmarket

We have no bus service in this village so we need parking as we have to drive into town to work shop ect, if there was more free parking within Stowmarket the town might actually start to be busy like it was when I first moved to the area.

You do not detail provision for 1 a lorry park at Chilton lorries park dangerously in and around the medical center and toilet anywhere they please 2 There can only be more problems in and Sudbury When Chilton Woods is finished East Street, Cornard and Bures Road, Newton Road And Melford Road are already car parks and get worse by the day. Basically all entrances and exits to the town are becoming congested. Friars Street Cross Street and Ballingdon Street have the same issues.

I've no idea what they are

Bury Saint Edmunds

No you got rid of the bus service down St. Edmunds Road and a lot of elderly people, people who are disabled used the bus service, including my dad who has now gone blind. I know we now have Dan's coaches, but it's not properly advertised to people. I don't know even know where or when they go or where they pick up from.

The parking down our road is a joke I had a ticket on my car when I was in my parking spot and had 21 day to move my car and there is no we're to park down our road at all it's a JOKE

Free parking must remain to support the businesses. Sudbury thrives on us popping in to use services. This will not happen if parking fees are brought in. Many will simply buy online from Amy store uk.

Being able to pop into town and park for free is such a good thing for Sudbury Town centre

People won't pay to park they will just use local streets around the towns to park like lots of people do now . There isn't enough shops for people to want to come into town, I think if parking is charged people just won't come here or possibly even park in the streets where residents have to park .

This town will die if parking is chargeable. I run a business and live above it. The only revenue that should be introduced is permits for residents as parking for those of us who live here is impossible.

Free parking!

Free parking should done for help the town

The strategy must include a review of public transport, improving bus service is essential. Car parks of minimum use if a proper public transport system is not included.

free parking full high street....parking fees dead high street see stowmarket

I know nothing about it

Because if I chose yes would anything be done any time soon? No. Think there are far more important things for Council to manage.

Because in Lavenham high Street, there are no double yellow lines, so anyone can park there, ie workman or tourists, so most of the time there are huge lorries combine harvesters and buses struggling to get through. No lorries take any notice of the signs saying unsuitable . Residents should come first and permit parking needs to be introduced

The only thing keeping sudbury alive is the free parking if you charge may as well go out of town with better shops and services! Stop killing whats left of town

Parking needs to stay free, we need to keep people coming in to the town

I support the parking strategy in as far as good parking and provisions for that but I do not support paying to park for any length of time in a town the size of Sudbury that is already struggling with shops; it will drive people to the higher towns that in some cases aren't much further away and have better public transport and better amenities.

Because Sudbury's free parking has been attractive for people coming into town. If they are coming into town for the first time it creates a good first impression.

The oppressive use of traffic wardens in Needham Market is so onerous as to have spoiled the feel of the town - traffic wardens marching up and down doling pit tickets puts people off living here and coming here. Other towns don't have this blight of wardens I strand of providing residents with parking badges - people who pay taxes to support the local economy. Needham market does not warrant this behaviour and it has changed the feel of living here so much that I would consider moving.

The parking needs to be fair for residents. At the moment it's not organised. For example down the back streets of Sudbury there's lots of empty parking spaces, which could be allocated to other streets. Church street for example understandably has the most double and single yellow lines in Sudbury. However you haven't considered parking options for these residents. What can you do to make sure the residents of these streets get fair parking???

Free parking is essential for Sudbury. Sudbury survived by people popping in. The removal of free parking will stop people even visiting. Instead people will use online purchasing and deliveries. Free parking must remain

Parking should be free. You want people to shop locally then don't charge us. There aren't that many good shops in Sudbury so don't make it even harder for them to gain business.

Parking up to 3 hours should remain free

It will kill my business dead

Not enough public transport from surrounding areas. Not enough in the way of shops to entice people into paying for parking therefore causing further closure of businesses and more loss of jobs in a town that is growing in terms of housing

I do not support a parking strategy that covers such a wide geographical area where one side of district is different than the other side where different conditions exist be it residential or as with business needs.

I do not understand the aims

The one good thing I noticed about Sudbury after moving here is that the town parking is free. It isn't a great town in terms of shops, so stops there are never very long, just errands and a quick look in the 2 clothing shops or a coffee. I'd rather drive to Bury and make an afternoon of it if you're going to start charging at Sudbury

If you charge for parking you will kill the town, no one will come to Sudbury, our shops are not great. People would go to bigger towns like Bury st edmunds, Colchester, Ipswich, where yes you do pay for parking, but you also have great shops.

I feel charges to park in Sudbury are not right.

If you charge for parking there will be no reason to visit Sudbury especially with the cost of living crisis. Shops are shutting and there's nothing to entice visitors to the town.

I think if charges to park in Sudbury are brought in people will not come into town.

I have seen towns suffer and die because of the introduction of parking fees. I run an Airbnb in Sudbury and although I have a parking space for my guests I'm sure if charges came into force in the town centre then this will deter future guests. The town is suffering already and it's great to see new shops and businesses opening up but these businesses will not survive if customers have to pay to park. If you are going to have to pay for parking then you might as well go to Bury or Colchester and pay where there are many more decent shops.

As a community nurse working in Sudbury I do not agree with charging for parking in the town. I quite often have to park in the car parks to get to patients houses and would end up costing me even more to work, along with the increase in fuel I would have to reconsider my job

You will kill the main shopping area, people will just not come into Sudbury

To charge for parking means that there is sufficient retail outlets to make it worthwhile. Sadly until we have a better public transport system we will continue to rely on our cars. We want more footfall to the town. I think parking charges would deter people coming

We need to be able to park our car close to our house if not outside our house. I understand we can pay an annual fee to park in the car park which we would not object to. But we are not guaranteed a parking space and the car park is often full. Why would we pay for a service that cannot be fulfilled. You say you want people to use bus services? What bus services are there to and from Sudbury after 6pm and absolutely nothing on Sunday. Have you seen the state of the bus station recently? If you start charging for people to park in this town it will become a ghost town. Half the shops already stand empty and we have nothing other than charity shops, coffee shops and hairdressers. Something positive needs to be done to help this town survive and car parking charges will be detrimental to that

Introducing parking charges will drive people away from our already dying town. We need proper investment, infrastructure and facilities to draw people in.

I will no pay to park at Sudbury There's already a Cost of living crisis. I would rather go somewhere else with free parking. I think it would be bad for Sudbury.

The priority need to be residential parking. You need to go back through the decisions around yellow lines and see if they are still relevant, eg outside the conservative club in New Street. If you are going to introduce parking charges you need to ensure residents have the right to park there all day as part of their permit.

Parking should be totally free, if not, why would you come to Sudbury when there's better elsewhere. We need free parking x pedestrian friendly areas with safer junctions. Cornard Road is a death trap trying to cross the road x the corner by Waitros, put barriers up x mark the road, but common sense ain't that common is it!

Wpvzluue hugely free parking

Introducing parking charges for short term parking will discourage people to come to Sudbury. Sudbury is a dying town already and people will not come here if they have to pay to park. This is pure greed, with no thought to what the people of Sudbury want.

Free parking brings in shoppers

Free parking!

I feel it is difficult for Babergh to develop a strategy that can be used everywhere. The parking needs of different places will vary too much to cover them under one fits all strategy.

One strategy aim "aligns with our vision to shape the future growth of our districts" Should align with resident's vision. Don't know what 'our vision' encompasses.

All parking should be free to encourage people to go into town.

They are extremely vague.

There are too many areas with different parking requirements.

I have chosen No as I do not feel you can have an overall parking strategy to fit all areas within Babergh. You cannot compare the parking needs of Sudbury to Lavenham for example as they are two very different places with differing parking needs.

The strategy is very vague and lacks details

This survey does not state what the aims are

It is still urban and continues and fails to understand the views and concerns in rural areas, which makes up 60% of the district.

Parking should be free

ALL ASPECTS OF PARKING SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN ALL AREAS MAIN ROADS SIDE ROADS AND AVENUES

I have to say no because I cannot see any detail of the proposed strategy. The six bullet points I can see are great but they do not include the fundamental need to provide convenient vehicle parking for homes, workplace and shops. I am reluctant to click "next page" unless this is considered a given.

Increase Ipswich town centre parking spaces for disabled. Ipswich has seen the loss of many spaces. Especially in princes st. Where the road is overly biased to unloading.

Broadly yes, but not necessarily the means, if it involves parking charges without significant improvements in local public transport, including much more regular services from outlying villages into the town. It needs to be part of a co-ordinated transport strategy for the area, not a standalone strategy.

i have no idea how thier strategy will effect me

Over charge machine always breaking and hate having to go on line to pay

I do not know what your strategy is so I have to respond NO

I do not understand how the parking strategy benefits local residents.

Fed up getting parking ticket outside my house, with new builds always going up I'm having to park further away from my home

It will not work where I live

You haven't told me what the policy entails so how can I comment on something I haven't even seen.

Broadway All the council houses want driveway and car park on the pavement and turning circle as I do. There are arguments all the time over parking. Nowhere for visitors to park my friends have stop coming round because of this

We don't need yet more intervention by so - called planners - the mess that we currently have is a result of previous cock ups & I've seen no indication that any intervention is likely to improve matters

Parking should be free at all times in the Babergh area to make the towns and the local area strong.

It's a rural area, parking " strategy" is not needed!

At this point in the survey, I don't know what the aims of the parking strategy are ???!

This does not appear to take into account the individual's needs, and seems to be part of the ever growing nanny state

nothing done regarding parking at the top of Lower Street Sproughton, Grid lock daily through parking at the junction, Highway code states that no parking within 30 feet for function and opposit a bus stop. Could you PLEASE look at this with urgency, now Sproughton is being used as a rat run, cars mounting pavements, parking by people at The Shed, and their car park empty, DOUBLEYELLOW LINES are long overdue, We are grid locked when A14 is under repair s of late ,unable to get out

Unsure

But please include more secure motorcycle parking.

Yes if you react to the comments

no s 4 5 6 7 the link all have grass frontage no flower beds and have to park onroad why could there not be a drop kerb then hard standing as mill green

The reduction of free parking time will limit shopping possibilities

If it anit broke don't fix it

Things work fine the way they are currently.
N/a
I'm not sure what the aims are
It will be driven by the ridiculous dream of net zero, it will be anti car, won't work and cost an absolute fortune.
It's not 'your' vision, it's the community's, ideally via the local elected councillors. Also seems like typical local government mission creep, opportunities to improve quality of local environment (in whose view?) and prospectus for investment (what does this mean?).
No idea what the strategy is
A vast number of residents neither live, work or shop in either Sudbury or Hadleigh, yet we get to subsidise the parking for those that do.
My main problem is that your turning mill lane carpark in to residential parking even through the can park is heavily used for people bringing there children to the school right next door to it he now it going to cause huge problems out side the front of the school .. this is a huge mistake . You could make mill lane carpark both as in from 8 am to 5 pm have it public parking and from the hours of 5 pm to 8 am it residential
no information about any possible plans
Leave it as it is
The aims have not been clearly publicised. If they are : - aligns with our vision to shape the future growth of our districts - sets out opportunities to enhance the quality of the local environment - provides a prospectus for investment I do not agree with it as the council's vision for growth does not support small local businesses' nor small local business growth from what I have seen from associated spending policies and documentation.
I live as a resident and our household has two cars with no parking space at all . There are other house owners with yhe same problem
The phase 2 parking strategy does not seem to include parking fees so I can not support this strategy without further details. Parking in Ipswich seems to be expensive and enough to preclude my visit to visit shops there or at least the ones that are left!
Just leave things be and stop trying to make money out of motorists under the guise of putting things in order. Some of your schemes make things worse! For instance the proposals about our bus station and Belle Vue House.
No real cohesive plan
It doesn't say what ur plan is.. I live n work in eye.. n rely on customers being able to park in our free car parks. Which are always full, from residents with extra cars or staff from a factory whom built over there car park to make there factory bigger.. I've been saying for years, that we need to be able to park 2/3 for free, n then you pay. For anything over. To me it makes the most sense for local n struggling to survive businesses
Not clear
I don't believe there should be an increase in car parking costs as it will kill the small towns in Babergh. If you at Sudbury at the moment in my opinion it looks run down. Efforts have to been made to decorate some of these buildings but the town is full of eateries charity shops opticians and estate agents. Even the market doesn't seem to have as many stalls as it use to. If charging is increase you will find those who come to Sudbury to work will park in the side streets along with those who commute to London and catch the train.



Why does a parking strategy have to attract investment ...in and of itself If the parking strategy is correct it should encourage inward investment to the area

Where is the strategy document published,? I cannot agree to something that is not visible. The information needs be published clearly on the website, it is not. Repeat the consultation.

Parking anywhere is a nightmare. Do you really want Town centres to thrive? If so offer an half an hours parking free and an hour for 50p especially in these difficult times. Councils have an obligation to help residents. Everyone is making sacrifices why shouldn't you. Stowmarket in particular doesn't offer much and if I have to pay to park I would prefer to go to Bury. Ask yourselves why the town centre isn't heaving with all the new houses. Also today it was very frustrating at the Asda car park where there was only one parking meter working. This is very frequent so PLEASE PLEASE repair them. 12 people were queuing before me... luckily it was a nice day but it could have raining. I am being cynical as I don't suppose you will take any notice of this survey.

Parking in Stowmarket needs to be made free for at least the first two hours if not longer to encourage people to use our town centre which is suffering a rapidly increasing death with lowering footfall to worrying levels, even on Market Days which hardly exist these days.

If you start charging people in our market towns you are going to kill them off.

Yes and no. In stowmarket, now we have a traffic warden there should be more resident only permit parking. Example Creeting Road. Look into parking in Cardinals Road. Some adjustments could be made ie parking could be both sides after double yellow lines after the gates. At the very least parking from 4.00pm. Also parking on a bank holiday!!! Precsedent is parking in Regent street. Why was Amazon allowed warehousing in Creeting Road. ALREADY A BLACK SPOT. At least Quinton and Canes only had one or two big lorries a week. You need to get your thinking caps on

I don't know the aims of the parking strategy

On the coving letter you dont actually say anything, its just the usual drivel statements I expect to get from government departments, more info about thactual plans would be much better

We just need to continue to have access to free parking so people can support the shops to keep our high street alive and vibrant.

The aims as they stand do not include 'meeting the needs of residents and businesses' so they are incomplete.

CLARIFICATION : I support the principle that A parking strategy be developed, but I do not necessarily support all current proposal details.

The current free parking is good for local businesses.

I am concerned that free parking will disappear in sudbury and Hadleigh, discouraging myself and others from visiting these towns. Buses are irregular and expensive to travel the short distances, so a car is essential and without free parking makes it more expensive

I understand there needs to be control over parking in a general way but in Needham Market we have listed buildings on the High Street including local churches and they need somewhere to park without fear of being fined. We want to encourage people to visit our lovely town but with only an hours parking this becomes very difficult.

I live in Babergh. I am not interested in what happens in Mid Suffolk, nor did Babergh residents vote for a merger.

Not if it includes the implementation of paid parking in otherwise free car parks (e.g. Framlingham), or the decision to have complex parking meters that less "technical" people are worried about using or are just a nuisance if you haven't got the relevant "app". - one machine was in a poor mobile area so couldn't download the app then it wouldn't accept the number plate on my classic car as it didn't fit the usual number plate profile. So far Council Planning Department are still allowing housing estates to be built with not enough off street parking for each property so residents park in the roads - which are built so narrow that they become single track nightmares for the emergency services. Not sure why we keep hearing that we need to "improve local economy". The local economy is already very healthy - what is a problem is the increase in housing, population and general traffic that are having a huge and detrimental impact on the surrounding countryside, villages, road network and local services. What we do need is free car parks and for the larger towns more park and ride facilities.

Only if shoppers and visitors are able to access car space to support local visitors.

I've no idea what the aims are. But less is always good!

The aims are rather broad brush and lack clear definitions

Any move to restrict parking in town will have adverse effects on those of us who do not have access to public transport and only have vehicle access to town be that Hadleigh or Sudbury or those villages in between. Parking needs to be free to allow businesses to flourish, workers to reach their jobs and shoppers to spend more time boosting the local economy in so many ways. Think about expanding access to achieve growth, not restricting to bring death to the local community.

Stowmarket is impossible for those of us "not disabled enough" to get a blue badge. I can go to the Regal because my disability may not last 3 years if surgery happens so can't get a blue badge. The car park is full of workers but Milton Road is far too far to walk or manage the steps. The slop access is only on one side too. My family can't visit in the week as they can't park in Stowupland Road. Self propelled wheelchair can not get over the level crossing. You are just isolating me further.

I'd like the 3 hours free parking to remain in hadleigh high street not reduced to 1 hour

I do not support a strategy where all the aims seem to have equal value. It's employment and its business related derivaives that provide the taxes which enable us to promote the best way(s) forward. I do not support policies which are based on unrealistic dogmatic views.

There is insufficient detail around what parking is available and how it may change in the future to ensure that we continue to have town centers.

Parking especially in cheery tree road is a abosolute night mare and the council don't care and won't even think about bringing in fair measure ie permitted parking one per household

Paid parking. No.

We need free parking !!

There seems to be a continual penalisation of parkers where it used to be simple to park and pop into shops. With the restrictions and COVID we have lost flagship business.

The Business owners must have they say in the "Parking Plan" for Sudbury

There is no real issue with parking in MS, yes there are a few isolated issues, however the cost of consultation outweighs and potential gain.

Haven't seen any detail information on the parking strategy, so need more information to be able to make an informed decision

not sure i understand the aims

I'd like to see some additional provision for overnight parking of morphine's/ camper vans brining in additional visitors and hence money for local business.

Too many car parks are trying to enforce the use of smartphones and apps, or having to ring a number. That is wrong, pay and display machines are far more convenient and I day this as a nearly 50 year old resident who hates having apps on phone as online payment is inherently dangerous.

It could jepordise free parking in eye

What is it?

For those living in rural areas with young children there are no viable alternatives other than driving into Stowmarket. Incomplete pavements and a bus once or twice a week are not enough.

Parking should be kept at minimum charges or free. The cost of living is going up so much we need to make local shopping accessible to everyone.

Because as I understand it, the free car parks within Sudbury will eventually be chargeable? This will lead to congested street parking elsewhere in the town as motorists will seek alternative parking locations to avoid paying for a car park. The car parks should remain free of charge to residents.

I believe that parking in The Street, Bramford works well, and has always worked well because it slows down the through traffic by only having one vehicle width between cars parked on either side of The Street. If parking was banned from The Street there must be a viable car park nearby for residents and businesses to use. But as every inch has been used for housing this may be an impossibility

Not everyone has access to a smart phone

Free parking need to remain in Sudbury otherwise the town will die

But not charging local residents, we still need our 3hr free parking in Hadleigh for its residents

It is not at all clear what the aims of the parking strategy are, apart from some vague points in the introduction to this survey. I have been looking for a copy of a draft strategy but can't find one on the council's website.

Yes and no

Depends on the aims of the parking strategy. This question doesn't provide details in order to support one way or the other.

not aware of the current strategy

Consideration needs to be made for local residents in the absence of public transport lacking

The introduction of parking charges to Sudbury will be the death nell of the town shops. The charges would be against the overwhelming wishes of local inhabitants I hope democracy will prevail. Mr. & Mrs F.Wright

I do not think that it will improve the parking situation in Mid Suffolk

Complete disregard of any real plans for actual people to be able to go about their daily business and support local economy. Car parks a disgrace. Machines don't work, bays too narrow for modern cars. High Street in Needham Market parking is a farce. Also, removing any reasonable parking in Hurstlea Road means more people are parking on the street. Allowing developers to build garages that are actually too small for cars so more cars parked on roads.....

I feel that charging for parking will discourage visitors to the town.

These pages (viewed on mobile) haven't told me the aims so cannot answer

Electric charging stations should be free to charge at, like those in council car parks in Ipswich and other areas

Sort of, although none of it seem that clear. I know charges have gone up a lot, but there are too many separate parking apps needed to use the parking in different areas. Cash alternatives would be helpful, or one company overall

But only the broad principles in the introduction to this survey. This question mustn't be used to support any detailed proposals.

No point in having a strategy, what would you need to visit a town for, full of charity and betting shops, no growth plan for the town so what's the point of a parking strategy

Parking should be free to get people to visit and shop

Parking in Hadleigh should remain free to avoid killing off the High Street. The car park by the old Babergh council offices in Hadleigh should be retained as a car park and not sold off for short term opportunism

To much looking into how you can make money from local residents by letting people who use local streets for working in town or commuting each day. Park for free in the limited streets and residents who live there have to pay to park Because the spaces are quickly filled by the above.

Keep it free

If it remains free

It's sho

The aims need refining- from what is shown here. Why a 20 year strategy? Surely a shorter term would enable the council to review, reflect and monitor what is a very fast and ever changing area. Sustainability and climate change need to be at the core of any strategy. Site review and analysis of recent approved and completed developments will be key in learning and understanding from previous mistakes. Sustainable alternatives (especially in rural areas) need to be the driver. Lets not try and predict the future trends, lets learn, review and monitor. EV parking spaces is already the norm.

When I have contacted about on street parking multiple times before my concerns have been brushed off by saying nothing to do with us it's a police matter so your strategy is nothing more than lip service

But only if it does not have a negative impact on residents.

Can't access information about it Suspect it's the usual Babergh bias

Parking enforcement is non existent in Nayland. This renders the double yellow lines redundant.

Bringing in charges to park, will just send shoppers to the bigger towns like Ipswich, where they can shop at larger stores like Marks and spencer, Primark etc.

I don't know what they are.

Making parking more difficult does not encourage the use of public transport or sustainable options it simply encourages shoppers to go to out of town retail parks or other destinations. This is particularly true for those with mild disabilities (not enough to qualify for a blue badge but enough that it impacts their choices)

Because the above defines what a parking strategy is, it does not tell me what Babergh strategy actually is

No Idea what the strategies are so how can I answer this question

Expensive, restrictive and the parking spaces are too small.

The strategy should also support the social and economic life of towns and villages

There used to be free parking for half an hour in Stowmarket Town Centre. This was removed. This was very convenient and encouraged me to use local facilities. Having to pay a pound to post a parcel (as an example) pushes people away from supporting local businesses.

I have been unable to find what the parking strategy is on the website

Not if it makes parking more difficulty and /or expensive. I have no problem with the parking arrangements as they are now

Sudbury Council promised us there would NEVER be parking charges in Sudbury!

Not sure

Depends where as in my street people are parking on paths so us who live there are been blocked in sometimes or have a job to get out of our driveway

What are the aims?

If it is to maintain free parking it would be yes but if not decidedly no.

Why change a perfectly good system which provides traders with business and out of district visitors to see the area in its full glory.

Because I can find no clear idea of what is proposed as a parking strategy on your website

If it ain't broke, don't fix it. Look at that stupid, EXPENSIVE speed bump in King Street, Sudbury...

It is not clear to me as an elderly blue badge holder what the aims are. If as I suspect it might be it is to discourage private car use then I can't support that. I need somewhere convenient to park my car.

Don't really understand them

My town has worked well over the 30 plus years we have lived here without additional controls at no cost and without bureaucracy and the opportunity for jobsworth officer controls we need to buy in from Ipswich. It is an excuse to make money from closing car parks.

I live in a village that has no efficient bus service, an expensive railway and no real infrastructure. I need to drive to get groceries, shop, medical etc.

You are allowing your planning dept to enable construction of housing without adequate parking spaces

More free parking should be available on vacant land.

If changes will be made....

You have not published the draft strategy on your website so I can't read it to comment on it! If it is published then you've hidden it!

I don't really think of it as a strategy, it's something the council are responsible for and something you should listen to the users about

As a local business owner, I have seen a decline in people visiting our high street as they have limited parking time and no actual car park. U also have nowhere to park and I sometimes have to drive around for 20-30 minutes looking for a parking space. I live in great Bricet but my business is on the high street. There is no bus route so I have no choice but to drive to work. The lack of parking and limited time in our high street is killing, not just my business but all businesses.

Not sure what the strategy is so neithe support or oppose it.

Yes if it actually makes sense, if it works for people.

The only way to sustain the high street is to maintain free parking on it. you must balance residents needs and so the optimum way forward would be to have 1/2 hours free parking for visitors / shoppers or resident permits only within all bays on the high street/ queen and church street. This approach works in manningtree to a good standard.

Need more than an hour of free parking

I think they are a little too vague. For example how does a parking strategy support sustainable travel across a rural district with limited access to public transport. More detail on accessible electric vehicle charge points for those of us with no option but on street parking would be useful. Stowmarket has a train station but rising costs make it unaffordable. How we encourage business growth if we discourage people from bringing their cars into our towns.

Parking should be easier to use and lower cost/free wherever possible

Because Mid Suffolk, along with SCC have between them over the past 10-15 years, destroyed Needham Market!

Corks Lane is essential for functions at the old school

Yes but also no to some aspects

I think it should be longer than an hour in the High Street, it does not give you time to have lunch or your hair done.

The details on your strategy don't appear to address our particular problem.

Sort out on street parking!!!!!!

Because they don't take into account local residents, people that work or want to shop in Hadleigh, By limiting the free parking, all you have done is force non residents who work in Hadleigh to park in Angel st, George St, Duke st Guthrum road thus causing even more parking difficulties for local residents that live on these roads. Quite how no one foresaw this amazes me, it was so obvious that people would try to save money on car parking

I've said "no" as your aims, as appearing on the previous page, are very vague. Please set out your aims clearly.

There should be free parking and more of it (Corks Lane car park)

One hour free parking is too little - it should be two hours free parking and then charging after that.

In view of the trading difficulties of businesses especially small businesses that have been and continue to be experienced parking should remain free for at least 3 hours to actively encourage people into the towns especially my home town Sudbury. If free parking is to be reduced it should be for no less than 1.5 hours. This will allow for arriving and leaving a normal (1 hour) gym or swimming session at the Kingfisher. Anything less would be a "charge" on health and fitness

We have no where for people to park in needham mkt why didn't you keep the old mid suffolk council side for parking for visitors etc so people can walk in needham mkt without worrying about the time to get back to the car.

It need to be integrated with wider planning considerations - housing, wider transport, demographic planning etc

Introducing an hours parking on the high street in needham market will limit visitors to the village to not enough time to shop and take in the beautiful area. Thus reducing the amount of footfall for local business. Mid Suffolk decided to abandon needham market and sell of its property for profit to build on, also allowed permission for free parking area to be built on this forcing parking for residents and shoppers to the high street. Mid Suffolk then wants to profit from reducing parking time on the high street. It is a blatant way of mid Suffolk forcing its way into innocent residents and shoppers - mid Suffolk council caused the issue for profit and greed - we the residents and local visitors should not suffer for its monetary profit.

Needham Town is currently suffering with very few visitors into the High Street. This is killing small businesses. The council should be encouraging tourists into the town whereas parking meters and/or changes will only deter visitors.

Because more free parking is needed especially in Needham High Street

I don't really think of it as a strategy, it's something the council are responsible for and something you need to listen to the users about

I believe parking on Needham Market high Street is to be restricted. I am impressed by the current array of shops & cafes and it's one of the attractions of the area. However people need time to use them!

Hour parking in needham market high street is killing the town - it needs to be 2 hours

Because it will be like everything else the council do, have consultations and then do what they like and don't listen to the people who live in the area.

It really depends what the strategy is. There is not enough parking for the high street and the 1 hour limit is just not working well enough at all

The new parking restrictions have stopped me visiting Needham Mkt. I am disable and find the car parks are near enough for me or they are full. I feel for all the businesses shops or cafes.

Needham market is my local town however parking has become a huge issue if you want to shop within the town you have 1 hour the other free car spaces are all full, now Needham lakes are bringing more people to the area even parking there and walking to town is a problem, this week even the footpath under the bridge was closed, if I want to support local businesses shops/hairdressers/cafes/dog groomers etc there needs to be more parking or minimum of 2 hours parking, I don't mind paying just want to park without getting parking tickets. Help the locals use there town

Until Mid Suffolk gets a fully functioning & accessible public transport network people have no choice but to use own transport

As a local resident of Needham Market we think one hour parking restrictions are not too short for visitors to the town to make use of all the local businesses Say if a visitor came to Needham Market to eat at one of the local cafes which has not got its own car park then on to look round the local high street shops one hour is too short. Two hours would be much better. Needham Market needs the local shops and cafes to maintain the values it had in past times as a thriving market town. We have lost one huge free car park please don't let us loose more free parking in this lovely town.

In general I do support council strategy, however, I feel there should be more emphasis on parking within our town, Eye, for the "comfort" of local residents.

Yes, I will support fully if it stops illegal parking on a single lane to put walkers in danger or stops emergency (fire engines) access.

I live in Lavenham which is being spoilt by inappropriate and inadequate parking.

As i am based in the center on Needham and very much in involved with shop owners and residents alike I am totally against the 1 hour limit on parking. Needham is a very busy place . 1 hour parking does not allow you enough time to walk up to the shops have a coffee and ( if you are female ) get your hair cut and blown - I have a colour put on my hair and that overruns 2 hours. 2 hour parking or pay and display would be a better option . This would also allow for overnight stays instead of residents rushing around trying to find a space. We want to work with you to sort Needham out and make it viable for both people to move here and enjoy Needham and the shopkeepers being able to maintain a business in our lovely town

I want parking to remain free
this hasnt told me what they are
I don't agree to charging for parking in Sudbury I think it should be kept free, the town has very few shops now, mostly charity , coffee and betting shops. The cost of living has increased but wages, pensions have stayed the same. I would be less inclined to visit and just visit supermarkets with free parking. Sudbury is a small market town that has larger towns close by unless the council can encourage more growth with the shops local people will be discouraged to visit.
I think it could be a good idea, if you act on the information correctly. It is not only parking but foot traffic that needs a lot of help getting around our street and roads.
Based upon the six key points and the redirection page to this survey
There are too many restrictions already. This is not good for small local businesses the parking enforcement people you employed are ill educated especially relating to parking laws.
The Parking Strategy should be local to the Town Parish and not be exclusive. Every Town & Village of Babergh is different. I did not support the previous survey as this was flawed as it didn't take on board central parking needs for residents of Sudbury that do not have rge luxury of parking outside their homes. Introducing Permits in nearby residential streets will be an unfair advantage to parking to those with and disadvantage to those without access to roadside parking. There is also a danger of permits being oversubscribed with no allocation of spaces to those without direct access.
Living in a village outside Hadleigh I drive to Hadleigh to shop and use local facilities. If charges for parking over 1 hour are introduced many like me will drive to other venues to shop, have coffee or lunch. Walking or cycling to Hadleigh is not a safe option as cars and lorries speed along our small roads. Also how do you carry your shopping?
Robbing motorist
because you arn't following it, in needham market you have built over the two main car parks in the village , i wanted to marry in my local church but couldn't as there was no wear for my guests to park
Car parks free High street and queens and church street should be limited to 1 or 2 hours and resident parking only Entrance to Barclays back car park should made on the high street
I don't know what the aims are. I understand that parking may become chargeable and I fear that this may put off people from shopping locally
You want to take the free 3 hours of parking which will lose people going to town. Already lost parking space in the kingfisher for the swimming pool.
We need open access parking for residents and local business. The parking wardens are not required nor are the restrictions on the High Street. Local owners cannot park in front of their own property to drop off, collect or simply be. Other towns allow permits for local residents and visitors.
You talk about parking provision. But only refer to looking at parking in villages or towns for daytime use. You don't make reference to or look at parking within residential areas. Which in new builds is highly in appropriate. Your remit should include the review of this parking too, this may form a demand to influence local planning demands on developers.
What is your strategy??
I don't believe that small market towns / villages should have parking charges in our current economic climate
Charging for parking in Hadleigh will effectively kill the high street. I would no longer shop There.



I think they are a little too vague. For example how does a parking strategy support sustainable travel across a rural district with limited access to public transport. More detail on accessible electric vehicle charge points for those of us with no option but on street parking would be useful. Stowmarket has a train station but rising costs make it unaffordable. How we encourage business growth if we discourage people from bringing their cars into our towns.

Because there's not a 'Not sure' button.

Not sure

Stowmarket was one of the first small towns to get car park charging, it ruined the town.

I cant find the aims of the strategy on the Babergh web site. I don't support parking charges. Everything from Babergh about parking seems focused and charging for parking. So many services lack staff yet Babergh can find staff to check tickets in a free car park

Aims often use sweeping terms open to different interpretations so I cannot say yes. No is the only alternative.

I think that the towns in the district do need support otherwise the towns will be no more because of the internet, the 1 hour free parking helps to keep these small town thriving

I can't answer this question yet because I don't know what the strategy is.

Although I'm not completely sure what the actual strategy looks like in practice for my area as it seems a bit lacking in detail.

I support the aims in principle but feel that parking can not be addressed without also addressing traffic speed. I am waiting for a fatal accident in Long Melford as cars reverse out of parking spots with zero vision of oncoming cars and cyclists. The speed of traffic in Long Melford is insane. I go to London and now enjoy the crossing of streets and walking through the centre. Here it is no pleasure as the village is used like a racing track and aggressive drivers beep and shout at cyclists and don't often let cars out of parking spaces. It seems we have to wait until a fatal accident before the speed is addressed. We need to act now.

Because all the local councils are interested in is cramming more and more houses into our small towns. Local residents are being driven out due to no parking spaces, School Street in Needham Market is a prime example, where there was parking, there are now near on 50 new houses built on council owned land. I don't believe that the councils' care now, nor will they going forwards. Instead of helping existing residents, there is talk of more double yellow lines and more fines. As soon as we can we will move out of a Street and probably a market town which is over populated and lacks the infrastructure to support it. If the council here really cared then they would have considered existing residents before building on their parking spaces.

Their isn't enough car parks as they have taken them for houses

I feel that change is done for the sake of it bot necessarily because change is needed

Parking fees will prevent out of town visitors from staying longer periods and could be detrimental to added value services, cafes, restaurants etc

I do not support the introduction of paid parking to Sudbury. Working as a district nurse in the area means we are required to park in car parks and this will bring a huge cost to us and therefore the NHS. Personally, I will not visit Sudbury if I pay to park as there is no decent shopping to make it worth while

Bad question. Your online introduction does not provide a clear aim, and if you were trying to avoid biased answers, then this is the wrong place to put this question.

More public transport needed at regular times and every day of the week. Car parks are very expensive. Park & ride near Asda was handy but of course that went

Too many new properties being built without provision for current and new residents parking needs.

Babergh really does have higher priorities to focus on. Parking should be a part of the wider strategy on sustainable travel.

My wife is disabled and parking out side our home is a complete nightmare,we have asked can we have a drop kerb through disability grant and have got no where

It may block changes that cannot be currently foreseen, it must not be so definitive that it could block something that is a unseen change ir good idea

Question is very limited, should be a further option... "partly" or "somewhat". When there are multiple aims; a yes or no question is not appropriate. There I support most of your aims but have doubts over ""support sustainable travel (i.e. bus, train, cycling and walking)"".The majority or rural communities are unable to use sustainable travel to commute to work. Therefore sustainable travel should not be championed over efficient roads favouring cars in rural areas.

What is your parking strategy, you haven't told me yet?

The parking here i will admit is difficut, but with the downturn of business especially due to the pandemic, atracting trade back is hard.. Any restrictions visitors will decide to go elsewhere. There is a lot of disabled and loading bays, these are often empty. Commercial and disabled drivers park in all spaces and on double yellow lines; if this is the case why make special exceptions ? The amount of parking that would be freedup, especially in our street would be of benefit.

There needs to be better parking within the town for employers as well as visitors . 1 hour parking is not long enough to have your hair done and also visit the independent high street shops . We have wonderful shops within our town , post office, hairdressers, bakery , butchers and coffee shops but the parking people are always clock watching as 1hour is ridulous and killing our high street .

not sure as I have not seen the strategy

It will ruin small high street businesses such as mine.

Generally I think so but it isn't entirely clear to me what the strategy actually is other than charging. I would be interested to know what proportion of head office costs have been allocated to the overall costings cited as to how much it costs Babergh to provide parking in Sudbury.

I can't seem to find it! Just key points on what you hope to achieve with no ideas on how that is to be achieved

There is no viable public transportation service in our region. As a result, private vehicles are an essential part of life. It is merely an unfair tax to charge the exorbitant parking charges to park a vehicle. I understand that there needs to be some control and suggest that in all shopping areas parking should be free for one hour with a "no return" for minimum 2 hours policy. As for residential areas, more provision for non "permitted" visitors should be allowed for

### Comments from Question 6 - Parking capacity Theme

Are you trying to offload onto the county council? I also object to being asked my age and not being able to say no -it's sleight of hand

It's not OK to suggest people walk or cycle in rural areas can be far too far to travel and people need to work.

What do you mean by development sites, homes or shopping centres. Homes obviously need parking space. This assuming people will use public transport is ridiculous. Out of town shopping is encouraging car use

I don't know about demands for parking than there are spaces in car parks. You would have far more knowledge in this area than me. I regularly walk into Sudbury centre from my place of work 1/2 a mile away and leave my car parked in the company car park. However, on occasion if I have to move my car or drive in from home, there has never been a problem getting parked.

You should be able to park at your property and not on a street away from it as this affects the insurance if it is left on the road.

The street light should be moved, garden lowered and the kerb dropped in the corner of grove end Stradbroke between numbers 7 and 9 - other homes have parking but due to the silly road/island layout here there is virtually no parking for the two bungalows in question - it's only a liveable situation at present because the nonagenarian at number 9 does not have a car.

Parking for parents taking children to Rattlesden school. parking at the moment is on a bend and opposite a junction.

Better guidance ,re park space marking, particularly on roadways with narrow streets and Cul de sacs.

It seems crazy that a developer can build a 4 bedroom house with 1 car park space. Developers should be mad to provide at least 1 off road car park space per bedroom.

fees make bad shopping choices

Parkers Way Nayland to many cars not enough parking spaces.

There are only 4 parking spaces at Hurstlea Court for 30+ flats - approximately 8 of us have vehicles When carers call one entrance is blocked as there is no available parking spaces I use the disused council public car park a short walk away.

No parking for residents with cars at Victoria Gardens in Wattisfield. Parking not adequate at work premises on Eastern Way, Bury St. Edmunds. Just 2 could name a whole lot more. More free parking needed in Bury St Edmunds shopping centre.

The car parking spaces need to be sign posted and numbered so that the private tenants in the road do not park in the Babergh spaces

Current parking availability seems perfectly adequate, however dispensing with FREE PARKING will be cataclysmic. There is very little to attract visitors as it is

Needham Market High Street restricted parking should be 2 hours & not 1 hour. Cars in Quniton Road outside Bosmere School should not have restricted hours in school holidays ie summer, Easter & Christmas

At the moment, the situation is tenable. However, as new houses are thrown up, there will be an obvious need for more parking.

There is not enough parking for the extensive extra homes being built in the town. Hundreds of new houses and no extra parking. How can you keep allowing development without improving and expanding the local infrastructure supporting all of the new resident - all people living in the high street old town itself need Residents parking badges as with any other town. It's completely unfair not to allow those living in the town access to their homes and parking for 1 vehicle.

Example being the Leisure Centre. Now you have installed electric parking bays taking away even more parking for the ordinary person.

Blackfriars is an example how not to do things from the 80's/90's. You need treat all streets fair with parking and make sure everyone has an opportunity to secure parking.

More bats in sudbury for additional parking needed they will just clog up roads or my private car park or not come into town at all

If you do on street parking it makes it more dangerous for pedestrians crossing, people with disabilities in wheelchairs/mobility scooters, parents with prams, pushchairs, or young children who have to go out onto the road between cars to see if anything coming. Also it causes more chasos on the roads, drivers needing to go around those parked cars, just look at Cornard/bures rd, or East Street for examples of that, basically turns the road into one lane traffic, or take life in hands driving at each other.

Too many people already parking on the pavements and nothing is done too stop them.

Houses that are being built need to have adequate parking. It's bad enough with older houses where there is not enough parking space and pavements used

Households who live in town desperately need parking permits with a guaranteed parking space

Street parking needs to be prioritised for residents, not visitors

Minimum of two spaces for every home x additional areas for guests on every new build site.

Development sites such as? If its housing Development the residents will not want parking around their properties

In Lavenham where I own a business and live we need more parking spaces to be created and not reduced in any way. On street parking is vital for businesses in Lavenham. You can not expect people to use the shops in this area with an older population if they have to walk vast distances. For example from the cock car park to shops in the Madket Place

Suffolk County Council should consider a residents' parking scheme covering the whole built up area of Lavenham village, through which it identifies where residents can park and makes a modest charge for allowing their vehicles to do so. Enforcement should be evident to encourage adherence to the scheme, and to raise money by penalising non-adherence. Non-residents should be charged to park on-street, other than for very short periods. Charges should be coordinated with Babergh District Council to ensure that, if BDC is charging for use of its car parks, BDC's charges are lower than the on-street charges, in order not to discourage the use of this off-street parking.

Some small car parks in residential areas of town centre are generally full/overflowing. People use these small car parks because they are free thus pushing aside local residents. The larger car parks introduce charges after 3/4 hours.

Parking policy if too generous leads directly to short journeys that could be walked or cycled being made by car

New developments soon become car parks as the dwellings do not have enough parking space so fill up the pavement and streets

New housing developments should include adequate parking, to include extra for visitors and ensure roads in a new development are wide enough to support on street parking

More parking areas needed in the village. DO NOT cut parking.

In Lavenham where I live we need to have more parking spaces or areas available. The last thing that should be considered is cutting parking spaces

We are a rural community so cars are a requirement, unlike in cities and towns, therefore parking is always going to be a requirement in our area. It needs to be considered when there are new housing developments and commercial centres.

The reason car parks may look "empty" is because workers who work in the town centre and those visiting for longer than three hours continually park down surrounding rounds where they don't have to pay. Therefore, looking at car park spaces gives you an inaccurate representation of parking need.

THERE IS NOT ENOUGH FREE SHORT-TERM CAR PARKING. IT IS BABERGH/MSDC JOB TO PROVIDE THIS - JUST GET ON WITH IT. MORE HIGH POWER EV CHARGING POINTS.

RESIDENT PARKING IN THE STREET CAUSES SEVERE DISRUPTION AND DANGEROUS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND TRAFFIC ENTERING FROM PRIVATE PROPERTIES. PARKING OUTSIDE COOP SHOP IN "THE STREET " ON THE PAVEMENT RATHER THEN USING COMMUNITY CAR PARK. SHOULD BE DOUBLE YELLOW LINE AT THIS POINT AND LENGTH OF THE STREET

Cause of parking problem should be identified. Rural building creates demand for cars and a need for parking. 'Joined up thinking is required

When I moved to Suffolk in 2021, the car parks in Hadleigh and the free one in Sudbury were always extremely busy in the run up to Christmas, and on Market days: this has diminished due both to changes in shopping habits and the decline in the 'retail offer' in those places. Some vicious circling going on here, but one always has to ask if lower rents are better than no rents at all! Joined up thinking and a double pronged approach with business/landlords is maybe called for.

In Eye for example, we have a perfectly good car park behind the coop that people seem reluctant to use. I have heard thr car park next-door to the library is used by workers at the chicken factory, these establishments should have their own parking facilities. Street parking should be for residents.

Electric car charging facilities should be provided. Possibly providing a revenue stream for the council.

school street development is an absolute farse. There will be far more cars than planned. The approach road i.e. School Street is totally inadequate. The Causeway will prove a total bottleneck And additional parking in this area is a nonsense

Parking around homes should be looked at and why access paths are continually blocked by cars being left for long periods and even over night. parking not correctly in bays with most of the car still on the road. Try looking down First & second Avenue Sudbury, where cars ars also parked right up to the junction so either nearly hitting them as you turn into avenue of cannot see if anything is coming the other way.

Private vehicle ownership is not going to reduce anytime soon, rural dwellers have no option, town dwellers have shown little enthusiasm to move to public transport or cycles, despite the heavy investment in this sector. It is crazy to allow development that does not include sufficient vehicle parking for the anticipated demand.

Too much of a park wherever at the moment. With no thought to others. Each home built should have at least 1 parking space.

Actively increase in disabled parking

We need to work towards less car dependency, certainly petrol/diesel based, so lets not encourage more capacity unless there's clear evidence, and look to plan parking away from town centres , encouraging walking and cycling routes. Leaving in town parking for those groups that need close proximity access.

There is a need to stop on street and parking on pavements Where this causes problems to pedestrians, particularly, Mothers with Prams, Wheelchair Users and the infirm

We should encourage people who can to walk or cycle as much as possible

Parking is very difficult particularly on a Saturday and Thursday. Mid week isnt really a problem in town

Please stop people parking on pathways.

Never full as everyone goes to Ipswich as easier to park

I'm not a driver any more but I do understand that parking is a major concern for drivers who decide where they access Sudbury facilities. Despite this I do believe that it is a negative to allow the beautiful centre of our town to be taken over by a car park. I really do dislike this intensely. So much more could be done with this area and I'm certain that there are the people who would come forward with innovative ideas as to how to use this wonderful area.

Most new builds are build with little awareness of parking. Take Cedars Park in Stowmarket for example. The developers and planners had the opportunity to get this right by ensuring the houses were not too close together and the roads were sufficient but it is apparent this was overlooked in favour of more houses/smaller roads = more profit. The Victorian houses in the area had the excuse cars were not at issue at the time, modern builds and planning do not have this excuse. Most families are two car families as there are very poor public transport options in Suffolk compared to other geographic locations such as Bristol and London. Building new houses with small roads linking them, tiny gardens, no solar panels and no thought to parking needs is irresponsible.

Parking in the road is essential in locations such as mine - Felix Road Felixstowe - but on several occasions emergency vehicles and refuse collections have got stuck outside my house. Inconsiderate parking needs to be dealt with.

Parking for local Tennant's is very poor with many parking on the grass verges which churn up the grass leaving an eyesore and also dangerous muddy walking conditions for pedestrians.

Car parks in Eye are generally full particularly the larger of the two off Cross St. which seems to be occupied by staff from Eye Poultry. After checking for spaces I often drive to M&S on A140/A143 roundabout near Stuston or Diss to shop

Babergh district is fill of historical properties without parking. It is essential that when new developments take place there is provision for enough parking bit only for residents but for their visitors.

Stowupland Road parking is impossible, make the road one way and solve the problems

Not any notices for BLUE BADGE Parking.

Car Parks should be for parking for shopping etc., not for parking all day/night,

Any developer will argue a low number if parking options, to maximise the space that can be used to make money. Practically, modern residential developments create more parking, and in turn, anti social behaviour amongst residents than in older developments. If you look at older developments the roadways are wider, and there are also parking g opportunities for visitors as well as residents.

Yes and make sure it is still free parking to make it worth our while staying to shop on our small highstreet rather than travelling to near by larger towns instead.

It's is only on street parking we have a village hall they think it's there right to park in our street and not in the car park

There is never enough parking available

Melford Road in Lavenham must NOT be used for kerbside parking during Christmas Fayres! We can not safely drive home to Green Willows or neighbouring housing schemes

Town centres need to encourage people to visit them. With the cost is living as expensive as it is free parking would be a brilliant idea. To encourage people into towns. Towns will soon all be ghost towns. Something needs to be done before it's too late.

Parking charges, if any, should be reasonable in that they don't discourage people from going somewhere.

As a rural area with limited bus services and no direct train line, Eye is a place where people are heavily dependent on their own means of transport, especially cars. New housing developments often have narrow streets and not enough adequate parking. For obvious reasons streets should be clear enough for emergency services to access, this is not always the case in our neighbourhood. New housing often attracts working families who work outside the local area. These families often have more than one vehicle to enable residents to travel to work.

Electric charging should be supported on private developments with council properties on  
ppl always park on the path so i think all street parking or most needs to be double yellow lines

Each house rented/bought should have 2 parking spaces for occupants and an additional one for visitors

Where on street parking is allowed, there must be ample space to accommodate emergency vehicle and large service vehicles, without causing obstruction. This should be strictly enforced by patrol officers

Driveway as street parking there are still more cars than spaces

There is not a lot of room for parking around Chestnut Road and we need CCTV as I have had problems with stolen goods out of my car

Grove End, the parking around here has become beyond a joke since the arrival of new occupancy where they do not respect other people, and use their logic to park responsibly, there is a parking area where visitors could park.

In desperate need of residential parking on my home street George Street Hadleigh

On street parking should be for residents only. I do not drive but my partner has a car but we do not use the car parks

Stutton Close Stutton has more homes than parking spaces there have been really good ideas on how to make it possible for every home to have a parking space which is allocated to each home and the existing small car would then be used for visitors including contract workers to park I really do not know why this is not possible as it would stop the residents getting upset as to why they cannot park at all without using the small road caring on up to the rest of the close, this would stop a zig zag drive and a potential accident. I do feel this should be looked at on very new build location rural or congested areas.

There is so much on street parking in Glemsford, it's like the village is all single lane roads.

Lavenham High Street can be a nightmare sometimes with all the parked cars.

More disabled parking bays in residential areas

At peak times in Sudbury it can be difficult to find spaces without doing loops around the town, availability signage would prevent excess time driven finding spaces. Kingfisher Carpark's location does not encourage its use from locals who are aware of the issues with entry / exit.

As a blue badge holder disabled spaces are often used by non blue badge holders because there are not enough spaces

Holbrook main Street is always incredibly packed with very little room for a road let alone two cars to get through. Not to mention the new development in Holbrook (Admiral's Quarter) consistently has issues with people using visitor spaces as their own personal space



Additional parking spaces could/should be provided by using a small part of lawned areas particularly where a housing complex is involved. SPECIFIC LOCATION: Station Road, Claydon opposite pharmacy there are areas of grass which could provide parking spaces for flats overlooking the individual area, i.e. three flats - three spaces/ This would relieve the demand on the inadequate parking spaces in front of complex.

We are a rural community cars are essential so parking is essential

new street close need more parking as there are more cars than spaces we have been asking for months for a bigger car park some of us have to park on the grass

Parking on street or otherwise should be available where possible to deter people parking on footpaths obstructing wheelchair and pushchair users

Should also give grants or help for off road parking where appropriate

All new housing should include a garage and off road parking.

From living on a busy road and having lorries drive through more should be done to help off street parking at residential properties rather than on street as myself and neighbours have lost count how much damage we get to our cars and the chaos it causes when the train line comes down and it's at peak business park times!!

More disabled bays or dedicated disabled parks. More ev charging parking

The UK has had a long history of under estimating almost everything, especially car parking spaces per new accommodation /housing etc. The UK has less space than France but the max profit minimum space just ends up causing everyone grief.

When mapping out new housing estates please ensure there is ample room for the services to support the infrastructure as in the bin man's weekly visit for collection

It's more about parking for local residents, such as Benton Street (bet you haven't heard that one before!) to help with traffic flow too. People should be able to park near/outside their homes wherever possible but on roads not build for cars it's a little tricky but something needs to be done. Benton Street has improved since the traffic measures were put in

As a disabled person There should be more disabled parking on streets and in all car parks. Also disabled parking should always have no charge or reduced payment

There is not enough parking where I live to park my car most of the time, this is so annoying to me really, as I pay my rent to do so I would have thought, many house have more than one car. There is a lot of green space within the area, to be used as parking.

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Just to say 9 times out of 10 I can't park in my car park luckily enough I can park round the back of my property but it I couldn't I'd have no where to park !! When I moved here 7 years ago not every one had cars but now as the years are going by and people passing and new residents move in may have a car where as the person before didn't . This car is not big enough for 16 residents and visitors ...

Our street is horrendous for parking as it is next to a school and by the recreation ground so when something is on or for school runs they park down our street and we can't park. There is a patch of grass outside my house that has never been cut in the time I have lived there which is over a year and a half other than by myself which I now refuse to do and is nearly the height of my front wall. It would be more appropriate to facilitate parking on this patch as before I moved in your vans had ploughed up the grass. I regularly have to park with heavy shopping bags a way from my home which causes severe backache for me. I understand we are street parking but if you keep putting events on at the recreation ground then this does need looking at as they use our road to go there.

As there is no bus service from the village into Stowmarket I have to use a car to visit as this is my local town. parking can be a problem unless I can organise any appointments for the morning which can be problematic for the services I wish to use as support for my local community.

Living in Languidic Close, there isn't enough parking for the amount of cars that have houses here, some people have garages but don't use them, also at the back of my property there is a field not being used for anything, same as out the front there is a bush that could be cut down and used for parking instead of it being there

It is essential that all parking areas are monitored for abandoned and registered off road cars - and those that could be considered abandoned - removed without delay.

Lack of "Blue Badge" spaces - and Parking spaces too narrow

I am resident on the high street and have no parking at rear of property, I cannot park near my house during the day as spaces without parking restriction are being taken by people working and visiting. Across the road where parking restrictions are applied is nearly always empty of cars. Drivers are avoiding this space due to the enforcement of parking fines for longer stays. I find myself having to park a good distance from my home during the day on a regular basis and this is making me think about remaining resident on high street. This impacts on me by the need to plan food shopping trips etc to a time of day when I can park and carry into house without too much distance from home. I feel enforcement of restriction has done nothing to help locals, visitors or residents at this end of high street

The first question is ambiguous. Does support mean you want to keep demand higher than supply, or does support mean you agree there is more demand than supply (which you may or may not wish to continue).

Bosmere new school entrance at the bottom of the field need some real consideration. People are mounting the grassed areas ,parking on corners and making it very unsafe for children walking to and from school. It not just the high street that needs looking into.

Car based development is wasteful of space. Urban areas need to prioritise pedestrians and cycle ways alongside accessible public transport. Domestic car use is inevitable in a rural area but a mix of regular buses, car sharing and out of town parking should help to provide a much healthier environment for residents and visitors while remaining accessible to those like myself who live outside.

Stoke by Nayland around the pubs and shop/post office

There must be ample parking s[paces near to shops etc for disabled users , near to where they want to shop

This seems obvious.

Don't include a garage as a parking space when planning, as the vast majority will not be used to park a car.

Whether commercial or accommodation ANY new development should provide decent parking spaces. On my estate we have 4 bedroom homes with one parking space. The occupants have at least 3 cars as they're children are now able to drive and the congestion is appalling. Disabled and young children having to go out in the road to walk along the path. Planners NEVER seem to take into consideration that homeowners may have visitors so need more than one space.

A strategy and refocus would be timely, to consider more strategically what parking is required in the car parks but also around town and for residential use, rather than reacting and letting things evolve organically and disparately. New considerations need including, such as provisions for electric vehicles.

You need to sort out Highways who make it difficult for residents to create off street parking with drop kerbs.

Houses in some new estates in Stowmarket are allocated 1•5 parking spaces, who has •5 of a car? Parking on pavements is the biggest problem in our area, people will not pay for parking and so they park in our road to go shopping, catch the train etc

Mill lane car park Sudbury.

Out off town car parks should be made resident only where insufficient on street car parking is available.

Not only the housing development but essential places such as chemists health centre

Beginning of Poplar Hill area is of most concern

Parking should not hinder pedestrians, cyclists or the flow of traffic. Instead of creating more parking encouraging people to walk or bike is a better alternative. This can be done by building more paths, bike lanes etc and by putting facilities in central locations rather than on the outskirts of a town in a retail park.

More less expensive parking in Ipswich

All new developments should include of street parking

With every car park and development it must be set that charging points are included for the future demand.

Try and do less intervention and give more power locally. Sudbury Town Council are far more professional and have a much better rapport with the public. Babergh are forever poking their nose in where it's not wanted. It's unnecessary and very irritating.

I think there is sufficient parking spaces for the town centre, just. I think for the benefit of local businesses it should remain free as it is at present.

The planners should in addition be a bit more radical and look at changing some traffics flows and making some more roads one way

A while ago it was mentioned that car parking spaces would be created on the waste ground between the fire station and the river in Eye. Could, if planned properly get at least 20 car parking spaces there I believe. Also could the community centre car park be available during the day for visitors o the town and workers. Maybe an area could be sectioned off, then if there was an event on at the community centre there would still be spaces available to those attending.

The on street parking on Market Hill leads to regular congestion. When people park, it holds up traffic flow, combined with the pedestrian lights causing queues at the roundabout, going back towards Cornard Road, Great Eastern Road and Girling Street.

Makes no sense. They have to be appropriate

Should provide short term on street parking to allow space for popping in to shop for 5 mins

New developments in the area do not consider parking. Every family household has 3-4 cars. Developers seem to assume 1 car only. New homes are lucky to get a driveway for 1 car. Rarely a garage. Even local villages suffer because of the increase in car ownership per household. Onehouse has big parking issues. People from Birch Road have little or no parking forcing them to park in Northfield Road using people's Road space there. It's parking chaos in this village especially in the evening or weekends. Kipling way & Wordsworth Road also experience bad parking problems as do other roads on Chilton Hall estate. Works vehicles are a big problem.

All developments of residential housing MUST provide 3 off street parking spaces per home (not including a garage as a parking space) and 0.5 visitor spaces per home. Modern developments provide far too little parking forcing residents of the development to park in other roads or car parks. Roads in developments are far too narrow for larger vehicles, even modest sized delivery vans, to pass. The road provision needs to be 100% wider on modern developments.

New housing should have 1 space for a 2 bedroom, 2 spaces for a 3 bedroom, and 3 spaces for a 4 bedroom, as an absolute minimum, not including the garage (as very few actually use them for parking as they are generally not big enough.) Cars should not be parked on pavements or on busy roads.

Needham mkt restrictions on street parking has affected business and discourages people to shop and enjoy local cafes Stowmarket long stay parking too far from businesses for staff who work in town, permits too expensive, loss of long stay spaces at the regal has resulted in more street parking in residential areas

Get rid of unnecessary double yellow lines, eg in Forest Road , Onehouse. .Install dropped kerbs free of charge to problem areas.

These should also be set up with electric car charging ports

More on street parking for Blue Badge holders please

Plenty of parking in Stowmarket Town Centre as footfall has dropped drastically in the last few years, No Free Parking except on Sundays does not help either, thankfully Asda refunds the charges for their customers, but why should they have to? The Car Park was built on our long lost and public Football ground. When the Pay Machines were out of use earlier in the year for a while the Asda Car Park was far busier with people coming into town.

Massive retirement complexes in the middle of a town centre with minimal parking is a ridiculous idea!!!!

Roads should not be a option of choice for car parking by greedy developers. Within housing developments space should be provided, in addition to allocated residents home parking, to cater for visitors and overspill.

Developers must provide either on property parking or appropriate parking areas. Roads and footpaths must remain clear at all times.

On street parking should be free and no permit parking

Such parking should continue to be free for three hours (one hour on the High Street) but rigorously enforced.

I feel strongly that residents who choose to buy a cheaper property which does not have parking should expect the tax payer to provide them with parking outside their homes. We chose to buy a property that had off road parking and do not see why we should finance other people's parking needs. This is different if the person is disabled otherwise park nearby and walk. More and more people believe they own the road outside their homes and any strategy to provide them with parking reemphasises this for them. Dropped kerbs are causing more difficulty with parking when visiting family and friends more and more people are parking on the pavements - I walk as much as I can and this causing me increasing frustration, I have to walk on the road to get round cars and lorries. Please do something about this culture.

All new build houses severely lack parking everywhere which is ridiculous as we now have more cars per household than ever. People park on the paths and block them. New shops have small amounts of parking but are designed so badly they cause traffic.

On street parking time restrictions in Needham market should be lengthened to at least 3 hours, one hour is not long enough.

Parking does not seem to be a consideration when planning is granted. Debenham has a real problem, but as a key service centre it is regarded as an acceptable place to add a large number of properties even though the infrastructure is beyond breaking point. The centre of the village is a conservation area so there is opposition to any change to increase parking but at the same time it is blighted by the excessive number of vehicles.

Any new developments in the centre of Sudbury

New developments should really be in sensible locations where there is plenty of public transport. We need to get people out of the habit of car ownership full stop.

There is too much parking on pavements in certain roads, this needs to be stopped.

New houses should have off road parking for as many vehicles as there are bedrooms.

Previous developments in Lavenham have been approved with no thought to the impact of the additional cars in the centre of the village. There is no space in the centre for a car park, however surely all the way down Church Street to Water Lane angled parking could be installed as they do in USA instead of vehicles parked on the pavement and kerbside. It wouldn't solve the problem but would certainly alleviate it a bit. Can you do something similar on the other side of the main road to the village centre.

Market Place is unique. 7 cars fronting the Guildhall should be removed and the open place should be pedestrianised i.e. no cars permitted to park and road access denied. That should be the minimum. Ideally, the 11 other cars should be removed. Car access to Heeks and the other shops should continue. Shop staff should not park in the conservation area.

The average house now has more than at least one car and there just isn't enough space for parking.

It is important that people are attracted to our towns and villages for shopping and tourism. Without adequate, reliable, free parking this is in jeopardy. It is also important that local residents, less mobile or with small children etc can park close to flat access to all facilities. Preserving pleasant environments must not impede every day movement.

Number and size of vehicles is increasing and many vans for self employed people. They have to go somewhere

Suffolk County Council should provide adequate on street parking for blue badge holders particularly in Ipswich Street, Stowmarket and ensure that it meets specifications and is marked clearly. All council owned car parks should ensure that there is adequate parking for blue badge holders and that the parking is located close to pay machines and located appropriately.

I disagree with the level of housing development that is taking up our land that should be being used to ensure food security. If development "must" happen then plenty of parking is essential.

Current developments make next to no provision for off street parking. It's all about squeezing as many houses as possible. On street parking leads to abuse of the privilege, and pavement parking causing inconvenience to pedestrians, especially those visually and physically impaired.

The first "question" isn't a question so cannot be supported or opposed.

From my observations most car parks in Stowmarket are fine to find a space, with the exception of mid Suffolk leisure centre which is diabolical at times, and accessing a space to drop off/pick up from little mice nursery off Bury Street is impossible most afternoons since the gym opened and people without children parking in the allocated parent/child spaces. The other bury Street carpark is hardly used, and others near town are OK. Regal carpark obviously gets busy as it's close to town.

Protection of the high street shops for short term free parking is important, but those who park for longer should be offered an affordable 'season ticket' for parking so they don't park on streets. Resident parking should be designated and free on streets where possible, use of homeowner permits would enforce this. Fines for non permit holders.

A recently resubmitted planning application (DC/22/03289) is proposing to develop a site in Edgeworth Road to which we have objected because this would exacerbate the illegal and inconsiderate parking in Corporal Lillie Close and Edgeworth Road. The original application (DC/21/02261) was refused. We have objected to the revised application because it is substantially the same as the original. The site requires development but with a much reduced number of buildings. However, we believe that a planning decision should be delayed until the final outcome of the Babergh and Mid-Suffolk Parking Strategy consultation is known.

Parking should not be limited to one hour on the High Street and Barrats Lane. For example, this morning I have been at the church doing flowers. This took me well over an hour. I parked in Barrats Lane and nearly made myself ill rushing back in case I got a ticket. We want people to be community minded but it makes helping out at church functions, hiring out the church hall for much needed income and to support local eateries and business if time is so limited. Parking at the lake but this is very busy due to the amount of visitors

On street parking should be discouraged at all costs. It causes traffic flow problems, can hinder the progress of emergency vehicles and is detrimental to the local ambience. Better to make car parks free and charge for on street parking than the other way round.

Building housing or offices with insufficient parking is ridiculous especially given the derisory levels of public transportation available.

Now that responsibility for parking enforcement rests with MSDC I formally request that rigorous action is taken to prosecute drivers who park dangerously in particular near junctions. I am thinking specifically of in the parish of Debenham although I am sure it is not a problem exclusive to there. I do not necessarily believe that this is because of lack of 'parking spaces' in fact quite often it is down to sheer laziness, eg; anyone living in Debenham using the shops there should walk or cycle releasing available parking spaces to people who have to drive to the shops! New build houses should come with parking for two vehicles. If the occupants need more space then they should pay a supplementary 'tax' to park a vehicle on the public road. On street parking where it impedes the flow of through traffic should be restricted [eg; Gracechurch Street in Debenham].

Each new build should include a minimum of 3 car park spaces per house, but if a five bed should have at least 4. With the cost of living and house prices more people are living at home longer and therefore more parking spaces should be provided

Look at the Cedars Estate in Stowmarket to see how planners have allowed an estate to be built with totally inadequate parking facilities.

Housing developments should have sufficient off road parking for at least 2-3 cars. Tandem parking on new builds is also pointless as one car always ends up on the road!

On street parking by visitors is now a nuisance. Many villages need resident only parking, or car parks will remain unused

Pubs and restaurants should only be able to host as many as they can park.

On street parking is only a viable option where there is still space for 2 cars to pass. Allowing on street parking when it reduces the road to a single car is not a solution.

Onstreet parking in Eastern Way, Bennett Avenue and Wetherden Road, all in Elmswell are a nightmare! Any onstreet parking should not reduce the flow of traffic, especially on busy through roads

The Anchor Inn at Stratford St Mary does not have enough parking spaces for their customers and deliveries resulting in blocking access to Anchor Close and unnecessary parking in Upper Street.

A family with two adult children (they do often leave home until they are 25/30 years old) can have four cars in the household. Driveways and parking spaces per house do not allow for this number. Developments must adequately provide laybys/off street parking for these additional vehicles plus visitor parking.

Parking outside the Mellis Primary School continues to be a hazardous matter for children, parents and road users and needs urgent action to the benefit of all. Given the size of the road something imaginative like that of London Boroughs at drop off and pick up times is a likely less expensive option I.e Bonneville Gardens CP

The age of the towns buildings precludes any strong on street parking changes. However the following are noted in Eye currently disabled parking opportunities is very low Provision for workers who arrive early in the day uses up spaces for the day. Employers should be making specific arrangements which I'm sure could be negotiated with local land owners. I.e almost unused airfield within a mile and connected to the town by public footpaths.

Eye is a particular problem for parking especially Wednesdays and Fridays. There has been planning for loads of new homes and cars but I doubt any thought has been given to parking

Need more enforcement for badly and illegally parked vehicles

Many roads in older towns are congested with on street parking. People are taking on houses that don't fulfill their parking needs, if you need a car but dont have parking, then maybe look to live where you can park without obstruction to other road users.

Parking should remain free of charge.

Free, accessible parking is needed to get people in town.

I'm unaware of specific issues of demand hence my indifferent response. On street parking is necessary where residents do not have off street parking but shouldn't be a substitute for better public transport in town and village centres Appropriate parking doesn't mean more parking. People will continue to use their cars while alternative modes of transport are either insufficient or unsuitable. Providing better value / free public transport, and better cycling and walking routes will incentivise people to move away from their cars.

Majority of people are late to events because they are trying to find places to park.

Many of the new housing developments in town and the outskirts, allow for approximately 1 vehicle parking when many households have 2 cars. Developments seem to fail on providing adequate visitor parking too which then causes parking issues elsewhere. Many streets (cedars park area) seem to be single lane traffic due to people parking on roads near their homes- this is not only dangerous but difficult to navigate through at times.

the causway has limited of road parking and we find that other road users park the road or theobold close to go work or from other roads that also have no of road parking this obviously reduces spaces for residents of the causeway

Stowmarket town center should be traffic free that includes buses and taxis, this would give a safe are for the expansion of businesses and a safe walking area for people visiting. The car parks should be cheaper and everyone should pay to park. Shorter stay (1-2 hours) £1.00, after that then more expensive. Dedicated long stay carparking for work commuters, this may stop the free and reckless parking on Hollingsworth road. Better cycle routes and sheltered safe bike parks.

No visitor on street parking in historic Lavenham area only to use dedicated car park facilities. This would allow residents to park in there own street and not cause parking congestion in historic Lavenham area.

In addition to parking, strict enforcement needed especially around schools to reduce congestion, danger, and encourage walking as the best way for children. Parking close to schools and congestion is dangerous and leads to increased pollution and poor air quality

Limit one car parking per household plus crack up on misuse of blue badges and people thinking they own certain spaces by writing a warning letter to all households

Especially proposed Borhamgate development - which currently has no parking provision planned for most of over 90 residences and businesses. Build a multi storey car park towards the rear of the current car park near Roys.

More parking for wood Ley school - we live next door and everyday have people parking over our driveway as do our neighbours.

Fed up with people parking amd blocking our driveways and taking up space for residents visitors In our road . Sometime the refuge lorry can not get down due to cars parking and this is not residents this is others parking and walking to stowhealth or town amd mire recently parking to then catch a bus at 9am amd returning after 5pm . Would rather it be residentsand their visitors only parking even if we had to pay a permit fee.



Members of pure gym are always using the carpark which makes parking impossible most of the working week.

The parking in Gainsborough Road is simply awful. I do appreciate that most of the excess cars parked on both sides of the road are from the leisure center, however the situation is becoming increasingly dangerous. Chilton Court care home regularly requires visits from medical staff and emergency vehicles. It could be catastrophic if medical professionals were delayed in being able to treat the residents. Community support offer Brill visited Chilton Court on Thursday 7th of July. When I explained our frustrations to him, the solution I was told was as follows: If staff at Chilton Court need to call an emergency ambulance for a resident, we are to look along the road. If the road appears to be congested with parked cars, we will then need to contact the local police. The police will attend when they can and will contact the drivers of the cars, in order for them to be moved. Can you imagine the time scale involved with that advice and the negative impact that could have on the residents.

New builds do not include adequate parking for residents in the 21st century. On street parking causes congestion, which increases carbon footprint.

I own Chilton Court Residential home in Gainsborough Road. It is bad enough when the school children come out with all the cars parked in Gainsborough Road but with the Leisure Centre car park being closed off, it has become impossible. The area closed off has not seen any workman for weeks but is still all barriered off. This has resulted in the afternoons and early evening in cars parked both sides of Gainsborough Road. The people attending the leisure Centre have been blocking off our entrance to the home as well as making it impossible to get through with a large vehicle, e.g. fire engine or ambulance. Bearing in mind our client group, ambulances are called to assist with ill or dying residents. If they cannot get through this will endanger the lives of the people who require assistance. Our food delivery lorry has already had to park up the road and push the trollies of food down the road as they could not get through. Staff cannot get into our premises when starting their shift and have had to abandon their cars when going off shift they cannot get out of the car park. When the Leisure Centre car park is open again, the number of bays has been reduced because of the build of the new gym. This situation cannot continue.

The car parks should have a minimum of a 4 hour free parking and street parking for two hours

So often new housing estates don't provide enough parking!

Green car parks are a great way to reduce flooding issues and increase biodiversity and carbon capture. Car parks surrounded by trees are also ideal, they keep temperatures down in summer and help mitigate carbon emissions.

The Town centre desperately needs additional car park capacity as potential customers are going to other towns as they are frustrated at having to wait for a space. When I leave work at 2.30pm for my car at the Regal car park several people are usually waiting for a space. The town needs to think ahead or all the potential sites will have been built on.

Standard way in Great Cornard is really dangerous, you get cars coming fast plus you get double decker buses all trying to negotiate the parked cars, now we have cars parking in St. Andrews road near Pot Kiln road, when going into at Andrew's road from Pot Kiln road the line of cars parked then cars coming the other way makes that dangerous, plus some of them are too close to a junction!! I thought it was illegal to park close to a junction!!

Small market towns rely on people driving and parking to utilise their facilities, and a free hour and then a minimal amount thereafter. Also these car parks should go all out to provide electric charging points, as no more internal engines to be sold after 2030, only 8 years off. A healthy public transport system around the villages, that is reliable and regular would also reduce pressure on car parks

Recent developments have prioritised number of residences without taking into account the average number of vehicles rural folk have ending up with roads difficult to traverse due to enforced on street parking

Example is Stowmarket where the Regal carpark often full. We then have to use the Asda Car park (at least you can get your money back by doing a shop). Needham Market prides itself on being free car parking. Why would anyone go to Stowmarket & pay to use the Regal carpark? You are then putting people off going to Stowmarket so no wonder the shops are almost all charity shops or closing down. Paying for car parks in small towns like Stowmarket is killing the High Street.

Needham Market needs new free car park to replace the one near old council offices, which was built on by mid Suffolk council

Most people have a car some more than one in a family and never garage them

sorry, but people/general folk don't understand your language of 'on street parking' - you really need to talk in layman terms. I don't believe that SCC should provide on street parking, I believe that in our village, we should have more, appropriate, and accessible parking closer to the centre of our amenities that are more attractive to drivers than the current option which is some very dangerous parking decisions on-street.

Street parking should not include residents parking permits

Holbrook High School and to some extent the Primary school have no on site car parking and this is causing issues in the surrounding roads and this spills over to the centre of the village which has limited car parking. 1) Could a piece of land to the north of the village be purchased as a car park for in particular the High School use. Could CIL money be allocated for this purpose? Could any future housing developments be encouraged to incorporate and provide this? 2) The village Hall charity, shuts its gate and does not allow any parking other than people using the village Hall. The village hall allows the chip van to operate from the Community car park whilst keeping the village hall car park shut. If they could open it for this period and even site the chip van there then there would be more spaces available. 3) The village hall committee operate without consulting the neighbouring residents. If some consultation took place between them and the residents then some of these issues might be resolved. 4) The community car park (on village hall charity land) could be increased in size. The village hall charity is supposed to provide facilities for the village and car parking should be considered by the whole of the village as a relevant use of part of this land. 5) The school's or a traffic warden / police officer be asked to police the cars parked waiting for children and those car owners with engines running whilst parked be asked to turn them off. Any inconsiderate car parking should be discouraged.

New housing estates have too little spaces and too narrow roads.

More support is needed for prosecution of illegal vehicles which are parked on double yellow lines and pavements.

Too many residential properties being built without sufficient parking, meaning residents park on adjoining roads creating driving hazards

I am not up to date with Ipswich town parking amenities, since I avoid town like the plague. Most shopping I require would be from a single shop - gone are the days of "a day out browsing and shopping" we do that all online now. Therefore the concept of paying an extortionate parking fee (or equally expensive park and ride fee) to go to one or max two shops, plus the extra time to find a space, walk to the shop I want or wait for a bus is frankly just not worth the hassle. If shopping in person I would selectively patron those shops located on industrial estates which have FREE parking immediately outside. The moment the council (or the shops) see fit to charge for parking on those sites will be the day I stop all shopping in person.

Many houses are of such an age (eg Victorian terrace) that cars were not common and no off-street parking allowance was made. Also, over time, households have increased the numbers of vehicles that they create since the designs were made through the 1930s to present day. More pressure needs to be made to ensure that new developments have the necessary capacity. There are issues with increased usage of existing non domestic premises. The Bramford CEVC school had a surge in use when the middle schools were abolished. Increases in the population as new housing comes on stream will exacerbate this impact. The school should provide and "enforce" off road parking as staff and parents visiting the school park in Duckamere and hinder residents access to their own properties. The narrow road is a cul-de-sac and delivery lorries and coaches often struggle. Sometimes these vehicles have to reverse a long distance with consequent safety issues.

On street parking increases the risk of accidents and crime. We should have more off street parking and people should be encouraged to use this.

No more car parks should be built in Sudbury.

Residents NEED on-street parking availability. With the amount of Victorian-era housing in the area, there's just not enough scope for reasonable parking without it. More provision in town for visitors/shoppers/town centre workers etc is needed to leave residential on-street parking for the RESIDENTS.

Planners should ensure that extension applications have enough parking

Most new housing developments contain a woeful lack of parking spaces leading to extensive and dangerous pavement parking.

Lack of parking provision and the cost of car parks are major dis-incentives to use of town centres.

Where I live it is sometimes hard to park and I would be interested in finding out more about a residential parking zone.

GAOL LANE. there are two spaces that I believe are 1 hour stay but this lacks signs and therefore is constantly blocked by big vans all day causing obstruction and potential business loss to the tattoo and barber shop. I believe turning this into a disabled bay or back to a 1 hour stay only would benefit the community.

Around the primary school it is very dangerous during school times.

Hadleigh works very well... if people are there for awhile they use the Carparks... if they're dashing into Andrews or the Coop then they can park on the street outside these shops. If you want to kill this town then increase the Traffic Wardens... Hadleigh doesn't need wardens it's self-policing.

It is difficult to respond to these statements. What does 'where possible' mean? - does this include searching for all possible on-street parking spaces without regard to environmental effects etc. What is 'appropriate' car parking with respect to developments sites? - in my view this would be a maximum level rather than a minimum, but other respondents might well have different views. The statement about availability of spaces is too general in this diverse district. Some car parks are often quite empty while others frequently near or at capacity.

Average age of a car in the UK is now 8.6 years old and a lot of people are working from home meaning more of them are parked up for longer. In 2019 households in England had an average of 1.21 cars per household. In the East of England this goes up to 1.38 cars per household. Only 20% of households in the UK do not own a car this decreases to 14.7% in the East of England. Multiple car ownership is higher in the East of England than the rest of England because it's rural and poor access to public transport. Pressures on parking from new builds in the area. Suffolk Guidance for parking 2019 states that a 0.25 space per dwelling allowance should be made for visitor parking on any new builds. For example, Belle Vue's Churchill plans have only 18 allocated spaces for 42 residential flats. No mention or plans to accommodate the extra 10.5 spaces for visitors. Where will they park?

Please also ensure there are easy ways to pay. Don't go to app only paying as older people struggle with this.

New estates being and have been built with little space for parking on the road residents have no option but to park half on the pavements. Even this causes difficult in trying to drive down those roads. It can only be hoped that an emergency vehicle isn't delayed with these narrow streets

Not helpful in Needham Market high street having parking limited to an hour as some businesses have clients for longer than an hour eg In Harmony for beauty treatments

Think a consideration for local residential permit scheme is needed

With the growth of Stowmarket over the last ten years we have seen a rampant increase in traffic. Not only that but in order to support this growth and traffic we need parking otherwise our new residents and neighbours will be going to Ipswich, Bury St Edmunds and beyond.

All new building developments should have adequate parking provision included within the development. Each new dwelling should have at least one parking space per bedroom plus one for visitors on the dwelling's land, i.e. off the road. Each new business building should have suitable parking for all employees within the site, again off road. The local councils should develop enough off road parking so that over time there is no on road parking in any town or village.

Homes should have off road parking. Areas around schools should have traffic wardens present at school drop off and pick up time, especially with schools that have yellow lines outside them. Areas around doctors surgeries should have a drop off zone for patients unable to walk to far, and then 'drivers' can leave the site until patient is ready for collecting.

There should be a more comprehensive and common sense policies on "no stopping" time limited parking, residents only parking etc etc

I believe Hadleigh High Street from Angel Street to Station Road become a one way system - to include Magdalen Road? with herringbone parking in the High Street

No new houses should be built without a minimum of 2 parking spaces off street. Extensions should not be allowed where they reduce off street parking to less than 2 vehicles if it already exists.

All industrial developments should provide parking for hgv's overnight and at least one truckstop similar in size to the orwell crossing truckstop somewhere in Suffolk. Car parking on new housing estates is a complete joke.

I rarely struggle to find a parking space in any of our car parks in either Babergh o Mid Suffolk

On street parking should be for residents of that street, not a free for all for people driving into town.

In Sudbury the facility for on street parking is difficult - however we need good parking available for people to be able to access the shops and facilities in the town

sufficient provision should be made for off road parking at all properties, not assume that people will use public transport and not have a car if they haven't got a parking space. There is insufficient public transport to support this view, we don't all live in London!!!!!!

there should be more effort to promote an integrated public transport strategy instead of having to rely on private cars. Considering how close Hadleigh is to Ipswich it's almost impossible, not to mention very expensive, to work in Ipswich and have to use a bus to get to work. If someone is earning £9.50 an hour in a care job, having to spend £9 a day for travel makes it not worthwhile.

On street parking should be limited with a lot more yellow lines in place. Without yellow lines the wardens are unable to enforce bad/ inconsiderate parking.

We were told a while ago that a nearby estate were allotted one and a half cars per house??

Until there is sufficient car park capacity in the right locations (convenient) a degree of on street should be made available. Many supermarkets provide car parks to encourage shoppers to use them. High Street shops, for example, also need convenient car parking.

Development site question is unclear. If it means housing, then car parking is essential. For at least the next 20 years life outside Suffolk's two biggest towns will be impossible without cars. Ditto for employment sites and shopping, so not much left. Autonomous and EV technologies will potentially change this, but not significantly before then.

We have a child at st Gregory's school and the parking in the area is not enough for the amount of drivers.

Our own car park in meadow close has 14 spaces, with 19 vehicles, some bungalows having 2 cars.

Developments without appropriate parking should not be allowed

Parking must remain free to avoid killing off High streets

In a rural village, development took place before the volume of cars increased to such an extent. Holbrook is a village which attracts visitors from surrounding villages, to the local supermarket, the doctors surgery and the schools, so there is heavy additional traffic on very inadequate roads and with inadequate parking spaces.

This must also include parking provisions for visiting care providers, family carers, social care and nhs practitioners/nurses and therapists.

Residents parking permit a must going foward

None of the new developments - Stowupland, Haughley, Stowmarket have enough off road parking space. There appears to be a maximum of two spaces per dwelling which leads to way too much on road parking where families have more than 2 cars and have visitors. Allowing fewer houses with more off road parking would improve this - clearly less profit for the developer though...

I am over 70 I drive to Hadleigh or Sudbury as buses have been reduced which is not helpful & I don't ride a bike so enough parking is vital

The bottom of Clench rd should be looked at. Parking is appalling and many have to park on the green area, this spoils it for the children to play on there as it ruins the grass and car owners worry about their cars being damaged. The green is big enough for one-third to be allocated to parking and the rest bollarded off to prevent cars from parking on it.

Town centre parking in places like Stowmarket and Needham Market should be free for 2 hours to encourage more visitors to the high streets. Mid Suffolk residents from villages such as Wetheringsett must use their cars to access town services as there is no useful public transport and it is too far and dangerous to cycle to Stowmarket.

Why did you close the Park and Ride at Bury Road Ipswich? It is the first point of entry to the town from the majority of Suffolk. It was always busy- commuters in the week, shoppers at weekends. It cost millions to build One can trace the decline in town centre shops and businesses from the time of its closure The East of Ipswich has a superior normal bus service compared to the villages in the North and West , yet 2 P & R remain - Copcock and Martlesham. Indeed , there are rumours of a Nacton Road site which would result in 3 P & R to the west of Ipswich- madness!

Parking spaces need to be allocated where appropriate and street parking on high traffic roads should be limited or removed. Example, Station Road in Elmswell. Due to the increase in traffic and the train gates, cars parked on the road cause congestion. If cars did not park on school road, traffic would be able to flow more freely and risks of accidents would be mitigated.

I have just moved from hawks mill street and the parking there is atrocious - especially when coddendam road bridge closed off, it's becomes gridlocked as all of one side of the road is blocked by cars parked.

I have a blue badge so would like to see disabled parking bays increased close to shops and other amenities

All new housing development must include provision of garage and driveway to allow for safe electric car charging and to maintain a safe environment for pedestrians by keeping paths clear of cars.

Residents permit parking should be introduced or exemption in car parks, due to people working in town parking down my road

Living in Newman's road and being a car owner is a nightmare, not enough parking , other roads are limited for parking and people park on double yellow lines , causing traffic jams . I think the parking we offer is Sudbury for visitors is fantastic. But keep it free . But please look after the residents

As the population of towns like Sudbury will rapidly grow due to all the housing being built, parking will be at a premium

More blue badge spaces - there's more of us disabled people than authorities are prepared to admit, especially when OAPs are there too. It's often impossible for wheelchair users to get access public transport, so we have to rely on cars. If we can't stop anywhere, we'll have to take our business elsewhere (usually online).

question 1 is impossible to answer for the entirety of the district, some areas have a shortage whilst others a surplus

These questions/options are not clear. I assume you are asking my opinion on whether supply meets demand. Of course this depends on time and location. I primarily use Hadleigh and normally can get a space... it's only on Friday mid-morning and Saturdays that it's a challenge. What is needed for the future is more charging bays.

No idea what you are on about

There is not enough disabled parking. We do not have a proper bus service in our village so need to travel to places like Stowmarket by car.

Parking in allocated car parks which aren't run by private firms should be provided for all.

New housing developments, don't allow enough car park spaces. Therefore, roads get blocked and dustbin carts can't get down the road There is never enough spaces for children and parents either

Street parking is developers and planners failing the community for the sake of extra income. Car parking bays need to be bigger to take the larger cars produced today

The level of street parking in Hadleigh is creating an incredibly dangerous place to walk and drive and I strongly believe that we are not far from some serious incidents over and above what has already occurred!

Too many cars parked in Violet Hill Road on the bends near police station, school, lorry place making for major hazards, indeed serious stalemate the other morning when noone would move! Staff at the Stiw Health Centre have to park off site to enable patients' parking.

Making the Regal car park smaller and the cinema bigger has causes parking issues that end of town as although there are stairs not everyone finds them easy and the path route isn't very even. It also means you have to allow longer incase you can't park when you go to see a show! Areas around cedars Park also need looking at as there are parts if the estate where it can become almost impassable as not enough of the major routes are double yellow lined and certain corners need the yellow lines extended as visibility is poor when a van parks there. Also on the estate parking half on the curb and half on the road can make it very difficult if you're pushing a buggy and the car owners would be the 1st to complain if their cars were scratched!

On street parking should not impinge on residential streets. Need Half hour free parking in the town to enable people to use banks ?pharmacy's etc

Excessive on-street parking can reduce safety for other road users and especially pedestrians. Pavement parking is worse still, forcing wheelchair users, parents with buggies, etc on to the road. you end up with the bizarre spectacle of cars on the footpath and pedestrians on the road. This is often a problem in School Road Elmswell. Pavement parking should be outlawed.

Keep parking free

Housing should not be permitted where there are obvious parking issues in historic towns, eg Lavenham, without adequate provision inc shop/s too avoid people taking their cars into the historic centres. Im not sure what the top option refers to so I've4 replied as though you are suggesting that fewer spaces be provided as a matter of policy. Babergh has a largely elderly population: we cannot walk long distances carrying heavy shopping, nor can we cycle.

Free parking in Sudbury is vital to the health of the town centre

New Wolsey Grange already has people parking on pavements and cycle ways .. shocking planning by playground where no barrier by Poplar Lane to stop running into road which already has happened with children

Allow more space between parking spaces. Can not open car doors wide enough to get out. Car are wide and the spaces are not adequate.

Regal Cinema is a long stay car park. This car park is over subscribed every day and I find it impossible to find a space for parking for work. Milton Road (B & M) is a short stay car park but it under subscribed - usually plenty of spaces. At least part of this should go over to long stay parking for people who work in the town. Regal Cinema is now a very popular spot and also includes Wetherspoons and Prezzo. Parking here should be encouraged for a faster turnover of car parking. Street parking - Hollingsworth Road - is a nightmare and should be changed to have absolutely no parking here on-street.

Sudbury Town centre badly needs the return of all day free parking. Parking spaces need to be wider than the existing strategy

We need to ensure that all vehicle owners can park freely without hindrance.

The Bury Street Car park in Stowmarket has now become a commuter car park, no longer available to shoppers. I tried to park on numerous days in the week at 9.30, and the car park is full.

East Bergholt parking is very dangerous and an accident waiting to happen in the Main Street and near Oranges and Lemons it is only a matter of time before there is a serious incident

Parking in Bildeston is very limited. I always have to trust to providence that I'll be able to park when I get back whenever I have to go somewhere in the car. My house, like so many, has no vehicular access.

New houses never have more than two spaces and it is just not enough these days

On street parking is only acceptable if it does not interfere with the traffic flow and is not dangerous to other road users. How can you aspire to create parking spaces, stimulate tourism and visitors to the town on the one hand and then plan to dig up an existing car park on the other. The Corks Lane car park would provide valuable room for coaches and visitors to the fledgeling art centre at the Hadleigh Old School. The first error was to increase long term parking charges. Many commuters found on street parking instead and the whole face of Hadleigh changed from that time on. At the same time there were empty spaces in the long term car park. Many who commute to Ipswich are not the highest paid employees so the least able to afford the increases.

Why are the County Council to become responsible for parking provision? They are a step removed and remote from our community. Make sufficient spaces available and let well alone. Policing things is a recipe for extra rancour and disquiet.

No point in building houses without sufficient parking - 3 paces per house



there is a need for more parking spaces on Clench rd at the bottom of the road, turn one-third of the green into residents' parking so that the children can play on the green without damaging the cars. Currently, there are 5 cars parked on the green, how about some bollards to stop this.

All new developments should have minimum of 2 spaces per dwelling

High Street parking - the Post Office relocated to the current small Co-Op site eliminating congestion by mail deliveries, post van loading and the danger to operatives having to cross the High Street in order to do so. Parking at the rear of this site would also facilitate the overnight parking of vans and staff cars when necessary. The access to the Quaker Meeting House and Cemetery could then be added to the historical attractions of Needham. The new Co-Op in Hurstlea Road is set to exacerbate the already impacted parking in the area. No thought was given to the loss of parking used by the complex before development. With the change of Hurstlea Court from Sheltered to Council housing, the demographics have changed and should have been foreseen. More tenants with cars obviously meaning more parking. The same applying for emergency, maintenance, delivery and visitor access. None of this seems to have been taken into consideration at the time and yet it is a necessity when considering such a large development. Car before horse comes to mind. Behind Hurstlea Court is an avenue of Lime trees leading into the High Street, the only remnant of the Victorian house, previously bought and converted into a private school but acquired by Mid Suffolk Council under a Compulsory Purchase Order in the late 1970's. Although the trees are under a Preservation Order, with a bit of thought and little disturbance, parking spaces could be made for tenants without detriment to their aspect and that of the surrounding flats. The remaining Horse Pond was considered when planning was being sought and I am sure that retrospective planning could be sought for the Lime Avenue. Resident permits are a good idea but would be open to abuse and the enforcement would be expensive and divisive. This I know due to the system being used in other areas in which I have had the misfortune to live. The offices then built by the council are now being demolished, even though only 20 years old. Being able to Google the site pre-development it is hard to ignore the fact that it shows a lot of staff parking areas. These areas would have been better utilised for visitor parking, since Needham wants to encourage business and tourism. The site itself could have been better used for the benefit of Needham residents, a Medical Centre being one of pressing importance. A Park and Ride would increase foot fall for the businesses at this end of the village easing the strain on the parking at the Station. Even Public Conveniences at this end of the village would mean that visitors are not wandering around to find them in a portacabin.

A public transport policy should be developed along with a parking strategy with a view to encouraging greater use of public transport to reduce parking need. Develop car parks near bus depots and train stations to encourage park and ride. The continuing development of rural areas with no public transport will make personal transport increasingly necessary. This needs to be addressed.

Whilst the strategy to encourage use of public transport is commendable, far too many high volume housing developments do not allow for the inevitable >1 car/household scenario or provide sufficient visitor parking/spaces sufficient for large delivery vehicles or refuse collection equipment to stop or manoeuvre. This causes blockages or pinch points which are dangerous due to lack of visibility and creates bad feeling within the neighbourhoods where they occur. This is wholly avoidable and yet time after time, such badly designed plans are rubber stamped as complying with highways standards and the lived experience of residents is ignored or deemed to not be a material consideration.

Bourne Hill is dubbed as a Park and Ride area where cars park and then go off to work/play or whatever takes them away. At times my drive way is blocked by parents dropping off children to another car. This hinders my incoming and outgoing

We have seen many developments in the village yet all homes seem to have the limit of 1 or 2 parking spaces and very few if any visitor spaces. The developers build housing up to 5 bedrooms yet provide inadequate parking, this then spills onto the local roads having a knock on effect. The same for businesses. BMSDC planning pass applications for developments whether housing or business but pay no attention to the impact of the local community when more vehicles than spaces are available. You can't blame the residents, the issue falls solely on the shoulders of the planning teams.

There are 2 different problems in our village. Firstly, the village is a key village with the Dr's surgery, Co-op, post office, pub and schools. This brings a lot of visitors to the village throughout the day, and there is not enough parking for all those visitors, and the road is not wide enough into the centre of the village. Particularly when you get residents parking on the road. Additionally, at school pick-up and drop-off times, there is no on-site school parking available, so we get parents/guardians flooding the side roads. This not only causes traffic issues for residents, but also causes a safety concern for the number of children and people in the road, especially when everyone is always in a hurry.

Too many new houses are being built in this what was a quaint village, we have more houses now than the village amenities can cope with, there is no where near enough parking and the 1hr restriction to the high street has affected the village, residents and visitors majorly.

the work on the strategy so far has identified that Eye has the most parking stress of all the main towns in the two Districts. It is essential, if the Strategy is to have any worth, that the District Council prioritises providing additional capacity in Eye.

High Street parking in Needham Market needs to be a minimum of 2 hours not the current one hour to allow time for people to use the independent shops and services available and keep our high street alive. People need time to attend weddings and funerals as there is insufficient parking for the churches we have. Illegal parking on differently surfaced areas near junctions on the High Street near junctions such as Barretts Lane which are also marked with double yellow lines need to be enforced as vans park on these areas thus blocking all visibility when trying to pull out onto the B1113 (Needham High Street).

Councils need to consider disabled people who can also live in these developments, who often need private vehicle access, same with visitors.

Any strategy ought to ensure that car parking is provided within the right places particularly for those members of the community who have less mobility. For example on street car parking - with adequate time constraints - to enable residents to access local services. This particularly where other parking is provided but at some distance from shops, services etc. Parking on High Street in Needham Market is only 1 hour, public car park is a bit of a walk from high street, a 2 hour time slot for on street parking might be of more benefit to local shops.

A shoppers car park is desperately needed in Needham market. You have taken away the large free car park to build houses now you need to provide a new one! There will be no shops and businesses left on our high street if nothing is done. One hour parking on the high street is ridiculous!

All the developments being thrown up everywhere do not allow sufficient green space or parking space. They're out of sate environmentally and sustainably

Housing developments are approved with insufficient parking spaces based on spurious lies which state nearly all residents will walk/bike everywhere. Furthermore the militant parking enforcement in Stowmarket has become a joke, especially the removal of several on-street spaces and the employment of West Suffolk council parking wardens by Suffolk County Council. God knows why our taxes are paying for wardens to walk about on bank holidays and even Sundays which ultimately prevents people from popping into small businesses.

Ratio of parking spaces per dwelling is woefully inadequate. Whilst rekoning on people using public transport therefore will not need a car is insane. OK global warming/inflation etc etc may well change that, that will take very many more years yet [if ever] + in the meantime we will have gridlock time + time again, not to mention difficulties in getting emergency vehicles through all the parked cars!!

To shop in Needham Market and support local shops is nearly impossible. I wanted to take mr granddaughter to the ceramic painting cafe in the High Street and the car park off the high street was full, the one behind the old council offices was full and in the high street you are limited time wise which would not have been long enough. I ended up parking in a residential area and walking to the high street which isn't great for the residents.

The problem with on-street parking is that drivers seem to think that they have a right to mount the kerb and block and pavement. If vehicles park on the street and effectively cause a road narrowing, this should be acceptable. Drivers should be prohibited from parking on the pavement.

Hadleigh, has a very high concentration of historically significant and listed buildings, many of which are private residences. The downside to these beautiful buildings, built long before cars were invented, is that on-street parking is inevitable for a large number of residents. Yet Babergh does not provide the option to purchase a residents parking permit. The up shot of this is that visitors to the town are able to freely park in spaces which are desperately needed by residents. This is particularly bad on Queen Street and Church Street, which are primarily residential but which have no parking restrictions, thereby meaning that residents often cannot park when they need to, and a great number of vehicles turn-around in these no through roads, which is causing damage to the original flag stone and cobbled surfaces. This is a conservation area, and most of the buildings are listed. Residents are expected to respect this and to maintain their homes to a certain standard as a result, but the council sees fit to fill in the inevitable pot holes with tarmac and create traffic in this area. A simple solution would be parking permits for residents and more free car park spaces for visitors elsewhere. The permits would generate revenue, and the streets would need to be repaired less often. A previous argument against permits was that there were no parking enforcement officers to enforce them, but there are now, so this no longer stands as a valid reason.

It's a nightmare to park where we live and it's only going to get worse

It is difficult to get a car park space where we live in George Street . People working in the town park in the street to avoid car park charges in Magdalen road . Also people park illegally on single lines during the day , often blocking residents drives & even their front doors .

On-Street - Clopton Gardens at the top is very narrow - difficulty for access for emergency vehicles Strong views on NOT developing Corks lane & for it to remain as available parking for the town

None of the housing development sites provide enough parking, streets are all full of cars leaving nowhere else to park. You can't have guests round as no parking. I work in the community and find it a nightmare having to park, wasting petrol damaging the environment and money trying to find somewhere

The problem we have in the village I live in Raydon is the grass verges which align the pavements. There is a considerable amount of traffic parking on the grass verges which causes danger due to excessive speeding traffic..

Lots of traffic on current roads parked, makes hard for residents to be able to get in drives at times!

On Street parking is ridiculous. it is dangerous.

There should be rules on people parking outside other peoples houses. There also should be enforcement on people parking on grass verges and near junctions.

It's pointless allowing new developments with one parking space as most households have at least two cars

No where near enough parking for customers to attend shops most drive round then disappear this will effectively close businesses in the long run even if there is a car park where u can park for an hour which is ample time to go round eye and do your shop.

Particularly housing developments. The roads of these developments should also be wide enough to support parking for residents and visitors.

BDC development of the Corks Lane car park for housing is ridiculous, it should remain as free parking

All new parking sites should include EV charging provision, with some rapid charging sites included. Consideration for free parking within market town centres, even if just for an hour. E.g. Thetford and Diss in Norfolk offer free parking which means you can just dip in to visit local shops or just stop for 5 mins to goto the bakers etc. By charging for parking we actively avoid going to smaller more local towns and typically would choose to goto Bury St Edmunds instead.

All of these are site specific. Not sure about capacity, but that may need to be seen in the context of demand peaks and thinking about how to manage demand (timing and absolute volume), rather than add more supply, though some more supply may be needed. On road, again is site specific. In general, new development should be car limiting: electric charging points for a limited number of cars, but provision of good integrated public transport links and things like affordable car club availability

Introducing 30minutes free parking to stimulate local businesses

These days householders have at least 2 cars. Developers do not build garages big enough to house family sized cars

Potential Development sites must also make adequate provision for motorcycles and EVs, including motorcycles.

Stupid developments such as the proposed retirement flats on Belle Vue Park in Sudbury have had plans submitted with only 14 parking spaces for 42 dwellings. This goes against Babergh's own current parking policy. This will have a massive negative effect on those who live locally who are already struggling to park nearby to their own houses as the influx of visitors and new residents will only caus more congestion to a ongoing and increasingly worsening problem.

Every development needs to take account of the fact that most adults living in a property will have a car, apart from retirement properties where a couple may have one between them.

New build developments should be made to have enough off street parking for the potential number of grown ups living in a property! The spaces/ driveways need to be the actual length of a standard vehicle! And a garage should not count as a space as no one seems to use them! The council needs to stand up to the developers and act in the interests of the people!

Needham Market definitely needs more parking. Stowmarket needs free 30 mins parking for popping into town or the bank.

And mid Suffolk council have caused the issue through its on actions in the past - why let developers build on a public car park but not then offer one up in its return.

Developments should have central parking areas so residential roads in the development can be kept car free. The central car parks should have enough EV chargers for each residents use to encourage take up of electric vehicles.

Old council office car park in Hadleigh would make an ideal additional handy car park BUT councillors would rather have it built on even though it is in a flood plane! Need for another site to accommodate new local housing residents coming into town and also extra residents from new builds in surrounding villages.

Parking in High streets should be free!!!!

All the car parks in Stowmarket always have spaces. The Regal can get busy but you expect that for a cinema but the Milton Road car park is very close. Perhaps some signage to other close car parks would work.

There isn't enough parking for people to visit the high street, or residents. A lot of residents don't have parking with their homes and need free road parking. New homes don't have enough parking space.

These are very broad statements, that are too generalised. e.g. "There is more demand for parking than there are spaces available in the car parks" - where does this apply? The whole of Babergh and Mid Suffolk? My local area? The question is not clear.

The strategy needs to cover all the above points, but in an existing area such as Debenham, the infrastructure is already in place and cannot be changed. The current situation where people want/demand to park outside where they are going is a major problem. Walking it seems is an issue unless it is less than 10 yards!

Drop Kerbs should be done in house by SCC all under one service from planning to completion. I would pay more than the going rate for hassle free.

If Sudbury continues to expand housing there is going to be overwhelming need for car parking in and around town centre. May be park and ride could be looked at? The Chilton Industrial Estate near to Sudbury Health Centre or the Melford Road end of Bye Pass? The traffic situation in Sudbury is a nightmare and it's about time the Council did something about it.

Needham Market has capacity on paper but the town has not dredged with the new car park on Barrett lane/Hustlea Road. It needs better signage and needs the wall height reduced so that it feels safer from the inside and the town can see that there are always spaces. With regard to on street parking, for the sake of the shops parking times need to be restricted so the residents and commuters don't block them up. But 1hr restrictions are too short!! In that time you cannot get your hair done or eat lunch. CHANGE to 2 hours Now!

Parking is for one hour only on the streets and the traffic wardens patrol and fine people every day. It is almost impossible to park in the station car park as it is usually full and the shopper's car park is for two hours only. This means that business/shop owners have nowhere to park. Any businesses such as hairdressers/beauty salons have to check that their clients have not parked on the one hour only areas as, if they are coming for more than an hour they will in all likelihood receive a car parking fine. It also means that people coming to the village are unable to browse/go for coffee or lunch etc as there is not time. This is killing the trade stone dead.

On street parking should only be allowed if the road is wide enough. A good example of where it should NOT be allowed is The Street in Holbrook Village.

A minimum of 2 parking spaces per dwelling should be the starting point for considered appropriate car parking in all new building developments

When there is insufficient longer term parking e.g. station car park then people will use other areas such as Station Yard which then has a knock on effect on those visiting short term for the dentists or local shops. Also, I have become aware that residents use the high street for longer term parking with an informal group advising when Traffic Wardens are in the area. This again impacts on those who want to make briefer visits especially to the Post Office. I have found that when the wardens are active it is much easier to park in the High Street. This is particularly an issue for less mobile visitors who may not have blue badges but who would find it difficult to walk round from the car parks.

New developments should strive to encourage electric car usage

There is a distinct lack of parking in Needham. With an abundance of amazing independent shops and eateries, the over zealous parking attendants and 1 hour parking limit are just a recipe for decreasing footfall throughout the time. Very short sighted.

Houses being built with inadequate parking spaces, in an area with footpaths which you cannot even fit a wheelchair or pushchair down. Car park has been built on, the old council offices will become houses, most people wanted it turned into a health centre as there is plenty of parking, taking the stress of finding a parking place for the dentist or doctors away.

On street parking for elderly, disabled and very short stay visits

Increasing housing provision means more cars. Roads are no longer wide enough. Parking on pavements, yellow lines and areas where no parking is allowed is increasing as is parking of lorries and trucks and large vans in residential roads. For safety this needs review. Cedars Park is an area where there are insufficient parking spaces to meet the residents needs. Families grow up, kids get cars. If you build family homes there is little point in providing just one parking space.

Increase the time allowed for on street parking to 2 hours.

Needham Market is desperate for more free parking... our car park has been built on and the high street is now being ticketed with too short a time limit!! the Lakes car park is of no value for the town, too far away.... High street parking could be divided between short stay half an hour and 2/3 hr parking or the town will die.... Shops cafes etc can not function when the last remaining free car parking is built on leaving only 11 spaces for the town... workers and shoppers alike!! Please Help Needham xxx

Lavenham like much of the district is based on a medieval street pattern, with restricted off street parking availability. Various customer users exist. This will generate conflict and a matrix needs to be developed as to priorities. Part of this matrix will involve restricting parking by vehicle type, user type and time. Further some user types, such as business and shop owners/operators should be parked away from their premises in designated car parking away from the centre of the village. 10 years ago Hall Road was only used by short term shoppers, today it is full with workers - the butchers alone account for 6 vehicles. Business need to be surveyed and views sought as to the distance they consider is appropriate to park away from their premises. Some residents enjoy off street parking which they do not use. On-street parking may need to be restricted to a single vehicle per household to include holiday lets and second homers - further parking being available in a designated car park.

Recognising that parking needs to be approached on a district wide basis. IT must be researched within future growth targets for new housing and Eye will experience very considerable growth in the area and this has been recognised in its adopted Neighbourhood Plan

The gospel church (now closed) has an inroad parking place in front of it. It is directly across a narrow road from an alley way proving private off road parking for four households. It is impossible to get in and out if anything much bigger than a mini is parked there. Residents are in effect trying to creep out on to what is in effect a one lane road completely blind do safety is an issue as well. There is a driveway next to the church which is also boxed in by this parking place.

High street parking should be longer then 1 hour

It is crazy how little spaces there are in the car parks especially in Stowmarket. In Needham Market our car park was removed in order for land to be sold so there is none. On street parking needs to stop having limits. New builds need to ensure each property has off road parking suitable for at least 2 vehicles

When the new co-op opens shortly there is some car parking but we feel that people will still need other car park spaces. Also three new housing estates two complete one in the planning close to the town center with very little car parking.

I have never had a problem finding parking in either Stowmarket or Needham Market. I do struggle to find parking in Debenham as the CAR Park seems to be mainly used by Residents.

Eye Town Centre car parks are "blocked" by all-day parking vehicles leaving no spaces for visiting shoppers from out-lying villages who need to visit shops for a short visit.

Eye parking is extremely difficult for when I have to visit our charity's office and shop. Stowmarket is ok when visiting our e- bay hub.

Apart from morning peak parking times, there is generally enough car parks and spaces in Sudbury and Hadleigh. Villages such as Lavenham do suffer from a shortage of spaces mainly due to tourism. Long Melford is mainly on street parking with a public car park about 100 meters from the main village street. People are reluctant to walk that distance and search for spaces on the Main Street.

Thorndon Village Hall(High Street) and Thorndon school (The Street)do not have enough car parkings, hence many cars illegally park on the single track lane(High Street) , and very narrow lane (The Street) By parking on the street, this put other walkers and cyclist in danger, as well as local residents if there are emergency, like Fire, Fire engine will have problem accessing. There are no parking restriction but Highway code states it would be illegal if parkings put others life in danger.

But developments should only be in areas suitable for further housing

New estates are being built but do not have enough parking for the people living in them causing horrendous parking problems on street. Cedars park is a prime example of this in stowmarket and the newer estates being built are just the same. They are fine while only a few people live there but when it's up to capacity and everyone moves in it becomes dangerous and impossible to manoeuvre.



I strongly oppose parking on pavements in Lavenham which makes them narrower. Pedestrians' should be the first priority. I strongly oppose day long/night long parking in front of our exquisite Guildhall in the Market Place. Those who work in local businesses should not park there. There is a car park in Prentice Street and the new Gas Works Car Park This is a focal point of Lavenham which local residents and tourists should be able to enjoy without the ugliness of parked cars.

More parking spaces could be provided in the form of residences parking area or more space on each road to allow for larger vehicles such as waste services

The Main Street has a lot of residents requiring parking and shopkeepers and visitors all requiring car parking. As this place was built when cars were not invented and spaces not needed we need some leeway. As a resident on the high street I believe pay and display would be a sensible way forward for everyone. 1 hour 2 hour or all day

LAVENHAM Meadow Lane and Spring Street are examples of previous developments which didn't incorporate sufficient parking. On the other hand, if fuel prices stay high, car ownership may stagnate and decline.

Extend the length of time allowed in the high street as it's hard for clients to park nearby when coming for long treatments

Due to inconsiderate parking by visitors I cannot get my car out of my garage. My husband is disabled and this is very disruptive

The parking issue in Lavenham is pretty atrocious, and made more problematic by the volume of tourists that visit.

Where flats are to be built there has to be at least 2 spaces per flat allocated & visitors spaces

There should also be a caveat in the property deeds that there is a maximum of 2 cars per dwelling for new builds, especially the ones where they shoehorn multiple properties into the space previously taken by one or two buildings.

Sudbury needs more disabled  parking around the town.

In Debenham the Parish Council are proposing to put parking over a green area, burial site. There is much more appropriate areas like near the recreation ground. We own a motorhome and there is very reduced availability of parking due to unnecessary height barriers everywhere. We should be encouraging tourism not preventing it. More money could be encouraged into our economy by looking at parking for all types of vehicle.

Any development should ensure off street parking is sufficient for the size of the property

Demand/availability is dependent on location - Sudbury is well served but Lavenham obviously struggles for parking (although impact of new car park remains to be seen) On street parking regulations need to be context dependent. There are places in Lavenham where a ban or increased double yellows/enforcement would be a help, but likewise residents shouldn't feel unable to park! Eg the recent open gardens event drew more visitors than the village could handle, and cars were abandoned on Bears Lane, which is too narrow to be parked on.

These businesses and shops are part of the community so I feel that they should supply parking for staff and the public which are using their services

The yellow lines on one side are out dated since the Gipping by pass was opened

We have lots of cars parking in our close and at times we come home and have nowhere to park

so that the shops can thrive there NEEDS to be parking and apart from some very short stay there just isn't any in the village

Think in some roads parking permits maybe a good idea

There are nowhere near enough Disabled parking spaces.

I feel that, in Sudbury Suffolk specifically, a multi story carpark would really help the issues we have. Also more specific parking for actual residents with permits to park there and fines if you don't have the permit.

Spaces left between buildings for residents to access their properties should be larger as cars parked in the road often partially block these and cause residents problems.

Needham Market high street parking needs to increase to 2 hours plus. At present, 1 hour doesn't allow enough time to look around the local business shops on the high street or have any food. Trying to keep these shops open is so important so it doesn't become a ghost town

If a resident is not entitled enough to own a property with off road parking, then they should be allocated a free place to park on the road very near to their property.

CORKS LANE DEVELOPMENT HAS NO CURRENT PLANS TO PREVENT NEW RESIDENTS PARKING ON BRIDGE STREET ON THE NORTHBOUND SIDE OF THE ROAD. FAILURE TO DO THIS WILL MEAN BRIDGE STREET BECOMES AS PROBLEMATIC AS BENTON STREET OR ANGEL STREET FOR THROUGH TRAFFIC, BUSES AND LORRIES. AS A DOORWAY IS ON BRIDGE STREET PEOPLE WILL CHOOSE TO PARK AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO THEIR PROPERTY DESPITE HAVING A DESIGNATED SPACE ROUND THE BACK.

Time that Babergh made developers support the infrastructure of towns. I'm well aware of sweetheart deals Babergh did with Persimmon regarding the industrial units on their Lady Lane development - where the tax payer ended up taking responsibility for industrial units , whilst Persimmon profited from the residential housing.

The over zealous implementation of parking enforcement without a solution to provide alternative parking has made life difficult and expensive for residents and visitors.

Sort out the parking in these new developments! It doesn't help when a family has several cars and all want to park out the front, what about everyone else, it just causes friction. There has been a car outside my drive way for almost three months and nothing has changed, even the binmen left a notice on it because it was in their way!

It would be more beneficial to try and reduce the need for car travel, and in doing so reduce the stress on car parking. Currently, with bus route cuts, train cuts and other public transport degradation people are forced to use cars for small journeys. Needham market has parking along the high street & train station, although adding things like appropriate cycle paths and traffic lights for pedestrian crossings would make it far easier to independently reach the towns amenities. It's all very well increasing the budget for cars, but the money may be better spent improving the quality of life for residents by reducing the need to use cars for short journeys. Especially with the rising cost of fuel.

Hadleigh is a small town with small business who feel it is vital to have on street parking to encourage outlying villages to use our facilities so the town centre does not die. Many elderly residents need to park very near shops as they are unable to carry goods and some younger people have disabilities not noted as such and cannot carry shopping therefore disability parking does not serve these residents (myself included). Free parking for 3 hours will attract people to come into Hadleigh and use the restaurants etc., whereas the proposed 1 hour is only suitable for residents of the area. A thriving town not only supplies retail capacity but also local jobs, parking works well and in my view there is no need to change the current arrangements. I also go to Sudbury a few times a year and would not do so if I had to pay parking. Bury St Edmunds has recently increased the cost of parking and again I travel there for shopping a few times a year. I am able to park in Chelmsford for free within a mile of the town centre so changes could send me back to Essex which is not something I want to do.

What clever idiot thought it would be a good idea to build a Primary School, now age extended for the children, at the end of Danescourt Avenue, Stowmarket? Parents were meant to park at Illiffe Way Car park and walk up to the School. Result Danescourt Avenue is in chaos twice a day. Cars with parents and school children park both sides of Danescourt, also over our driveways and on the corner of Viking road making turning cars difficult. The School Head is contacted but nothing changes. Parking wardens arrive occasionally to watch, standing in the open, so for once parents park more sensibly. When middle and primary schools joined one might of thought that the large middle School near the recreation ground would be used but no, that was shut, more portacabins squeezed onto Abbots hall site to take the extra kids. Middle school converted to housing for money!!!! Result even more congestion in Danescourt Avenue but I doubt any Council leaders live on this road so your happy with the mess you have created. Thank you so much. Steve Cole.

The town has deloveped so much in recent years with new housing estates. Having limited car parking does not encourage new families to Hadleigh to use local shops l'd they can't park.

If possible keep the car park that you now have.

I have never had an issue with trying to park when visiting a shop in the high street when I am alone. When I am with my young children I often struggle to find appropriate parent and child parking, I agree it is unacceptable to park in a disabled space when you do not require it however in my opinion it is becoming a norm where it is acceptable for people to occupy parent and child spaces when they clearly have no need for it. Property Developers should be held to account for the parking they provide, it is unacceptable to assume a home will be purchased by a non driver, the average family has 2 cars, yet developers often only provide 2 spaces when purchasing a larger house (4 bed or more), this means that a family buying a 3 bed or less is forced to use a single space for 2 cars, they end up parking on the road, a road which is barely wide enough for 2 cars then times this by the amount of cars in said road means you often find yourself with a free ticket to the local maze whilst trying to navigate the street. Business owners that have car parks, mainly Morrisons/QD need to look at their parking allocation, they re zoned normal spaces for disabled resulting in way to many disabled spaces. Parent and child is limited to circa 6 spaces, it's fairly naive for Morrisons to think there would be only a max of 6 parents with young children shopping at peak times compared to circa 20 disabled people.

Current Lavenham car parks provided should be used and residents deterred from on street parking outside their front doors and businesses. It shames our village that the beautiful and unique Market place is designated a car park and that there is uproar against the PC when they raise the question of moving some cars. We should not give in to mob rule. Conservation area Streets and Market Place should be cleared of parking other than for disabled spaces, Residents and tourists alike should be encouraged to walk from existing car parks (which are free of charge). It is not acceptable to treat this medieval village as one huge free car park.

Most households now need parking for at least two cars, this is in addition to a garage - people no longer use garages for cars and this needs to be considered. It is not the council it is the developers at fault who do not consider where people can park. People who live alone Phoenix way park their cars in Guillemot Close, often the refuse collectors can't get past, let's hope there isn't a fire... Also as people park both sides of the street they park on the path so pedestrians have to walk in the road to get by. Phoenix way is now impossible going and returning from work when driving, sometimes you wait for a long time allowing all the cars pass as they zoom down Phoenix way towards the roundabout.

There would not need to be a huge demand for car parking if more public transportation options were available, or more secure cycle parking. Parking is sometimes used by local residents to run errands or leisure activities locally, which could be achieved by bus or cycle if they were feasible, affordable and secure options. Bike theft is a big deterrent at least in Stowmarket

#### Needham Market

All new developments should support a minimum standard of two off road spaces per house, with additional visitors parking. The space should not be a garage which the majority do not use for car parking. This would help to reduce the issues caused with for example the bin lorry not being able to reach houses due to parked cars- which presumably would be a similar issue if there was a fire engine!!!

Parking in the high street is limited to one hour and is rigorously enforced by parking wardens which is having a negative impact for independent traders in the town and prevents visitors from enjoying the opportunity to fully benefit from all that the town has to offer. The carparks - station yard and near jubilee crescent are always at capacity and there are limited options to park elsewhere now that the long stay carpark has been built on. For local residents on street parking is becoming increasingly scarce as the population grows and leads to inappropriate parking and disagreements occurring among neighbours.

On street parking in centre High street should be timed for non residents. Little St Marys is not so much a problem as on the whole traffic fills up for vet and hairdresser but after appointments they leave. I sometimes can't park outside my home but in the evening it is not a problem.

Developers, both housing and commercial, must provide adequate parking. Housing developments do not have enough parking spaces for the amount of cars in modern households and commercial properties often skimp on parking for their employees which causes them to park on nearby streets.

Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only

The old council car park , town side of the bridge is a perfect place to provide additional parking close to the High Street

Developments in Stowmarket are very poorly thought out. We all know most families have multiple vehicles. Garages too small for people who drive big cars (not me). Yellow lines not consistent and therefore people park on bends and corners. No visitor spaces. Need I go on?

If the car park at Hurstlea Road had been left instead of being built on there wouldn't be a problem. Now parking wardens are stopping high street parking there is no where, other than station yard, which is impossible to park as commuters use. The little car park behind what was Barcleys is now used by people living near as they have nowhere else to park

When developers draw up new housing developments they must improve the number of car parking spaces for visitors and residents. Work on the assumption ghat every household needs 2 car parking spaces + visitors and residents car parking should have easy access to electric charging points.

Preference for off street parking

Dropping kerbs should be more affordable and make it easier to charge electric cars

Bearing in mind most families have at least two cars, any new build should have parking for 2 reasonably sized vehicles and electric charging points.

New housing estates to include proper provisions for two cars per household with off road parking No more housing estates such as the Tesco monstrosity estate in Stowmarket

As a resident of School Street and living close to the development of the new houses. I am lead to believe double yellows will be put in place along this road. I have already expressed my views to Highways Dept as this will make a clear straight road if double yellows are put there. Thus causing cars to travel even faster along School Street than they already do!! An accident waiting to happen. Also several of the older properties do not have the luxury of off road parking and rely on road parking.

For as long as public transport is a continuing disaster in this town, and that no-one in local government has the remotest interest in dealing with it, parking demand will continue to outstrip provision. A regular and affordable bus service for the estates surrounding the town centre and linking with it and the rail station is the minimum requirement to persuade people to leave their cars at home

In Needham high st we can only park for 1 hour and I have to take my car as I live too far to walk. This restricts me so I find myself going to the supermarket instead of our local shops due to not wanting a parking fine - Even if I go to the hairdressers, I'm watching the clock

All new builds should be given two allocated parking spaces - as most owners have two cars. It should not be based on a "bedroom" ratio, as in previous years.

However, appropriate might mean cycle parking or electric charging points depending on the type of property, location, connectivity to public transport etc.

Also commercial vans, caravans and mobile homes should not be parked on public highway on any residential estates

On my street we got big notice up saying there a parking fine if park here , it for residents only . The council could make so much money if they did what the board says. It hard for the residents to park here so many leave there cars to go into town etc

Give everyone a drive way if possible would help where I live

In Sudbury, there appears to be enough spaces in town centre car park sites for visitors, but there is not enough street parking for local residents. Living near the town centre I find I often have to park several streets away

I think new builds should be including at least 2 allocated parking spaces per household

Short term on street parking in small towns brings folk in, as small towns cannot provide a one stop shopping location, short term free town centre parking enables us to visit "that one or two local shops" that we need. Paid long term parking in these circumstances make us switch on the computer as and order online as the delivery price is less they parking fees and fuel. Increasing the footfall if s town increases its vibrancy and more folks want to go!

We get so many people park in theobald close who work on the high street. There's no room for residents to park their cars

Parking is very important for when people switch to electric cars off street it much safer. Would be good if garages were not included in minimum spaces for developments.

The appeal of many smaller towns (hadleigh, needham, stowmarket) is the ability to use on-street parking directly in front of shops. This encourages the use of nipping in to local shops, when there is not time go park further away. Many modern development sites do not have appropriate parking, which discourages visiting friends and visiting shops.

It should be considered essential that all development sites provide much more parking than currently. It seems on most new build site only about 50% of the required parking is actually provided.

I would like to see frequent and regular buses going around the housing estates to the town centre, station and health centres. That would mean that fewer cars are required.

There needs to be a policy of providing a minimum of 2 car spaces per dwelling, not including the garage as this us used for storage. Where a premises expects patrons (shoppers, users of the facility) they need to provide adequate parking .

Where MSDC have passed planning applications which local councils recommended refusal for, on the grounds of resulting parking issues, MSDC should practically and financially assist in providing alternative parking. This should be especially so when the development removes a car park entirely.

Proposed new development of old Babergh HQ will seriously reduce the current parking provision on the north side of the town. How is this to be remedied?

There is a need for more parking on residential developments as they are becoming constricted with on street parking. In addition, it appears that a recent change has resulted in Babergh County council vehicles being taken home by workers and parked on residential streets, Some are very large, such as the very wide truck parked on the side street off `highlands Road causing a very bad obstruction as it is close to.a junction. I presume this is because councils have closed car parks for council vehicles but this has caused more issues for residents.

For the towns growth with more houses there needs to be more car parking to visit . With the council car park gone there is limited space now for everyone to park . What makes our town unique is all the independent shops but lack of parking is a big problem especially for those that come to work within the town and also it is detracting people from visiting .

The demand and availability of parking varies across the council. Better organisation of on street parking at locations, such as Long Melford, would improve matters.

Narrow streets should not be clogged up with parked vehicles. This is a particular problem in the medieval centres of, for example, Hadleigh and Lavenham.

There is also a need to stop parking on pavements in residential streets

Stowmarket High Street would benefit greatly from more easy on street short stay parking. It is a pain that you have to park in a carpark when you just need to pop in to collect a prescription / visit post office or pharmacy.

As far as Sudbury is concerned there is generally quite adequate amount of spaces available for parking. Has anyone been to Oxford lately? The problems are largely a matter of perception and the desire of people to park exactly next to where they intend to visit. If you are prepared to walk for 10 minutes into town it is very unusual not to be able to find a park. With a rapidly increasing local population this may be changing. I have never not been able to find a parking space at all.

How about a parking charge reduction for those that work in the town - after all parking fees is what this is about

**Comments for Question 7 - Quality of council-owned car parks Theme**

Depends what you'll do with 'safety' not more cameras. If you spy, you have duty of care to protect, despite what the notices say

Can't read the instructions on ram meadow machines and RingGo wasn't working today

Machines in Stowmarket have already been upgraded, so assume looking at upgrades for older estate.

What about park and ride? Iwd not have any further car parks in towns like Ipswich, reopen the Goddard Road park and ride. It was well used. The fault was in running large buses empty or half full all day when not required. Why not use mini buses between peak hours, or electric

Pay to park in Sudbury will be the final nail in its coffin

You obviously need to make sure that the Pay & Display machines are in good working order and instructions are clear and concise. Things need to be kept simple. We have an aging population in Babergh and this has to be recognised to keep our towns of Sudbury and Hadleigh vibrant and welcome to all.

Ensure all machines have contactless payment options that are simple to use.

E.g. The signage for Street Parking is Friars St is inadequate, distance between restriction signs too great..

Free parking for 2 hours

Don't try to make carparks that you add 'safer' or more 'presentable' then pass the cost onto the user.

As part of strategy payment should accommodate bus fare.

Improve bay markings and lines, any landscaping is a waste of money as that around the swimming pool shows, it has not been maintained since planting and is now a weed jungle!

free parking full high street [arking fees dead highstreet

Modern pay and display machines can be complicated for the elderly.

Parking is free in Needham Market

So many people arrive at the pay machines and haven't a clue what on earth they must do. At the Wilko car park Bury St Edmund's absolutely hopeless. The notice is far too small print to read.

Definitely want new park and display machines

I fully support the above after the council let me down with a claim for damage caused to my car due to poor maintenance in Girling st car park.

Retain pay and display using coins, not card or phone.

Already recently upgraded

Needham Market has no pay & display car parks or meters & that is how it should remain - businesses in our high street are already suffering since the loss of MSDC offices & Barclays Bank

If you made it free then you wouldn't need to do this

Parking should be free to encourage people to visit the town and use the shops NOT PUT PEOPLE OFF COMING. The shops pay rates and the residents pay rates to cover these so called " parking costs". We are not a limitless bank account of funds to local councils who are charging exorbitant amounts for limited services.

Kingfisher car park could look so much nicer than it currently does. Please look at French or Dutch car parks and see what they do. Trees are so so important for aesthetics and also making sure the town is green. If you have trees (including the town centre) it'll be an incredible improvement on the town and make sure Sudbury is offering green credentials.



The current system works fine for the people of sudbury and it's visitors. Aim increase in rates across the whole sudbury area would generate any adding funding you require.
I use the app as the pay stations were rubbish
Half the time they don't work
They have already recently been upgraded
Parking bay sizes seem to be geared to cars from the 60s and not taking into account the increase in width of modern cars making it difficult to to park or open car doors when parked .
Think the signage works just fine as it is and I've never had any issue with ticket machine not working
The North Street pay and display machines are always breaking since the the new machines were installed.
There should not be pay and display at all.
Who needs fancy car parks if it is going to cost to park there ? There is nothing wrong with our car parks at the moment.
Need working machines and 3 hours is perfect for free parking
This probably means us having to pay for parking which would not be good for the shops.
Having to pay to park will be absolutely detrimental to this town
Pay and display machines NEED to be able to take cash , NOT use an app On a phone or online as these are not always available for everyone , not everyone has a mobile phone either
Signage for the car parks in Lavenham would be the first step to take to help improve parking as a whole. The current signage is dated and not upto scratch for what is needed in the current climate. The signs need to be bigger and clearer. I don't think car parks appearance should be a high priority. We need them to function with clear spaces marked out and better use of space not making them look nice. Pay and display.....please don't bring those to Lavenham.
Should be free
Pay and display machines must allow for various means of payment
Keep any changes simple. Better signage to the three car parks that the village now has.
The council should be looking at the most pressing matters and not wasting funds on making a car parks like attractive! In Lavenham that is simply putting signs up to show people where the car parks are. The current signage in Lavenham for the car parks is woeful.
Most council owned car parks in our area seem to be in fairly good shape, they may need a general clean up due to the neglect caused by the last couple of years of COVID.
CONSOLIDATE P&D OPERATORS THROUGHOUT SUFFOLK.
Ability to pay by card without using an app would be helpful

#### Rural areas pay for urban car parks - This is unfair

Too many car parks have replaced pay machines with high tech ones needing a Smart phone. That it would be available as an option is fair enough, but to exclude ordinary people who would pay with cash is an outrage - mostly effectively resulting in ageism, even though age is a protected characteristic by Law. There is no point in a so-called 'upgrade' just for the sake of it - an unnecessary expense; but I notice that the several machines that were out of order for an irritatingly long time in Hadleigh have been replaced with high tech ones. I can't help wondering about the cost of these replacements, but suppose that less techy ones are no longer available. But it is worth bearing in mind that the more sophisticated a machine is, the greater the need for frequent maintenance, and the shorter its life. This is certainly the case with washing machines and I suspect the same is true for parking machines. Sorry if I sound like a technophobe fuddy duddy here - I'm not at all!

The increased width of cars and to a lesser extent length means existing bays are often too small. This results in difficulties parking and exiting vehicles.

Some of the machines are very complicated. Also ALL machines that require payment should still accept coins.

#### NO to Pay and Display

Car parks need to be maintained in a decent condition and easy for non-local drivers to find. They need to be safe and convenient for all potential users. Pay and display machines need to be kept in working order even if on-line payment is possible. My own experience is that payment by phone is often complicated and unnecessarily difficult to use, especially for older folk, not so conversant with mobile phone usage.

Why should we have to pay for parking at the present time when there are barely any decent shops to go to. There is nothing to do in town either.

Signage review sounds like a waste of both time and money. As for safety in car parks, I don't know they are dangerous!!!

All pay and display machines should have the facility to pay by card, with clear and concise instructions that people can easily read. Currently if you are a visitor and try to pay for parking this way it is incredibly hard to figure out how to do so

Probably need to build in more potential for EV charging rapidly.

As they quite often aren't working. However, they still shouldn't be used to make charges, only to regulate parking times.

In general, I find most parking sites well maintained and a safe environment to use

They have just been replaced in Sudbury.

Thought they had ready been modernised.

Our car parks seem fine to me

Not everyone has a smart phone and most like to pay cash

Where is the revenue invested from council parking? Is parking revenue outsourced to companies making profits? Ely offers free parking, surely people should be given a reason to visit Stowmarket and not charged for the pleasure. Paying to park at Asda and B&M is non-sensical, albeit you can get a refund if you use the shop however, why bother charging in the first place? The roads are in a poor state compared to many European roads so where is the money going?

Having many more trees to create shaded areas within the village would be a real asset especially with global warming.

Don't waste money on putting plants in car parks. Just make them safe and effective.

Don't waste money making something look pretty, after all it is just a space to leave your car, you are not staying there. The space these planters etc take up, could be another car parking space. The current machines often are out of service, especially in the meadow centre car park Stowmarket, these need improvement.

Keep parking free! This is majorly important to keep the local businesses viable!

Increase the number of Disabled parking spaces in car park close to Regent Theatre Ipswich, along with someone physically checking that the Blue Badges are genuinely being used for the disabled person. I have seen large vans displaying a badge whilst doing deliveries to businesses.

Girling Street Needs lines redoing fully

So much of the cost to maintain the car parks has come from the maintenance, Upgrades , replacement of these machines. Can't keep spending money on these

Parking passes for residents in local car parks, not all of us can walk into the village. Additionally, it is ridiculous and inappropriate to put electric charging points next to disabled spaces! We need MORE blue badge spaces, electric vehicle users can walk.

Pay and display work fine

Pay machines need to either be upgraded to accept card payments or parking apps. Parking spaces - often too narrow. Younger families quite often have large or 4x4 vehicles which experience problems fitting into spaces. Also regarding the size of parking spaces, quite a few older drivers live in these rural areas. Unfortunately some of these drivers seem to have either difficulty parking within a space or getting out of their vehicles without banging into adjacent vehicles! We have free car parks in Eye and unfortunately some people have decided to use up spaces by leaving a number of vehicles parked for a full day while they car share to somewhere else to work where there is no free parking. The backlash for the locals is that parking is very hard to find, especially on market days. Some local people have a genuine need to park near the shops when they come to Eye and if they shop elsewhere where parking is easier it has an effect on local businesses.

#### Provide electric charging points

let companies own the car parks on their businesses like b and m and asda this is why waitrose did not want to come here because they could not have control of the car park

With the parking machine, make them easier so we all can use them not just the younger generation, make it suitable for all ages, don't leave the older generations behind we don't all have smart phones, I personally hate going into town, because I may not be able to park, just because I haven't a smart phone so it is now stopping me going out.

In Sudbury the use of Pay and Display has a very negative impact upon parents doing the school run. St. Joseph's school for example does not have parking and the nearby Croft is incredibly busy at school times.

If the council wants the population to support local businesses, to enable them to pay business rates, then parking in towns should be free. '@Improve bay lines' ? You're having a laugh. Too many road users can't park straight as it is - the bays need to be bigger to enable the ignorant & inconsiderate not to bother those of us who can drive properly - but that's not going to happen is it - we'd lose even more spaces.

Do away with Pay and Display machines as paying for parking puts people off using the town centers and puts people off moving into the area.

All car parks should be pay on exit, then you would save money on warden patrols checking tickets. Also it would increase town spending as no one is in a rush to leave.

Simplify pay and display by going back to basic ticket machines that take cash, as per Woodbridge

I'm not opposed to paying to park but I do have an issue with it in Sudbury. There is nothing in the town that makes me want to visit. We travel to Bury or Ipswich where there is decent shopping.

Pay & Display machines have been upgraded?

Pay and display machines don't often have card readers on them for contactless, which is my biggest concern.

Card payment should always be available.

Not everyone has a card in which to pay, Cash for most is very difficult to obtain. Had bank accounts scammed last month, unable to pay by card, not enough cash, in bank for over 2 hours, Consequence £100 fine for over staying in car park behind the theatre, ANP taken as I was going out, paid in machine what I had. Complaint is that I was unable to speak to anyone regarding my situation, I paid the £50 but we need to be able to speak to someone.

new street close

Simple non app and cash

Do not like "pay by phone" unless a better/ease,or even working system is developed

Don't agree with parking charges

use extra space for parking

I think they work well as they are so don't see why we need new signs and machines. I think it is more street parking that needs looking at

Provide more blue badge spaces

So what is this ? A survey about parking or a way to raise more revenue from drivers ? If you want people to use the high street, for instance, the parking should be free, same for the Regal, give people 3 hours free parking and then charge them £5 an hour ...

there are a lot of times when the payment machine is out of service, and you have to search for one that works.

Car parks in Hadleigh are good, no need to spend loads on money on them just ensure they continue to be highly maintained.

Make sure the upgraded machines take cash please!

Make the bays wider to accommodate modern car widths and reduce parking charges to encourage people back to the shops

As long as it still allows for cash payments

Keep the machines which take cash, it's important to offer choices

Most of these questions are nonsense. Does anybody want less safety in car parks? Routine assessment of signage clarity, bay markings, suitability of pay machines, etc is standard operations, not part of a strategy!

These views are expressed in the context of my previous comments

paying for parking in a town like Sudbury will destroy the town , people will spend the time and money to go to the nearby out of town retail parks in Colchester or Bury st Edmunds or Ipswich where there is ample free parking

Often not working. What do the elderly or those without mobile phones do then?

Machines should have the facility for a 'less than one hour' parking period

In the Meadow Centre var aptk in Stowmarket it would be really nice to have a pedestrian walk way on BOTH sides of the car park. If you have to park on the side currently without one it can get very dicey pushing your trolley back to your car as you have to do it on the main access road of the car park.

It's not just the parking it's also the safety Gaol lane parking doesn't really have a safe way to walk or use a wheelchair through the car park

You should be able to pay on exit, I don't always know how long I'm going to need, to say, I might decide to say longer due to meeting up with a friend unexpectedly or I might decide to stay longer because I've decided to use one of the cafes or pubs, I might decide I've done with in a short period of time. If difficult to decide if I need an hour or 4 hours at the start of my visit.

The pay & display machines have been updated recently

Please make sure you retain either cash or contactless machines. Constantly changing to apps discourages and excludes some people. Payment should be straight forward, not require a smart phone, and not be difficult for elderly or those with difficulty using buttons, keyboards, etc. Most people have adapted to contact less card payment so this or cash should be easily available in all car parks.

Make spaces sufficiently wide for modern vehicles Need to look at on street parking in residential areas such as Bridge Street where there is insufficient parking

The Ring go app I use in Felixstow works very well

The quality of car parks within the district are adequate.

Only if this would make them contactless otherwise there's no point

Whilst pay and display machines should be upgraded as they are frequently out of order they should still allow cash payment.

If you upgrade the machines you will want to start charging for them. Can you notice a theme going on here? Are BDC untrustworthy? Undoubtedly yes!

I think the car parks are in good order, signage sufficient.

Use the full range of payment methods available such as coins, notes. Contactless and phone App.

Improve the lines that highlight the in and out of the car park on Cross Street or put up proper signage. The number of times I have gone out and met a car coming in the Exit. Can't blame them if there is no clear signs. How there hasn't been an accident on there because of this is just pure luck.

I believe parking should remain free for 3 hours at least

Lavenham does not have pay and display machines

Asda pay & display machines are rarely working properly. You may find one the other side of the car park but always have to walk around trying to find a working machine. It's been like this for years! Please do not implement pay by phone or app only machines. They work intermittently and are useless as we've found in Bury st Edmunds. Pay by card at the machine is good. A lot of older residents prefer to use cash. This option should not be removed.

Parking should be free of charge, no need for machines. All car parks MUST have 50% fast electric car charging points installed.

All machines should have contactless payments, and blue badge parking should ALWAYS be free.

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if they had to start paying to park.

The system in the main car parks in Sudbury seems to work - ie get and display a ticket  
Implementing the "pay" aspect could well provide the death knell for the already struggling town centre

Seems like unnecessary expense if they work. Re next question I don't understand what it means. Season tickets? Cheaper for workers?

There are more pressing problems than landscaping.

Safety - needs to have a good CCTV system covering all car parks in Stowmarket. Make the Pay Machines give us a free ticket for the first two hours at least like in Hadleigh. This would actively encourage people to use the town centre. Footfall is dropping off the cliff and urgent attention is needed.

You upgraded the machines in Sudbury and they still don't work regularly

Ensure that parking bays are bigger to reflect modern vehicle size. Stowmarket Meadow Centre car park ticket machines are a frustrating joke. Only 1 out of 5 working on my last two visits.

Maintain free short term parking and keep the high street alive. The current procedure in Sudbury works, please do not change it.

<p>Bear in mind the elderly will not be able to use car park machines that need an app. Don't waste our c tax money on shrubs and signs etc Very seldom see full car parks in stowmarket. First hour free with a ticket to encourage people to make quick trips into town. Back to Creeting Road. Permit parking to stop train users from parking all day/week</p>
<p>Trees and shrubs may enhance the site but no one will care if the spaces are full.</p>
<p>Upgrading of pay machines has taken away the choice to pay in cash, i have seen many people struggle to use the newer machines, especially the elderly.</p>
<p>please make bays wide enough for us to get in and out of our cars. I do not have children who are not adults but I do have a back issue and trying to shoe horn myself into my car, at times, is incredibly difficult and a risk to my mobility. Thank you</p>
<p>Not really sure why any need changing. They should all accept cash and card payments</p>
<p>BDC parking areas are currently ok. Given the financial pressures I do not think upgrading them is a priority</p>
<p>Public car parks need car charging points. Older properties in villages tend not to have off road parking making ownership of an electric car impractical.</p>
<p>The new pay and display machines are not a good as the old ones, they are much slower which is a particular annoyance when its raining or there is a queue for tickets</p>
<p>In Lavenham we don't have Pay &amp; Display.</p>
<p>Self drive cars will enable car parks to be located outside the housing areas. This will radically change the street landscape.</p>
<p>Strategy should aim to phase out reliance on machines. Digital technology exists for a frictionless approach. This creates better customer experience and enables more dwell time.</p>
<p>Please upgrade so if people need to pay by card they are able to do so</p>
<p>In Needham Market the car park next to Christchurch is always full probably residents of the Jubilee estate using it and we have lost the car park by the old council offices.</p>
<p>You just did this!</p>
<p>Paying for the time parked rather than profiting from an overestimate, or punishing and underestimate would be ideal</p>
<p>There must be a better definition of what an "ongoing car park improvement programme" means</p>
<p>Retain parking with coins at the machines. Do not install app only payment</p>



There should be standardisation of systems used for online payment/apps etc
Add electric car charging points
The ones that are there do need to be maintained to continue to provide the desired service but I think it is a waste of time and resources to change them, just for the sake of upgrading them. Only if they are beyond repair should they be replaced and their parts should be used to repair other existing machines.
Make the parking bays wider to accommodate the large cars of today. The pay and display machines in the Meadow Centre car park, Stowmarket are a joke. Only one working again. Very quick to impose a penalty, but fail abysmally providing a method to pay.
Any tree and shrub planting should be native species.
We don't have car parks nearby, so I have little experience of what they are like.
Let's not use tax payers money on vanity of signage and ticket machines. Replace them when needed - it's car parking not a tourist attraction!
Stowmarket Asda car park ticket machines are always faulty. Need machines that take cash and cards.
Car parks need more parent and child spaces. All car parks need them.
Charge for parking in Sudbury and it will damage commerce, which the town cannot afford!
Remove those where parking is free and ensure that there is contactless payment available everywhere it is not.
Public Car Parks should be functional. Signage should be clear and simple to understand. Car parks are only as safe as the motorists/pedestrians that use them! Obviously 'bay lines' should be clear, any planting should be robust and low maintenance with trees that do not attract aphids that leave 'deposits' on cars. All 'pay and display' machines should nowadays take cards as the number of people carrying cash is dwindling and not everyone has a mobile telephone/device to use.
Look at proving more mother and child spaces
Constantly machines out of order in ilife way car park
Towns need free parking and/or minimal charges with easy to use machines (cash or card). Scrap the need for number plate and mobile app requirements - takes too long and many people can't use them.
Why spend money on painting new lines if it will not increase the number of spaces available. With car sizes constantly changing this can be restrictive to bigger car owners, also smaller cars do not need as much space!

Landscaping and greenery and porous or semi porous surfaces v important to improve ecological impact of the site. Solar panels over parking spaces with charging points good. Green landscaping also psychologically better

Asda car park in Stowmarket

But only if Ringo - can't have parking app bingo

Use a single app across the county. Ringo for example. I like Ringo as I can pay using Apple or Samsung pay meaning I don't need to give bank / card details to a third party. It also has a business and personal part meaning I can keep my business expenses separately within the same app.

Need contactless payment and app support

We do not need pay and display machines, parking should remain free. As it is the existing machines either do not work or do not allow online payment.

Look at using car parks for solar / renewable energy / water reuse (multi story) to then power local amenities / water local parks / green spaces, add more electric charging points.

FREE PARKING MUST CONTINUE.

You've just installed new car park machine in hadleigh

Removing the option for cash payments has the potential to exclude certain people from use

Card payments for ticket machines as well as coins. More trees planted in car plants for shade in summer and to help with biodiversity.

This comes at a cost to the council tax payer. Parking in Stowmarket is shambolic at times, hard to get in and out of places like Asda. The parking bays should be wider, the width is based on an old model from the 1990's when cars were a lots smaller.

I think free parking needs to continue in small market towns as shoppers will go elsewhere if this changes.

For pay and display machines to be cash AND card in all areas as well as Ringo availability where possible

If you're upgrading the Pay and Display machines, please do not make these 'app only.' The elderly have no idea how these work, and if you forget your phone, you have no way of paying. I'm happy to have them as an option, but there needs to be another method of payment available.

Just make them free and get more people visiting and spending money in Stowmarket, rather than pushing them out to Bury or Ipswich. Also, make residents parking free in Bury St Edmunds (I have properties in both and have lived in both). Get your act together or watch all the town centres die.

Make sure all the pay and display machines are always working so you don't have to walk the length of a car park to pay if you don't have the app. Especially in b&m car park.

Please ensure that it continues to be possible to pay by card - relying only on payment by phone in rural areas with poor reception/WiFi is just stupid

The parking in Sudbury only falls milddy short of needs. The signage and layout is cosmetic. The public need to park the cat not admire the scenery. The only reason the Pay and Dispaly question appears here i suggest is the itent to charge for all use of the car parks. This will encourage unlawfull off street parking, in turn causing congestion and increased pollution.

Please sort out he car parking at the Leisure Centre..

Car park bays are set to car widths of the 80's, they need to be wider and probably at an angle to fit more cars in

Would be good to have the option to pay by Ringgo at all sites.

Please include more signage to educate people about the effects of idling engines and the law on having your phone in you hand when behind the wheel even when stationary. The amount of people that do this whilst idling there engine is ridiculous.

The pay machines have recently been replaced !!! The state of the car parks at the kingfisher are disgrace , holes everywhere, it is difficult to find a space without a hole , and these holes can damage your tyres which has happened to some people !,,

If the car park does not have crime or complaints then don't try & fix something that is not broken.

Remove pay and display machines and make car parks free Or use car park attendant with barrier  
Make sure car parks near supermarkets have Drop off and pick up bays

Some car parks when charging don't have machines near disabled bays!

sorry, this question requires a lot of interpretation from the user answering - this isn't plain english at all. where's the intro sentence which give some context and then a question which states ' Please rate your feeling of support for the following actions that babergh and mid suffolk councils could take?'

Free parking encourages people to visit towns. I find few things to attract me to Stowmarket, small parking spaces and ticket machines that don't work make it worse

Keep pay and display machines just make sure they are working. It would be wrong to insist that apps be downloaded, unless there was just one app for every single carpark in the entire country, but even then paying online is inherently dangerous

Need to have a pay by cash option at machines, not just card or online.

Mobile payment works well

Don't waste any money on improving appearance and cosmetic issues. Maintain what is there and provide more long term parking, even if slightly out of town for workers

I avoid council car parks but safety is important.

A small charge should be added to parking to find local parking areas being better kept. More bins, greenery and ev charging points in all car parks

These have all been upgraded in Sudbury already.

Contactless. Or free parking

I consider myself pretty capable, however some of the pay and display machines are far too complicated.

Payment should be made on return so that you are paying for what you use rather than what you expect to use

Not to change so you have to have a smart phone to park

Cash payments should always be an option at car parks. Not everyone has a smart phone, is comfortable with apps or know how to use them and they are disadvantaged if cash payments are not available. MSDC should stop trying to do away with cash payments to save them the cost of dealing with such payments. They are elected to support the community, not themselves.

We need our 3hr free car parking in Hadleigh for local elderly residents your not taking this into consideration it's all very well saying improve !!!! but the tax payer then has to pay for it. There is nothing wrong with the car parks in Hadleigh as they are. You start Charging then you will affect the high street shops, people will go to Morrisons to shop you will affect local trade so stop meddling and leave things as they are it's a old market town.

The ones you have are fine as long as they work

Spending money on car park 'improvements' does not address the fundamental issue of lack of provision. I would rather be able to park than have nice shrubs! Also car park ticket machines are a disgrace - even from the moment the latest ones in Stowmarket were installed they were unreliable and difficult to use. Please do some usability studies before buying even more machines and do not make them even harder to use - having to enter car registrations for example.

Feel keeping 3 hours free parking critical to the towns, we are a tourist destination area but not all such a large footfall. We as residents who live in the district end up paying to visit our local town to shop and meet friends. So I feel paying for parking across the whole district is just a money scheme

We have only 1 small car park at the community centre

Make cash an option for payment on all car parks

Current car parks are adequate if properly maintained

Parking spaces should be fully marked out with account taken of the size of a modern car. Even small cars are a lot bigger than older models. I do not agree there should be trees and plants in car parks. Trees drop sap onto cars, birds sit in them and defecate onto whatever is underneath. If planted areas aren't maintained regularly they overhang into parking spaces and people do not park correctly in spaces or damage their cars if they park close to the vegetation.

Whilst paying via a phone app is the most convenient way for many residents there is a significant proportion of the population who find this difficult. Consideration needs to be given to the elderly and this with learning difficulties to make payment simple. Or better still completely free

Upgrade of pay & display machines MUST take into account pensioners do NOT have phones which are able to have apps on. Machines must take cards and cash.

Please do not make all Pay & Display card only as some residents do not have the capacity or knowledge to do this via an app

A lot of mornings I go to work, I find myself walking around trying to find a working ticket machine! Please also consider using Ringo app.

One particular car park by the cinema isn't very safe for pedestrians.

Apps like just park may be a good alternative to pay and display machines as no cash or maintenance involved

Anpr machines preferred

We should find a balance to support our existing outlets within the town centre and introduce free parking days similar to other towns.

Many are opposed as nowhere does it state increase parking spaces which is the basic problem not being addressed. Titivations in car parks uses funds which are needed on actual parking spaces.

Please allow Pay and Display machines to take cash.

No charges should be introduced for Sudbury you will kill the town.

Asda pay and display meters are hardly ever all working.

Cannot answer as I have little experience. Pay machines are NOT helpful to aged users

Obvious solution to the current problem in Magdalen Road car park would be to remove the trees, but plant replacements in more appropriate places

We have been in various car parks recently. Framlingham, Halesworth and Rams Meadow at Bury St Edmunds. Buttons do not work. Okay buttons are worn out so it's unclear what to press. Instructions are confusing or incorrect. Board at Bury had different information to the machine etc etc.

Beyond the ticket machines being out of order often, I don't have any specific problems with any of the car parks which I use regularly in Sudbury or Hadleigh so don't feel a strong need for them to be improved.
There should be a review on charges and ensuring that all within a district are charged the same to make it fair and equal. There's also no reason why blue badge holders should not have to pay like everyone else
The pay and display machines ,( that have digital read outs) have display screens that are too low and difficult to read especially on bright sun.
pay and display machines need to continue to accept cash, not all of us have got smart phones
Just ensure they work reliably
Please have contactless
The pay and display machines need to work but don't need to be fancy.
try and get one system instead of having different companies and different apps. If you don't have or can't use a smart phone it is difficult to use the car parking!
The pot holes and lack of white lines in car parks a problem
RingGo at all locations, location code big enough to read from a distance
Machines rarely work
Signage seems fine. Most car parks are adequately safe. Pay machines need to accept cards.
The app works well and is very easy.
Pay and display machines have already been upgraded
You must keep cash pay machines as a choice phone only apps do not always work. Disabled people can have trouble using apps. I know many people who have been fined despite the app saying they'd paid.
There are no council run car parks within Holbrook. There is a small car park in Lower Holbrook, which is in a very poor state.
Card payment option please!
Being able to use debit cards instead of an app would be nice!
I believe free parking will bring people to town
If this means adding parking charges
I'm not really sure what these reviews and improvements can achieve. A place to park, with enough spaces, for an appropriate time, at a clear and reasonable cost is what is important. All I see are increasing charges, technology/parking apps removing choice and the cost of parking becoming a factor for consideration when driving to town.

As the ticket machines have recently been upgraded this should not be an issue for the next few years

Just re-open Bury Road Park and Ride

My issue with pay and display is it encourages parking illegally and dangerously and contests roads

Currently, parking in Elmswell appears to be a free for all. Folks for other areas will park on already congested high traffic roads (i.e Station Road) or in private neighbourhoods where parking is already limited (i.e. the Taylor Wimpey estate, Blackbourne estate) to use the train station. It would be better if there was designated train parking and public pay to park areas so that the residential areas can remain for the residents.

I agree bays should be clearly marked. It doesn't bother me if car parks don't have shrubbery - although this looks nice it then has to be maintained at a cost. I would be happy for all pay & display machines to have card payment facilities. Sometimes instructions and pay costs are confusing so these need to be clearer.

The car parks in Stowmarket seem well maintained and as I pay for parking using a mobile I am not aware of issues with the machines. Whilst landscaping would be nice and obviously a benefit to the environment the cost of maintaining it may be an issue.

Machines should still have the capability to take cash

Creation of enough parent and child parking spaces with clearly defined rules on use and the enforcement of the rules.

Free Parking MUST be kept

Leave girling street car park alone , keep the bus station where it is

MiPermit is a great tool.

Babergh should retain free parking if the towns are to thrive and not die.

Hadleigh main car park is not too bad. The only thing I would suggest is the road markings at the entrance that give the indication that you can also exit from that point, but no-one does and no-one expects it from passing traffic, and visibility to cars coming from mini roundabout is poor. I would suggest making it clearly one way in and one way out.

Once again how can you ask questions when we have no idea what the strategy is?

Parking should be free as in Lavenham!

there must be more important things to spend our money on.

Please think carefully when updating, don't jump straight into the cashless machines, we have a very wide range of customer here from young to old, tech savvy to tech phobic. Machines that give you option to pay cash, contact less or through apps such as RingGo will be a great update to the machines.

What we've got are fine
Would help if the shrubs were trimmed back to give better access to cars. Better priced parking it is great to have free parking for us disabled. Need more of this. Less officious parking officers
Payment, where necessary should move on line through suitable apps
Costly and also will mean prices go up. Companies such as online apps Ringco etc will make pricing more difficult. Keep cash ones, with a card optional.
Using my card is better then cash as I never have cash. Lights are i portent, especially if I'm on my own at night as I am female
Make them card payable like bury as well as coins and an app.
If trees and bushes were cut back sufficiently and regularly where there are road signs, gutters cleaned of weeds that are rapidly turning into trees between stowmarket and needham market just by dual carriageway that would be a huge improvement and look more inviting.
Happy to pay with app rather than cash
You need to ensure that every car park has the option to pay using cash as not every person in our community is happy paying on an app, although the contact less payments like in Bury St Edmunds work well. Lines in certain car oarks such as Milton Road in Stowmarket could do with lines being improved along with the clear marking of the pedestrian route through the ar park which is dangerous in my opinion.
Points1 increase safety in car parks . Make them.one way systems . 2 .make sure signage make this clear 3.improve appearance of car parks !! Wider bays definitely.trees and shrubs only if they are kept tidy and trimmed . No leaving the car parks to become overgrown weed beds as with most or the town. Upgrade the pay machines ..making sure they all work would be a start and not changing to machines that require only card payments or mobile phone apps .
No need to spend money unnecessarily Parking machines work are functional and work
I regularly use car parks in Bury St Edmunds. The ticket machines (for instance in Ram Meadow car park) are old and unreliable. This causes queues at the ticket machines and frustration for users. On a sunny day, the display screens on these machines are useless.
Keep parking free
I don't have any problems with current car parks - I use those in Sudbury, Lavenham, and esp Hadleigh. The main thing for me is that they continue to be free to use for short periods (2hrs)
When the machines are not working I have to go shopping out of the town as I can't pay on my phone



Vehicles are getting larger in length and width. The current parking bays are too small and narrow.
Encourage pay by phone instead
The pie at m car parking machines still need to accept cash not just card and they need to be working properly
There are no council-owned car parks in the village where I live
Most of the Hadleigh car parks are in a disgraceful state of repair. The public car park in front of the Hadleigh Health Centre is not fit for purpose especially disabled users. I witnessed this first hand while volunteering there during the Covid vac sessions. The Magdalen Road Car park is a mess with wire and barriers round trees and random plastic barriers in different places. Only half the surface was re-ashphalted leaving the back area uneven. The parking spaces are not clearly defined and the directional arrows are feint and create confusion. The drains often overflow. This car park is often the first place visitors see on arrival in the town. Not an endearing sight.
We have no pay and display in Needham Market and our local economy and parking provision do no need it even with the massive development being foist on the town without the necessary community facilities.
The one at Milton Road should be like the one at the regal, but instead you have to have an app and it's much more expensive for a whole day
There is no need what so ever to make 'gardens & flower beds in a car park. All people want to do is park their car.
Parking ends to be affordable and free where possible
The ones at asda in Stowmarket are often not working. So u have to go around every machine to find one that works
Trees and shrubs are difficult to maintain added to which they encourage litter unless kept well trimmed. Re-painting of road marking seems to have been abandoned since Covid. Car park maintenance seems to only be the emptying of bins and weeds are rampant. Markings in car parks need to be wider, whether cost effective or not, due to the increasing size of private vehicles and demand for Mother and Child/Blue Badge parking.
Clear pedestrian routes and exits in car parks. Wider spaces for these larger cars that hog space. Cheaper or free parking for low tax cars. Park and ride systems
Question 7 shows how narrowminded this survey is, you have assumed that all have access to council car parks yet like myself a vast number are rural with the same problems as towns. I rarely visit the towns as the parking charges in Suffolk are ridiculously high.
Provide card payment machines

Lengthening the parking restrictions to 2 hours would allow visitors enough time to visit all the shop, not just 1 or 2, therefore supporting local businesses, and pass planning only where sufficient parking is supplied.

Needham Market does not currently have pay and display machines in the car parks off the High Street, Barretts Lane or in Station Yard.

A carpark does not need a garden or shrubs. People just want to park their car. Greenery is not needed. It also creates unnecessary work. Pay and display should be priced to attract visitors and local residents. The high street needs to have a much longer 'time to stay', 6 hours at least.

Where pay and display machines are upgraded to digital only this potentially excludes some members of the community from using them. If this is the case then alternatives must be provided.

Needham market is in desperate need of a car park and extended parking on the high street to support local businesses. If this is not done very soon then our high street will decline and business will fail. As a business owner myself in Needham high street, I have seen a steady decline since the removal of the free car park and high street parking limited to one hour!

My experience with these machines is that they are backed up with a 'pay online' option. The machines break down for weeks on end and the online option imposes a premium, sometimes doubling the cost of parking. It's the quickest way to kill a small town.

Bring back Ringgo it's better

Parking in shopping streets/ areas should be far cheaper - better still free!

Would be nice if they worked all the time. I've paid cash into the machine on numerous occasions at Asda Stowmarket and not received tickets or my money back and at the same location not been able to get a signal to use the app. I no longer use this car park due to the issues.

Put quite simply..we just need more parking capacity in Eye! There are many times throughout the week when as a resident and Business Owner we simply cannot park, this effects our well being and business.

do not place pay and display machines exposed to open sunlight as these cannot be read by many many people especially the elderly

Many old people do not have the facilities to pay charges by phone, there should always be a coin alternative. 1 in 5 people are now over 65.

Ensure signage is suitable for Hadleigh & ancient cloth town Improve lighting

There are insufficient car parks which results in illegal parking and minor accidents.
Remove Pay & Display machines
Instructions need to be clear!
Planting within car parks likely would not be maintained and would then cause a hazard to parking. All parking machines should be contactless.
Overall, parking does not seem to be the highest priority area for Council spending. trees and shrubs are nice. Not sure what benefits upgrading the P&D machines would add. What are the issues with signage that would warrant a 'detailed' review?
more disabled parking spaces are needed everywhere
many places are use a card or app and are hard to use if you are dislexic if you want to kill a town increase or put in parking charges if you want a vibrant place full of shops make more free parking
The car park machines in Stowmarket are outdated and often break down
Pay and display is a disincentive to use local business. Babergh should consider free parking options.
Installing ANPR on car parks would be more suitable, move any payment (I believe parking should be free) to app based technology.
free parking in the village.
Parking charges need to be reasonable and not a cash cow that pushes people away from towns!
Another waste of money
Carpark upgrades should include EV charging points at bays that are reserved for electric vehicles.
Oppose pay & display parking as if more parking was free more people would come therefore more money into the community from businesses
A car park should be clean and attractive, it is the start and end of your journey and so plays a big part on your experience
What does 'upgrade' the Pay & Display machines mean? If this means having to enter your numberplate into each machine, I Strongly Oppose.

Fully support existing facilities being upgraded and enhanced where possible. However, new car parks, or extensions to existing car parks are the only real option available to a village like Debenham. As a key service centre, even if we manage to get those in the village to walk (no realistic prospect of that happening in reality!), we receive a great number of vehicles from the surrounding villages as it is impractical for these people to arrive any how else. The existing infrastructure is not conducive to considerate parking. The perception is that enforcement of poor parking / inconsiderate parking is non-existent.

It would be good if the machines were kept in working order.

Do more than finding waste/spare land send putting up machines. See my notes zbovd re Barretts Lane, the wall height needs reducing so glad it feels safer and people can see there's capacity

I do not think car parks need shrubs / trees etc as this takes away valuable space - rather make the car parking spaces wider as people nowadays have bigger cars and the current spaces are far too narrow. Also the shrub/planted area is not well maintained and look very scruffy

Machines should be simple and quick to use - not everyone has a mobile phone.

Car parks are never attractive but in a small market town I think all attempts should be made to incorporate them into the surroundings.

Parking must be free to encourage people into the town. Otherwise they will go to the larger stores with free parking and ease.

Ensure there are big enough spaces for parents and children bays. Most of your car parks do not cater for these so you have to park somewhere that does. I've seen disabled badge holders park in parent and baby spaces in Asda

Please make sure that machines alternative methods of paying do that smartphones or particular apps are not the only option I live to see greenery in public car parks, however they are an expense to install and maintain at a time when budgets are stretched this should not be a priority

Please don't make all pay machines high tech. Not everyone has a phone, online banking etc. Make them simple for those users who use cash.

Many car park paying machines have not been accepting cash /coins recently and insisting on App use. This does mean that certain groups are disadvantaged, elderly, those not having smart phones and/or having a disability so preventing use of them. I have also noticed numerous machines covered or marked with a 'not working' notice. If there is only one machine working then once the coin compartments are full the only option is to pay by app or move. Asda and Home Bargains spring to mind and very occasionally at The Regal. There may be others these are the ones that I commonly use.

No to Pay and Display machines as people now have less options to park off road for free thanks to all the new builds so this will just move them to other side streets and cause congestion and lack of parking in those roads too.

There is no pay and display in needham market

These small towns don't need pay and display, that will kill the high street

Pay and display decisions need to be allied to, for instance, the plans to regenerate Sudbury.

All good but this will not obviate the need for car park expansion

We do not have pay to park and would prefer not to

Shrubs and hedges need cutting more often as they are not cut often enough which leads to them scratching peoples cars .white/yellow lines need to be done as yellow lines are ignored most of the time ,disabled bays need more of and need a very bright yellow on them ,then perhaps people wouldn't park in them without a blue badge

Remote payment by App preferred.

All Eye Town Centre car parks are currently free so no machines are in operation. Because if this, residents and workers park there all day, leaving inadequate spaces for visitors (who would be prepared to pay).

Local residents to be allowed one hour free parking.

About car parking machine upgrade, I use iPhone so I can pay on line but if elderly people are not sure how to use or do not have smart phones, parking upgrade to pay online (if this is your intention) this will cause problem. I have a smart phone but am terrified to go to car parks if there are machines I cannot pay on line, because I have to ring the provider automatic machine who do not understand my foreign accent, so could not pay over the phone either.

More parent and child spaces in places such as Asda and B&M car park in stowmarket as the bays are too small to get a baby or young toddler out of safely. And the addition one parent and child spaces in Crown Pools Ipswich if you cover that area. There is not a single one! Please can you make the parent and child spaces you do have 'parent and under 5s' because it is really frustrating and upsetting when I have to park in a inadequate small space far away from the shops with a 16 month old, only to see people parked in these spaces with older children and even teenagers who are capable of getting in and out the car themselves without the need for extra space and somewhere to safely stand a pushchair. I would support cameras and parking fines for people who breach these conditions! Most of the pay and display machines in Asda stowmarket car park don't work so I then have to walk to the other side of the car park with a pushchair to get a ticket. If more than two machines are out of order then parking charges should be suspended.

We don't have paid parking

Ensure that disabled parking spaces are placed near the entrances of car parks

To have the information correct on the signage to match with the car park orders on the Web site and in each car park more detailed information needed

Yes improve and maintain clear space marking no need for trees and shrubs. Upgrade payment machines but it imperative that they continue to have the option to pay by cash.

LAVENHAM Both the Prentice Street and Cock Inn car-parks would benefit from CAR PAK FULL/SPACES mechanisms, as they are both awkward to exit if full. The cost may not be justified, though.

We prefer to pay by cash

I am firmly against parking charges in Sudbury. Until such time that there is sufficient variety in the "high street" to pull in people from out of town, we should NOT be taking money from the town residents for council coffers, when it should be going to the local businesses.

Do not forget those that are not upto date with technology or do not want to use smartphones, contactless payments so provision needs to be made for cash payments

Hard to comment without evidence of how these car parks are working, and again due to variation. Car parks in prentice street and by Lavenham village centre are extremely high quality and seemingly safe (not sure who has control of these though). I recently won a parking appeal for accidentally parking the wrong car in Sudbury station. The adjudicator commented on the lack of signage warning drivers to take care over car selection (I think it was west Suffolk who pursued the fine rather than babergh though) Better signage throughout Lavenham to the various high quality car parks might discourage hap-hazard on street parking?

Pay and display machines are already in place in Sudbury obviously planned already.

Pay and display machines should also allow card payments in addition to an app [should be the same app in all Suffolk car parks] and cash.

Get rid of these mach

Contact less payments at the machines.

But not at an additional cost. Residents and visitors should be encourage to use the local facilities and businesses not deterred by additional parking costs. Consider a reduction to residents

The introduction of pay and display machines are only introduced to allow payment in existing free carparks. Wardens should instead use numberplate recognition software to log and then check upon revisit to determin if cars have over stayed.

Contactless is a must. No one carries cash any more.

Need to take account of greater width of new cars Pay machines should have the facility for giving change

Given the complete lack of rural bus services, we are forced to come in to town by car. Costs must be kept minimal, or rural residents will suffer further isolation.

Does safety need to be increased? Is there any evidence to support this, if so yes. All car parks should be covered by CCTV. Increase appearance within car parks ie shrubs - i can only comment on StoneHouse Road car park - at least 2 spaces are restricted due to shrub growth

Free parking for locals

what car parks??? there is one tinny one in the center and some at the station. we need a carpark!!

No need for machines as sudbury shops need people and paying for parking leads to Lee people using sudbury just keep to 2/3 hr to park to keep traffic moving

This already appears to have been done in some areas however, any upgrades should be user friendly to all and not remove the free parking option.

There isn't enough safe parking for parents and children.

As long as this does not include charging for parking.

All payment should be by smartphone

Which you can get free hours, still use Coins NOT phone

DO NOT CHARGE!!!

You haven't said which car parks are council run, I don't know which are council run and which are not.

Provide free parking to encourage support for local businesses.

Use of machines which cannot take cash or card and only provide a telephone number cause constant problems.

In stowmarket should be 1st 30 mins free then £1 for 1 hour

Parking in small market towns and bill should remain free to encourage visitors and enable locals and local workers to park whilst at work

Continuation of partial free parking MUST continue. I would not shop in Babergh should this be removed.

I feel safe in local car parks and feel they are kept tidy and fine to be in. Main update is the display machines and signage. Ensure clear if pay or not as aware the car parks at asda had problems.

Please make sure that pay and display can take card or cash and is easily to use for people with any disability seen or unseen. So simple mobile phone paying and video calling for BSL users. Making sure that there is good WiFi or phone networks to all car park sites so users can login to pay.

Please don't go with card only payments at the machines, I work in Bury and see SO many people struggle with the technology. Trees and shrubs don't enhance a car park especially because they aren't kept under control and they scratch paint or get caught in car doors. Make bays wide enough for today's modern car, and stop prioritising electric vehicles, their manufacturing process is not Eco friendly!

Please introduce electric car charging at parking locations as the countryside is at risk of falling behind town locations for charging infrastructure. This would again reduce needs to drive petrol cars, improving the environment and noise of the town. People may also be encouraged to visit the town and contribute to local economies if they are able to charge the car appropriately.

Pay and display machines are difficult to use the more modern they become as the displays are hard to read as eyesight begins to fail and all should be cash as using a credit card in a public place can be a safety hazard likewise not all people have mobile phones or can see the screens in daylight. Modern technology although I can use most I feel is very discriminatory against many in the community.

But still have the chance to pay with coins.



Improve the lines and make sure spaces are large enough for modern cars. Trees and shrubs in car parks get in the way and are often overgrown Remove pay and display machines

The pay and display machines I think have only just been upgraded in Hadleigh. The bays should be wider to stop door knocks etc., however this would reduce the overall spaces

Lines need repainting in all, the car park near the old Barclays building needs bushes cutting back or the space allocation re thinking as some of the spaces allow more space for a tree than car.

Already upgraded at Sudbury Kingfisher. Excellent. Why is Lavenham free of charge?

Could consider including cycle parking that is both safe and secure for its users

The machine in meadow center are dreadful and break a lot of the time. I always think of the elderly who are not entitled to blue badges but have to walk around a car park aimlessly trying to find one that works

Pay and display machines accepting cards is an absolute given. The car parks being safe and attractive spaces to reduce antisocial behaviour is also essential.

Options to use Ringo or MiPermit apps as most people don't carry change anymore

The option to pay by card for pay and display would really increase convenience (Like Bury st Edmunds has)

Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only

Keep the pay with cash option as not everyone has the technology option or would know how to use it!!

Quick and easy cashless options (both online and contactless card)

Card machines. Most people pay with cards rather than cash. A fee for 30 mins if you are literally going to get one thing from Stowmarket town centre for instance

But please include pay options as well as Apps. Not all car drivers are able to use Apps or have Apps on their phones. One size does not fit all!!

Keep cash payment machines, not everyone can use mobile phones for parking payments and if there's no Internet signal you are stuffed ,

Lower prices for parking

Diss. The buttons often don't work.

Not all have access to Apps to pay for parking, therefore cash and card facilities are still essential.

All car parks are currently well sign posted with adequate facilities. The money on the above suggestions would be best spent elsewhere

Trees and shrubs although look good, will have to be maintained and the town is looking untidy enough since Mid Suffolk offices left the town and therefore it's now "out of sight out of mind"

In future, if you are going to change the provider for the payment by app system, proactively give better notice to residents rather than leave it to them to find out when they arrive at the car park.

Opposition due to funding priorities being greater elsewhere

Move over to pay by phone app

If you mean to online or complicated forget it! Can't tell you how many times in stowmarket Ipswich and Hadleigh I have already seen older drivers leave car parks as they couldn't figure out the machine, he'll even I struggle some times! Car parks do not need to look pretty just functional. You cannot in price security in any meaningful cost effective way, except canpsining for funds for more police officers!

Parking should be free so it frees up places for residents to park outside their houses

Online payment/app options would be welcomed as not everyone carries change

Pay and Display machines should be able to take cash or credit cards. There should be electric charging points in all car parks

Parking spaces in car parks need to be wider. You shouldn't have to be a contortionist to be able to get into and out of a vehicle.

I still see nothing here to indicate that the council have a strategy to increase parking provision, given the current building projects....?

Cars have got larger but the spacing size used is for car widths 30-40 years ago. I would suggest the adoption of herringbone parking and one way systems within car parks. The Car parking should always be free of charge for a large portion, but if people are going to park all day (work) then a small charge is acceptable.

The current Pay and Display machines are new anyway and are fine - don't want ones that only accept apps or cards as this will be a problem for older drivers in the town.

Most parking bays are too small to fit many modern cars. They need to be widened - even at the loss of some spaces.

Visibility with car parks and ensuring safety is a factor of their design, which in many cases could be improved. Vehicle sizes and shapes have changed considerably since parking bays were originally designed.

Always have card payment as an option as some banks don't support parking apps

The new parking payment machines in the car parks are painfully slow and inferior to the old ones they replaced

Existing parking is fine but modern cars are larger and wider - bays need to reflect this and be made bigger.

It is a car park - we will settle for no potholes - does it need to be beautiful? I can't think why you would need a detailed parking signage review - there seem to have been large numbers of reviews already if you are referring specifically to signs with information about charging. It is not entirely clear to me what you mean by this - if this is about wayfinding efficiently into town then yes. The car parks seem perfectly safe to me. Upgrade the Pay & Display machines - I presume you mean so that they can efficiently charge? Please allow some facilities for those without Smart Phones, parking apps etc, I continually run into older members of the population in other places struggling with this.

Most of them seem to be out of action? encouraging us to go online and eventually get us to pay for parking

As stated previously, parking should be free for one hour in all car parks. Otherwise it is just a tax on an essential function.

### Comments from Question 8 - Parking charges Theme

Car park charging is getting silly and it spoils the day. Look to Lavenham in this area which has no clamps or fees; see if people voluntarily donate as invited; and how long they stay, Contrast with Ipswich and whether people get out of town and spend their leisure elsewhere - or cycle etc So we're saying: don't charge and especially not charge in advance. Lead like Lavenham has

We are already struggling. Now you want us to pay out extra. Sainsburys killed this town.

Would suggest the Council does not give additional incentives to avoid coming to some of the already struggling towns. Take a leaf out of Diss' book - first hour free.

Free parking or Sudbury dies

If the councils want the public to use the towns why should we have to pay to park ,other towns don't charge so why do we have to

Remove charges - e.g. Ely in Cambridgeshire

jobs worth useles

Parking is free in Needham Market

Why? Paying car parks I try to avoid at all costs I'm elderly and havent a clue how the machines work. Also the bays are getting smaller and smaller or cars parking are getting bigger and bigger. My little Kia RIA has been damaged and scratched by car doors.

Parking should be kept as it currently is. Free for the first 3hrs and chargeable thereafter. Reducing the free parking will deter a lot of visitors/shoppers which will be detrimental to an already dwindling high street. You want to entice people in not push them away.

If it's not broke, don't fix it.

Hadleigh offer up to 3 hours free ! Why not here ?? It's ridiculous. Lavenham is free .. Long Melford free.... Why Needham Market ?

Charging for Parking in Sudbury will kill the town. I am dismayed it is even up for consideration. There is little to attract shoppers to the town. Charging for parking will make the town even less attractive to shoppers and therefore further investment by shop owners is less likely.

Current system should continue

This is crazy it will kill the town

Parking is subsidised and should be self sufficiently supported through trade that benefits our local economy

I do not support charging in car parks , leave it up to people's discretion but offer payment facility. Retail and the high Street is struggling enough without the council making life more difficult by putting customers off coming out to shop by charging .

There us little to go into town for. If parking charges are introduced for short stay then very few people will bother.

Charging is ridiculous, nothing to come to Sudbury for anyway, you will kill the town as people will go elsewhere.

Why charge when the town is already on it's last legs it seems to be a crazy idea.

Parking should not be charged for in Sudbury at all. There is little for people outside Sudbury to come in to town for compared to Colchester, Bury etc. Also for locals it will discourage us from popping in to town for a few bits of shopping and/or eating out etc. It will be the death of Sudbury!

Should be free. Sudbury Town centre is already struggling with free parking. Add costs end thing will get worse

If you charge too much people won't use the shops and trade will be lost and tourists. So no point in having extra spaces.

NO NO NO to car parking charges
Free parking is a must for our town as without it, we will become a ghost town
Should be no parking charges
We do not want parking charges
Need people from outside the town to visit. Motorists are facing enough costs already and do not want to deter them from coming into town
As a business owner I would be greatly concerned about the impact of charging people to park would be to the local businesses in Lavenham. One of the great things about Lavenham is the free parking that we have always had. It has helped Lavenham grow into a strong local economy of small businesses. These need to be protected. We have seen what charging for parking has done in other TOWNS it has made people use the free out of town shopping centres and contribute to the downfall of the high Street. Lavenham is a village not a town. A village shouldn't go down the route of charging people to park. Charging people to park could have a downturn in footfall for shops. This is something we can't take not in the middle of the cost of living and energy crisis. Please don't make our lives even harder than they are now please help and support us.
In the context of my answer to question 6 above, off-street parking charges should be modest or zero, but enforcement should be evident to encourage adherence to BDC's off-street parking rules, and to raise money by penalising non-adherence. Off-street parking should 'pay its way', but should not be seen as an easy source of income generation. Only if and when off-street parking stress is occurring, should tariff increases and expenditure on additional space provision be considered.
Should be free
You haven't asked if I support free parking in Sudbury or Hadleigh. I strongly support.
The car parking in the village is free. It needs to be kept that way.
Car parking charges should not be brought in to any areas that currently has free parking. For example Lavenham and Sudbury. Charging people to park will have catastrophic consequences for the local economy in those areas. The small businesses need the councils help and charging potential customers to park is the last thing that should be thought of. In areas where you charge already charges should be reduced to the minimal amount. Unless we want our high streets to be empty of shops.
All car parks should have a limited free of charge time period (not just on a certain day or time) to allow people to visit places for short periods to take care of quick errands such as banking.
KEEP CAR PARKING CHARGES AS LOW AS POSSIBLE AND INCLUDE A FREE STAY OPTION OF UP TO 1-HR.
Income would match expenditure as with brown bin service
The system in Diss of 'check in check out' is a brilliant one. It's not ideal to be paying for more hours than you are going to be parked.
I use the car park at the leisure centre and strongly support the free period. This is a positive encouragement for my weekly shopping visit. It also surprises many less frequent visitors I have met staring in puzzlement at the ticket machines!
It would just be an excuse to keep increasing charges.
Charging to park will kill the town.
At the end of the day, car parking charges are bound to impact footfall in the shops, so any tariff structure must be set at a level that keeps the high street viable. Excessive charging could ultimately impact the viability or value of business or housing in the area.
I am opposed to all of these ideas. As I mentioned above, when there is something worth paying for non-town you can charge.

Just so long as these reviews don't take 10 staff and weeks of work! Which again is just a waste of money!

Keep charge prices as low as possible. Free parking for disabled

Again charging policy should be used to incentive EV uptake

I would support this every five years. Every two years is an unnecessary additional expense.

Important not to drive people away from Town Centres. Over charging in Towns such as Stowmarket / Needham Market could do this and even more of Ghost Town than now. I believe that free parking after 18.00 remains essential

Car parking provides revenue for public services. The connection between local car parks and funding for the community needs to be made so local people can see how money is used.

Keep parking free wherever possible especially parks so that people on low incomes still have somewhere to go that they can afford. Make sure all machines accept card payments.

So at the moment you should be paying us to park to bring money to the town rather than turning it Away

Absolutely, you can't introduce new tariffs without understanding the local need for parking. There are certain demographics of the community that require a little understanding. The young families and the elderly to give just a couple of examples.

I strongly support providing the first hour or two free of charge to encourage local shopping and reducing distance travelled.

The current free parking in Babergh makes me far more inclined to visit town and villages there and support the local economy.

Keep our free 3 hour parking in Magdalen Road, Hadleigh. You can't get everything you need done in one hour. Whether neighbouring areas charge is irrelevant to Hadleigh. You can't compare with Ipswich or Sudbury (bigger and with more shops).

If you are charging too much, people will not use them. Don't be greedy, you will gauge it on the number of people that try to evade parking fees. Your enforcement officers will be able to gauge that.

Keep parking within Sudbury free. Every business in Sudbury depends on it. With everyone short of money more than ever before if you start charging for parking local people will shop elsewhere.

In order to maintain our town centres parking fees should be minimal or free and easily paid. Not everyone has a Mobil phone or can pay on line.

I oppose parking charges

Keep free parking in Hadleigh

Allow us to park off road

Car park charges deter visitors

We are fortunate to have free parking in Eye. Charges in our local area would probably deter local people and those from outlying villages from shopping in the area. They would feel compelled to shop in large supermarkets where the parking is free. In these times of climate change forcing people to travel further afield to shop by is not a good thing.

If councils want the public to use the local shops car parks should be free as in some norfolk areas ,you should not have to pay to use towns.

yea make them cheeper

Parking in car parks should have 1 hour free and reasonably prices tariffs after that. Discounts/free for working people from local businesses. Local transport in Suffolk is abysmal especially rural areas.

I am disabled I have no car parking space and u will not put in a driveway ever though high say there is plenty of space I can have an eletric car and soon only eletric car but I can't be nowhere to charge

Residents should not have to raise money via parking charges.

But it needs to consider the lower economic side more than the higher

Parking should be FREE - period

Review parking charges with the need to stop them as these charges damage the local economy and the local area.

I think the parking in this district should be free especially in towns to provide an incentive for people to visit the shops, say for 2 hours and then charge for 2 hours plus, say £10.00 for after 2 hours so that you have a steady influx of people visiting the shops. People that go after 2 hours, will free up spaces for others, but then people who want to stay longer, pay a one off charge so they can have a different experience. Obviously free parking can kick in if there are cinemas or theatres, although I would expect to pay a nominal charge to park.

The Council should not use the current parking provision in sudbury / hadleigh as a convenient income stream. Both Towns highstreets face a difficult future and any increase in charging or allotted free parking provision will have a negative impact on those highstreets.

Overall flexibility is good however if there is a pay review each year the parking charges could skyrocket with inflation!

Keep parking charges low or free You want people to park to help economy to use shops.

CAR PARKING IN CAR PARKINGS SHOULD BE NO CHARGE

Disability charges should be scrapped in all car parks, signs at the Theatre for disabled users are too high, too small and not clear for anyone that they have to pay WHY

Free parking, as in Hadleigh, is great and benefits local businesses. Great way to go for village's that still have high streets. But larger towns etc should all have free 30 mins, like Halesworth (poss 5min leway before fine) , and then charge by hour, say one, two, four?... More.

As above there should be more free disabled parking available

As long as the charges, are reviewed down as well as up.

I think parking is very costly and do not see why we should be inflicted with extra costs with the cost of living increasing as well

As above ...

Making people spend more on parking means less to spend in local shops

Didn't want to oppose or support this area as I believe the continuation of free parking for a few hours is fantastic for the economy of small towns. And without it, I worry parking would get worse not better. Where there is a charge or course it needs to be reviewed but in a place based approach not a one size fits all.

Cheap car parking - help the local shops! Expensive car parking equals dead High Street!

I do not support car park charges. Free parking for 3 hours is acceptable

Yes. Up and down.

I believe to encourage visitors free parking should continue especially trying to encourage local shopping, support local businesses, also the car parks are very useful for school drop offs, if charges are introduced the roads would be more clogged up for the residents.

There should be a free period in all car parks for those whose visits will take 30 minutes or less

Car park charges kill town centres. Hadleigh is a good example of free parking helping to keep the centre thriving.

There should not be any parking metres up in needham market, this will heavily impact on the residents. There should be no car park chargers in a village with so little retail this will only impact on the small independent shops that are here.

Affordability is important particularly for those who have little choice in using car parks so any scheme should balance the premium for in town parking to discourage use by those who are able to use other means with reduced fee or free parking for those with no choice.

Ensuring there can be a reduction in charges if the review suggests it would be suitable

Introduce a free parking allowance for at least an hour to encourage people to visit the town.

Charging would discourage people from using the high street. Having moved from an area where when they started charging for any parking caused such a sharp decline in the usage of the town centre and its now full of empty shops and no customers!

We need to support and encourage people to our towns and villages and therefore parking should be free, pay to park discourages visitors and shoppers I for one disagree with paying to park! If I have to pay I'll try to avoid going to that location.

Charging in Sudbury would reduce the numbers of shoppers and the current footfall. Accelerating the demise of the town centre

The 3hours free is working well it gives people enough time to do their shopping go to the bank & have a coffee. If babergh introduce charges people will just go into bigger town centres such as Colchester or Bury as if they have to pay they might as well go somewhere that has a bigger variety of shops.

People simply don't bother to visit places where they regard parking is overly expensive. If they do not visit they cannot spend money.

Short term free parking is helpful and encourages use of the car parks. Otherwise people try to avoid the car parks and this increases on-street parking.

We need to ensure the fees do not stop people using our shops

Carparks should be free for residents and visitors to use, to encourage the use of facilities, and amenities to support local businesses. The district would attract many more start-ups and SMEs which make up a larger percentage of the economy, these businesses usually pay more in uk taxes than larger companies with international registered places of business. SME's bring local employment and in turn more revenue.

Charges in key shopping areas e.g., Ipswich should not deter visitors from visiting this and other key shopping areas.

Car parking in the Babergh areas has always been free of charge within reasonable time limits .I would like this to continue ,as it increases the desirability of visitors in choosing these places to visit and as a result patronising our amenities and shops . I know that the cost of this is carried by the ratepayer but prefer this way of paying through the rates than having parking looked on as a `cash cow` by the Council, with the pricing rising in line with the needs of the Council in other areas than that of car use.

Parking needs to attract, not deter visitors. If no one visits, the towns die

I think increased parking charges will only have a detrimental effect on Sudbury Town centre. So many shops have closed that it I won't be a destination of choice if it costs too much to park,

Remembering if your charges are to high you will drive people away from the town

The fact free parking is offered in the town is a huge invitation to people from out of town to come.

Machines need to be able to take cards, not downloading apps and all that hassle.



Here we go again the underlying message in almost every question. How do we grind more money out of people while trying to make it look good.

If you charge for parking, you will put another nail in the coffin for local businesses. I will not pay for parking and therefore not use local shops.

Annually

People need to be encouraged to come into the town. If parking charges are introduced/increased, will people still come to Sudbury or prefer to go to a larger towns like Colchester or Bury St Edmunds, where they still pay for parking but have a much wider choice of shops, restaurants and amenities?

Town parking should be free to encourage people to come in, otherwise will just go to supermarket/ out of town places

Reasonable/cheap parking encourages visitors to spend more time and money in local businesses.

We would not be happy for parking charges to increase annually! We pay enough in Stowmarket - a town that offers very little in the way of shops & services. Increased charges will most definitely reduce footfall to the town. Businesses will suffer as a result!

Don't charge, Do not use APPs for payment, Elderly can't cope Do not use payment machines that ask for registration number, elderly people can't cope!

Blue badge parking should ALWAYS be free.

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if the had to start paying to park.

Allowing a reasonable length "Free" period is so useful for residents and business owners alike.

Charges for parking for those who are travelling to other places to work - eg commuters - seem to me to be acceptable. Charges for those who are either working in the town centre or are supporting retail businesses there do not seem appropriate

Charges should be kept low to encourage visitors and discourage on-street parking. Don't care what happens elsewhere

All towns are different...each have a different need.

Give Stowmarket Car Parks free parking for at least the first two hours as in Hadleigh

I oppose any charges in Sudbury and hadleigh!

In general car parking is too expensive and I often travel to Ely where it is free. Also machines very difficult to negotiate!

It's fine as it is. Why isn't this survey going out to the hundreds of residents of stowmarket that don't use smart phones etc. Don't they get a say too

For visitors wanting to park to do a 12 mile hike an hourly rate always proves restrictive.

Places should be looked at individually. Hadleigh is not the same as Sudbury and definitely not the same as Stowmarket. Hadleigh is happy with the current payment structure - ie payment for long term parking only. I have opposed reviewing parking charges every other year as it causes great disruption and angst in the town each time the announcement of a parking review is made. Second, I do not think we need to benchmark against another local or neighbouring area.

I believe you have to pay for services. Hopefully they will be reaonsalbe

Parking should be a set fee, affordable for all and should be solely based on stowmarket and their local economy only

Parking should be cheap to encourage people to support local business

Leave it as is, free for three hours then a charge
Make it easier to pay - not all drivers are expert at IT
We would need a Residents Card or similar. I have to use a vehicle to even get to the shops; so a residents badge would be essential if you introduce charging.
Fees and charges should be reviewed at least annually to enable council to ensure it recovers cost of operating appropriately. Any longer than 12 months would not take account of inflationary changes. Fees should be seen as a mechanism to manage demand, incentivise and enable behaviour change and modal shift
The high street shops will suffer if you get rid of free car parking. You need to keep free parking even if it's for just three hours.
Emphatically oppose charges for the first 3 hours where it is currently free
Needham Market is a small town with shops and businesses that need support. There should be no parking charges in the town.
Paying puts off local people. Fact. It is already impossible to park
It needs to be competitive but each area is different
In town centre parks, a flexible tariff must include a short "window" where no payment is necessary.
Suggest one or two hours free parking to encourage shoppers to the town
Charges are generally too high everywhere and do not reflect the fact that in a rural area cars are essentials not luxuries, and parking charges are in practice a regressive tax
I think our towns need visitors and therefore cars to be parked and this should be a free service provided by the council. I think revenue for car park maintenance should be raised in other ways.
The 'flexible tariff ' needs far mor elaboration before a relevant comment can be given.
I don't understand what benchmarking exercises are. I suggest you don't use council jargon in a questionnaire aimed at the general public.
This should be based on use of car parks in the district and not comparisons between councils - which would mean every oppportunity the charges will increase!
This is just to cover for planned charges increases
Stowmarket town centre is badly affected by parking charges. I actively chose to use out-of-town options (eg. Tesco in Stowmarket or Asda at Whitehouse) rather than going to the town centre to get what I want from smaller shops, because it's easier to have a no-charge option. You should make 1-2 hrs free in Stow and charge after that. How can we expect the High Street to survive when the car parks charge? It might only be £1 - I can definitely afford that, but it feels like throwing £1-2 away. If I'm going to a post office or just buying some flowers, it's a tax on those products that I won't incur elsewhere
No charges. It will kill the town centre.
Residents of Babergh have no choice but to use cars to access services, parking should only be charged where there is a public transport alternative.
Whilst I appreciate charges have to be levied these should for the large part NOT be punitive. Shopper type car parks should be cheaper for short stay and perhaps expensive for long term to discourage 'workers' from filling them for a whole day.
Already too expensive with regards to Bury st edmunds
There should be more free 30 minute parking. Sometimes you only need to pop in and out of a place and do not require a ticket for 2 hours.
Resent profits made by large parking companies

The towns in Babergh District Council attract and need shoppers to boost the local economy and maintain a wide range of shops and services. The pricing structure for parking must remain competitive and include a cheap short term parking charge.

High parking charges will reduce the amount of people using hadleigh and the amount of time they spend in the town.

So what is a flexible parking tariff structure and bench marking exercises - TRY USEING PLAIN SPEAK

I firmly believe that if you want people to shop locally and support their local town, then free parking (as in Eye) or providing free parking for an hour (as in Diss) is the way forward. We stopped going into Stowmarket when the parking charges rocketed and instead spent our well earned cash in other places...

Eye parking is largely free - anything other than nominal charges would stop me nipping in for a few items regularly and take more of my custom to Tescos at Diss where it is free. Empty car park means empty, declining town.

Parking needs to be affordable not used as a way for authorities to make money.

Parking should be free

Make it free or lose out to online shopping.

Keep 3 hours free in hadleigh

I believe free car parking in town centres is essential to help high streets recover from covid and increase footfall. I tend to visit Needham or Hadleigh rather than stowmarket as the parking is free and this makes a big difference to my decision process of destination as it makes it much easier for going shopping and less stressful.

Car parking should support the local communities and their economies, It should be sufficient that parking charges should cover the service's direct costs and not be burdened with overhead.

If you offer a lower parking structure then you will get foot fall, Stowmarket/Needham market are not the same as Bury St Edmunds as we have nothing except charity shops and fast food outlets, hardly something to draw in the crowds!

I can make no comments on these issues as I feel strongly, both as a town resident and business owner, that a period of free parking is important for the economy of Hadleigh. The former Babergh council car park should continue as a car park. It is needed in the town.

Free visitor parking to continue in Lavenham

Keep as many areas free parking as possible - this is a good incentive to encourage visitors to the area

Be mindful that with the current cost of living crisis, if you charge too much for parking people will not park in car parks, and this will affect local businesses. I would like to see the first hour free in most local towns and tariffs to begin after that.

Just make it FREE and stop wasting all this money on checks and consultants.

We are a small town community so I feel parking charges should stay cheap and the same as most people only pop into a shop or the town for a quick visit.

Charge for car parks and watch the already diminishing footfall go down. Parking charges can be compensated by offereing value added services to the town.

Maybe a short free time in the car parks in Stowmarket will bring more people into the town.

Parking should in general be free

Be careful when benchmarking to avoid making inappropriate comparisons; "what works in one location may not work in another". Consider why vibrant areas are vibrant and don't experiment to the detriment of local business.

Always good if can park for free, but car parks which do charge are not extortionate.

By all means fine if there is capacity to pay via a smart phone or bank card but fining in a car park that uses coins to charge is not in keeping with the needs of a modern society. Charging when leaving the car park would also be better because you aren't always sure how long you will be and can get stuck out longer than planned and it's not always easy to get back to update the car park ticket. It's much smoother and convenient when you have to pay to leave.

As other towns such as Bury St Edmunds which give free parking on certain days after 3pm.

Keep charges as low as possible otherwise people will park in the streets. My house has no drive and I have to park on the street. Residents parking permits might need to be considered for local people.

The cars parks in Stowmarket, they only chargeable ones in MS, I believe, are currently fit for purpose, rarely full. The prices charged are not overpriced, although, a slight reduction could improve the visitor numbers to the locally town.

As stated free parking attracts footfall in the High Streets.

All car parking should be free Any car parking that charges need to offer something back , like free car cleaning Windscreen cleaning etc Otherwise not worth paying

If you want local people to shop locally then provide parking

you haven't explained what a flexible parking structure might look like - do you mean, for example free after 3pm? free on sundays? flat rate after 6pm? this first statement is up to so much interpretation. This really isn't a statistically sound set of statements to base a decisions on. statement 2 - what constitutes 'regular'? My idea of 'regular' may not be BMSDC's. This is a badly phrased statement for judgement. I believe that parking charges should be reviewed ANUALLY, not every 2 years.

See comments above. I used to visit Hadleigh with free parking. It gives a positive mindset about the place

Keep pay and display machines, never ever go to online payment only as apps are difficult to navigate and take up memory on phone, which will then have to be replaced quicker as once a smart phone is about 3 years old apps have to be deleted to ensure phone works.

Need more free parking in town, not just free after 3 Tuesday. 3 is school run time, have free times during the school day too, so parents can get stuff done in town, while kids are at school.

Free parking for a specific time in certain areas whers shoppers or visitors require a short visit.

Keep charges for parking cheaper than surrounding areas to encourage more people to visit town

Abolish parking charges to help the town centre businesses. The market and shops are often quiet. Free parking would help people who are struggling financially. Could be time limited.

Charging small amounts for parking would increase revenue. If the first hour was free and prices not to high these charges are not likely to do people visiting the town

Car park charges are far too much anyway and heavily contribute to the decline in the town/high street. If I had to choose, I would choose based on location/proximity to where I want to go and also method of payment: to pay on return. There is nothing worse than worrying if you are going over time.

We get 3 hours free parking at the moment and I hope that will stay.

Higher parking charges result in less footfall which reflects upon the use of local businesses and causes congestion due to parking in residential areas.

3hr free car parking should remain for local residents and for the local Shops to trade. You will damage high street trade if you start charging car parking fees and that's a fact, I have been a hadleigh resident for 27 years

With inflation rising as quickly as it every other year is to long a gap

What does 'flexible charging' actually mean - charge as much as you think you can get away with? I have never understood why out of town shopping centres have free parking whereas towns are charged - why not charge for out of town parking and use the proceeds to offer free first hour at all car parks. I am certain this would increase town centre footfall and might just keep them viable.

You cannot bench mark market towns like Sudbury, Hadleigh and Stowmarket with towns like Bury St Edmunds or Ipswich. Different reasons for visiting local towns rather than larger shopping centres in other districts. Personally I wait for what I need from a larger town before visiting due to the parking charges. A smaller town with free parking I regularly visit.

Remove parking charges in all towns to encourage people to use the town centres. I mostly use the internet for shopping now as the cost of driving into town then parking charges are crazy.

Parking charges need to be free or negligible to support local businesses

Car parking in Sudbury should remain free, otherwise people will go elsewhere to shop.

Better still offer free parking to all to encourage shoppers into the town

Parking charges should be kept low to encourage shopping in high street

Review of parking charges with respect to local and neighbouring economies seems to be a narrow criterion. Does this mean parking charges will be higher in less deprived parts of the district, or perhaps parking charges might be part of a strategy for encouraging use of other forms of transport.

I think reviews are helpful but every other year seems too much work for the info you will get and to instigate changes

I disagree with paid parking.

See above remarks

Council provided parking should be free. This would support the local economy, which would then mean that our extortionate council taxes and business rates could be more easily afforded.

Refunds for users of shops.

The cost of parking is relevant to an area. Just because Ipswich charge a high amount for parking does not mean it is appropriate Hadleigh/Sudbury should do the same. For example larger towns have better bus services available to those wanting to visit. Hadleigh and Sudbury support a lot of villages where there is no little/no public transport that can be used to avoid using a car. Charging for parking over 2 to 3 hrs seems appropriate.

For the sake of local businesses, allow a free (or very cheap) initial period to encourage people to stop for a while. Steep charges just encourage people to go elsewhere, e.g. Martlesham, where there are no charges.

I am happy with the current parking charges. If you were to benchmark against Colchester as a neighbouring area the parking charges would increase significantly. The charges need to reflect the town and Sudbury and Hadleigh need to attract and not deter visitors.

The free parking absolutely encourages people to visit the town centres of Hadleigh and Sudbury. Charges would deter people, especially older people, and the impact on the shops would be far worse than the current situation. Neighbouring area charges are irrelevant.

We do not have a bus service. We have to use our car for shopping: we have no reasonable alternative. If we want to catch a bus to go to any of the major shopping areas, the cost and restrictions we encounter make it either too expensive or, the parking time limit makes it impossible.

Strongly oppose charging for parking. I live in an area bereft of a practical public transport system so would incur a double whammy if charges were introduced by way of cost to get to a car park and charges to stay there !

Town centre car parks should be free for one hour to encourage shoppers - especially in struggling town centres like Stowmarket

Short term parking in market towns and villages should be free for up to 2 hours. Long term parking charges should apply. Not helpful or comparable to benchmark as there are different needs to charging in larger neighbouring towns and some charges are so expensive this puts off shoppers and would therefore not benefit highstreets in our market towns.

Get the charging balance wrong and drivers will avoid those car parks, possibly to the detriment of local businesses and attractions.

Charge more for parking in busy town centre locations

Benchmarking Essex tells you nothing about Suffolk's needs, the two have different economies. Benchmarking is a lazy substitute for proper local analysis.

Stowmarket-Free parking especially on market days to support local businesses. It's free in Hadleigh and Sudbury and the town seems busier on their market days. Free parking for under 30 minutes if you only need to pop into town.

Car park fees should be minimal and no more than say £3 for all day parking

Car parking in Hadleigh should remain free to avoid killing off the High street

Not really applicable

Comparisons in Stowmarket to BSE and Ipswich not relevant and actually keeping charges at current rates where possible is good for business in the town. Stow has the potential to compete with Ipswich as things currently stand - e.g much more dog friendly and more open shops! Keeping parking attractive is good!

Councils are helping to kill the High Street with their ridiculous parking charges. How does it help you if all the shops close and you decimate your business rates receipts?

Free car parking is for a selected few and only concerns a very small area of Babergh, charges should be introduced immediately as promised sometime ago.

Parking charges are becoming prohibitive. Going for a walk in a park costs money and extra if you pay by an app. Putting prices up because the economy is strong is just profiteering, the local businesses will benefit if people can pop in at a reasonable cost. If the costs rise because they can, and let's face it costs never go down it puts people off frequently popping into town. Frequent trips probably result in more ad hoc purchases and so benefit businesses. Currently I am having to limit the number of trips to town because of fuel and parking costs, that means more online purchases which does not benefit smaller local businesses

For rural town centres to flourish there needs to be free parking to encourage visitors. If you try and use parking as a weapon against cars ultimately the out of town malls will win out

See previous comments

Parking in Elmswell is free

Keep charges at an appropriate level for the public.

Councils need to consider reducing carparking fees. I now regularly use towns for shopping which offer free parking. I no longer go to places where I have to pay a fee which is causing the decline in many towns. To say you charge to encourage other means of transport is not viable when you live rurally and there is no proper bus service. A car is the only option and with fuel prices as they are added cost of parking is ridiculous
Charging any kind of parking fee would encourage people to park in residential streets, making it difficult for residents to park. It would also discourage visitors.
Parking must be free
Raising parking charges will decrease the viability of retail business in Sudbury.
If you charge people won't come
The free parking in Hadleigh and Sudbury entices me. Otherwise I would just go to Colchester.
There should be no parking charges, the current system attracts people to the towns and charging will kill the towns.
I oppose all these reviews as these cost money and resources are better spent elsewhere at the moment.
Rubbish
Parking should be free!
parking charges will continue and complete the final closure of Sudbury as a commercial centre
short stay should stay free to help the market town and encourage people to visit their local town from neighbouring villages
I strongly believe that car parks in Babergh should remain free of charge. However, if charging is deemed necessary then they should be minimal to avoid deterring footfall in the high street. They should reflect charges in other districts and not exceed them.
It's working fine, leave it alone
No parking charges in sudbury Should not have to pay to park in sudbury Not enough good shops or parks to warrant paying to park If parking charges were implemented I would go to another town where shops and parks are better
How prices have increased it would be great for people to have cheaper parking. Employees should have special rates
Reviews should be annual
I am neutral on this as I oppose the introduction of parking charges in Sudbury. These questions appear to be framed to suggest my acceptance of such charges. There is no option here where I can oppose parking charges, merely options that allow me to select how charges are operated.
Encourage local shopping by offering free parking for example as available in Hadleigh
First half hour should be free then charge. Sometimes you only need to nip to the post office or bank but have to still pay for 2 hours
In mid Suffolk i think it's only Ipswich and Stowmarket that charge? Why? Is that fair on Stowmarket businesses?
You can't compare car parking charges with areas such a Bury as Stowmarket does not offer the same shopping opportunities.
Not sure I understand the 3 questions in section 8 Stowmarket is struggling ?higher car parking charges won't help or improve this . Improve facilities in town .encouraging footfall then and only then look at car park charges And remember not everyone who comes to town want a cup of coffee or their nails done .

Not sure what you are actually asking with these questions? Free parking for a period followed by reasonable charges should continue

Mid suffolk car parking charges have greatly outstripped inflation recently. It's almost as though the Council has lost sight of its remit, and is instead focusing on raising money for the council ...

Perhaps if you wrote the first question in a language I understand would be helpful.

Keep parking free

It is very important to me and to others on small fixed incomes that parking for shopping and in the evening remains free

Small towns like Sudbury are dying don't make another reason not to come to the town by charging for parking

Parking fees are extremely fair in Stowmarket particularly when compared to Ipswich and BSE

Keep it free..

Car parking must be free.

The system is perfectly adequate. Why alter.

It would be useful if the car park machines could provide free 30 minute parking if you are only popping into town to pick something up from the postoffice for example.

What is a flexible parking tariff structure?

I am aware that some people still complain about £1 an hour when you compare this to other local towns it's really good value

Free car parking should be available in all small towns to encourage business

Babergh can save money in so many other areas and avoid the need for excessive car park fees. The reason many folks come to Hadleigh is because they can carryout their business within the three hours free parking time. Not sure what 'flexible parking tariff' means but if it enables car users to pay according to the time they park this would be fine so long as the hourly rate is nominal. If this means new machines yet again that must make substantial inroads into any budget you have. Yet another area where money could be saved.

Needham Market should not be seen as a competitor for OR in the same bracket as Sudbury or Stowmarket. By all means resolve their issues but leave us alone and keep traffic wardens and bureaucrats away from our towns parking. One size fits all assessments really work well.

They need to be reduced and eliminated where possible

If the car parks charges go up even more people will shop on line. As they will be saving petrol as well

Too expensive parking will discourage visitors to Needham Market. Also, will become an extra cost for people attending hair appointment or shopping locally.

Having been the victim of Car Park enforcement and noting how controversial and divisive it can be I cannot support any attempt to physically enforce parking fees. This exercise seems to be an attempt to make more money out of the already exploited motorist. Cars are here to stay and it may as well be faced that they are going to in the majority in the future.

Hourly parking charges are sometimes unhelpful, perhaps 90 minute slots. Pay on exit using ANPR technology to enforce. (Sometimes delayed at dentist etc.) Charges to be related to tax band of cars - larger vehicles more.

bring shopping back to the towns especially Ipswich by reducing the charges and encouraging more businesses in.



<p>It's more the fact there is not enough parking full stop and houses are still being built here. The restriction to an hour has lost my business custom and I hear every week, we would have visited but we couldn't find anywhere to park. Help is needed to support local business so we survive!</p>
<p>Parking should remain free for short term parking in small market towns like Sudbury and Hadleigh if you want the public to support the town centre businesses. Do not just keep increasing parking charges because others around you are. Ipswich charges far too much which discourages shoppers which then doesn't help the local businesses.</p>
<p>I am not against charging for car parking but I feel that many might be in Needham Market initially. I believe a better approach might be for parking to be free for the first two hours and then payment to be made.</p>
<p>Car parking costs are very reasonable and people are happy to pay a £1 for 2 hrs when their getting it back on their shopping. Alternatively offer first 2hrs free like sudbury do. Keep costs low to draw people into stowmarket.</p>
<p>Car park charges should be compared to Stowmky charges. Areas able charge, again to attract visitors and tourists.</p>
<p>All carparks in town should have first 30 mins free which would encourage people into town .</p>
<p>Parking charges are too high for a town like Stowmarket. Cheaper charges might encourage people into the town and to park and use the train link available more frequently. It would be nice to see more people in this town as this in turn could encourage more shops/cafes/restaurants.</p>
<p>Sudbury's parking should be kept free to encourage people to come into town. Charging to park will only push people away</p>
<p>Sudbury needs to attract more people to shoping, its very run down to what it was 20 years ago. Free parking would help</p>
<p>Flexibility has to be key, like given our current economic situation, car parking in shopping streets/areas has to be be encouraged. Otherwise shopping streets/areas will very quickly disappear!!!</p>
<p>I think charging for parking doesn't help the local shops. I avoid unnecessary visits to any local high street due to parking charges. I sadly find myself primarily ordering online which is a shame because it doesn't help the local economy.</p>
<p>Free parking is the key to the success of our towns and tourist attractions</p>
<p>Car parking charges should be dependent on demand. Car parking charges should reflect the difficulty of getting somewhere by public transport. It there is plenty of public transport then parking charges should be more expensive, in order to encourage people not to use their cars.</p>
<p>Free parking is essential in Eye for residents as we have nowhere else to park, we have very little street parking and most Town Centre property does not have off road parking. Covid and cost of living issues have had major effect on peoples incomes and paying to park would be the final insult to a hard hit, hard working local economy. We simply need more car parks and we need to find more spaces from what we already have. We have lost many many spaces to local building projects such as the Library.</p>
<p>Parking for visitors should continue to be free for short stays.</p>
<p>Putting up car park charges will make people think about shopping in Hadleigh</p>
<p>Multi parking scheme in Bedford a number of years ago. Have lost big stores in Ipswich such as Co-Op, BHS &amp; Debenhams</p>
<p>This situation requires no changing . The charges are reasonable</p>

If towns like Hadleigh are to survive then car parking needs to be free or residents only parking in all adjoining streets

Sudbury and Hadleigh have 3 hours free. This should not be changed, they are already struggling and I would stop in them less if there was no free parking. I also use market hill in Sudbury for popping in: I wouldn't if this was removed.

You are wasting tax payers money on unnecessary surveys - the solution is obvious and does not need thousands of pounds thrown at it.

Will reviews be downwards or just increases. I think I know the answer!

Free parking should continue in town car parks. 3 hours allows for doctors, optician etc appointments and encourages people to use their local High Street shops & businesses. Without free parking High Streets such as Hadleigh will start to die as people move to the free parking available at large supermarkets and retail parks.

Not a fan of charging at all, but if it's present could help with demand timing management, as mentioned in a previous response. Again the two proposals seem to call for Council budget/ time for non-priority spend

Parking should be free, but if not free then set at a level that does not harm local businesses.

Parking should be free for local residents.

This is a strategy to make more money

Charges for people using electric vehicles should be much lower than those using combustion engines cars to help promote take up of EV's.

need to balance charges against preventing growth in local economy

Agree in part but making parking much cheaper or free is very important

We should all pay for parking! Parking isn't free, and those who use it should pay for it.

"Offer a flexible parking tariff structure in their car parks that charge" What does this actually mean? "Review parking charges every other year ensuring they reflect the economy of the local and neighbouring areas" What does this actually mean?

There are currently no charges for parking in Debenham and I believe the village would wish to keep it that way. Monitoring parking charges then becomes a contentious issue.

Former town center business owner, parking charges killed the town center. Why go there when you can go out of town for free ?

If you want to drive away what's left of the trade in Sudbury just start charging in all the car parks. With the amount of extra Council tax taken from all the additional housing that is springing up on every available space what is the council spending it on? Apart from endless consultations nothing much seems to change.

Car parks for local shops need to be low so they don't put people off going there (the big supermarkets continue to be free).

I think parking should be free in a tiny place like needham market. This will encourage people to use the village

As far as possible car parks should be free in towns and villages to encourage shop use. Tourist car parks should bear the brunt of charges.

Should be free car parking in Needham

I would like parking to stay as it is except having longer free parking in the High Street. No pay and display as this will stop people coming to Needham market or they will park in side roads to avoid charges and cause parking difficulties for local residents.

Car parks they may be subject to pay and display need to be identified and advertised well in advance of any decision tree being established. The local economy in this district should be surveyed and be part of this strategy.
Eye will have to consider parking charges but as it has a high number of town centre residents who do not own houses with off street parking their needs will have to be considered possibly with permits or similar
Need to bear in mind the differences in affordability between different parishes & also if someone has to drive for work parking has to be cost effective
The parking in Eye should remain free otherwise this will destroy people coming into Eye to shop.
Those that use the Car Park should pay for the Car Park.
Why Benchmark? Surely charges should be based on the cost of running the car parks and not to see if another area is charging more or less.
30 mins free parking in Stowmarket would be greatly appreciated! I do get put off from coming into town because of the charges. Sudbury and other neighbouring towns (including Bury St Edmunds) offer this!
The idea of charging people based on how the town is currently running in Sudbury is ridiculous
LAVENHAM Visitors should be required to pay, but not residents or shoppers. Pretty difficult to implement here, but pay-on-exit with number plate recognition could allow a free minimum period.
No to car parking charges. End of.
Charging will only determine visitors.
We are a small market town, if parking charges continue to increase this will be at detriment to the local economy and businesses.
The cost of living has increased, people already visit the supermarkets on the outskirts where parking is free, wages and pensions have stayed the same. There is very little in Sudbury that would encourage new visitors.
Parking in Stowmarket should be free. The population has doubled over the last 20 years, yet people choose to go Ipswich or Bury. For the £100k income (or whatever the amount is) you would receive this back in business rates through attracting new shops into town because the footfall is higher
These questions are irrelevant as Sudbury mainly has Free Parking.
Consult with local businesses to monitor the effects of car park charging on their business footfall.
Minimal parking charges are essential.
When you upgrade car parking charges there should be a free period of an hour. This will mean that people can do their shopping supporting the local businesses.
again there is No car parks in Needham Market
No need to alter current arrangements to do so would be utter madness.
The town will be empty if charges are made to park.
As Sudbury continues to struggle economically in the retail sector there should not be charging.
The danger is that reviews always push up prices. Parking is an essential part of the rural economy and therefore all charges should be avoided as much as possible - parking in Babergh is generally not at a premium (there are always more spaces available) and therefore should not need to be charged.
Parking charges for residents that pay hefty council taxes are unfair.

Parking charges should be reviewed with the outlook of what the parking brings to the local economy

Why charge for parking. Encourage local parking to be free to help local businesses. Be a service provider, not a profit centre. Other councils offer free parking for exactly this reason.

The free car parks in Sudbury and Lavenham help to bring more visitors to the area. Some other car parks are too expensive in other areas. Short term parking prices should not be so expensive that they force people into paying for a day rate.

Provide the first hour as free parking (as they do in Diss) as this should encourage more people to use the high street's shops.

I don't believe in parking charges in small towns as too little variety in shops and leisure activities is offered and people will go to bigger towns if charged

I do not think that parking should be paid for in Hadleigh unless it is a long period of time i.e. over 4 hours. Then at a reasonable cost £2-£4.

Parking charges discourage shoppers from visiting our towns. This creates empty shops and generates less revenue overall for district councils.

It's difficult to compare one town to another unless they are exactly the same, and that's never the case.

Parking charges in small towns aren't really worth it. Surely we want to encourage use of amenities and draw visitors to communities. Again, improving non-car infrastructure should be top priority.

Please allow 30 minutes free parking in Stowmarket car parks

Whoever reviews these must understand the local area concerned not sit behind a desk in a council office miles from the destination being reviewed. Ideally a panel of all ages should be included as you only understand fully problems that affect yourself or a family member the majority of able bodied young people cannot relate to disability or age related problems. Costs are also very restrictive for some and not others.

Keep them low to promote local independent shops

Strongly opposed to car park charges.

A very biased survey. Why not a question on whether residents support charging for parking or not.

Keeping the first three hours free definitely helps to encourage shoppers

Taxes are high enough, taxes that we pay in support of our local and main government. To then ask for more money on top of an ever increasing cost of living is insulting to the working family. I support long stay charges that prevents car parks being used for storage. Short stay should remain free.

I am not in favour of any parking charges or tariffs in Babergh. I visit Sudbury rather than Bury St Edmunds because of the free parking.

In my experience Suffolk has some of the cheapest car parking in the country.

As long as the charges are reasonable and reflect quiet times - consider free after 3 or certain afternoons. Also regarding parking spaces - make them wide enough for safe parking, I have wide doors yet am considerate, many aren't considerate.

Consideration must be given to how parking supports the local economy before any change is made to parking charges.

To support local business parking should be affordable

I think more explanation as to what regular benchmarking and what parking charge reviews would involve. Without knowing that I can't make an informed decision.

Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only
I am in favour of keeping the free 3 hour limit in all existing car parks in Sudbury. I feel that without this the number of visitors would decline. This would directly effect the shops and local traders of Sudbury.
People in Suffolk don't appreciate how little they are charged in comparison with other cities eg bath
Yearly would be better
Charges have got go reflect VfM, both in terms of charge per hour and physical condition of car parks. East Suffolk charges very reasonable as our West Suffolk, Ram Meadow £2.50 for 3 hours or £3 all day. Car park was nearly full mid morning, that can only be an indicator as to the added value of footfall and economy for the town centre.
It's easier & cheaper to shop on line than visiting towns. P & p is cheaper than parking!
Parking should be free to encourage visitors.
A longer time between reviews allows long term business vision
Disagree with parking charges in Needham. We need to encourage people and don't want them to pay for the luxury of visiting.
Use car park charges to fund a low-cost bus service serving the town centre to and from the estates surrounding the town centre.
Payment should be by the hour and not locked into a specific window of time. Discounts offered to workers in town centre.
Parking should remain free at point of use for 3 hours as currently. It has been repeatedly demonstrated that residents are happy to subsidise car parks through their council tax bills rather than pay at point of use. Don't waste resources benchmarking.
Free parking on Sundays and after 6pm
Any introduction of parking charges in Sudbury would be awful for business in Sudbury.
In France pay at return machines mean you stay longer but they they also have a 20 pence per 15 minutes increment scheme, so logical and cost effective to customer and council and if I could Uk figure them out in a foreign language soo simple too.Benchmarking needs to include similar towns not necessarily local ones!
Car parking near shops/ town centres should be free to get more people spending money in the town and not at out of town places.
What do thd first question even mean? If you want good feedback, use plain English with a full explanation. We cannot tell you if we support flexible tariffs if we don't know exactly what they are!! And benchmarking??
I am firmly of the view that we should retain the 3hours free parking in the short term car parks in Babergh to encourage visitors to come to our towns and support the local businesses. reducing it to 1 hour will limit the time people might stay and shorten the time they spend in them if they do visit.
All towns should offer free parking for one hour
It is important to still provide free parking in car parks as this is often what keeps people coming to rural towns to shop.
I don't understand what a 'flexible parking tariff structure' means
You shouldn't have to pay anything but a nominal charge to park your car. This is what is destroying the High Street. Why would I want to pay to shop, I'm already paying for the goods? What are you giving me for my money, just a concrete pad! Forget the pay machine, save your money and mine!

Under 3 hours should be FoC After that a small charge payable on arrival for the 4th hour and beyond
`Hadleigh needs to have at least 2 hours free parking in town or it will have a detrimental effect on the local businesses
I would support annual reviews. Biannual is too infrequent
I am not in favour of reducing the free time to park from the current 3 hours
Short stay car parking should be free. It needs to have a cash option for those unable to use mobile apps.
How about free parking for 3 hours allowing for people with appointments at local businesses where more than an hour is needed. People don't always want to come in an eat
As stated previously, parking should be free for one hour in all car parks. Otherwise it is just a tax on an essential function.

Comments from Question 9 - Car parking designation Theme
leave alone- there's no need to limit long or short stay nor stop overnight parking, or close them
Commuters are already penalised with high train tickets they shouldn't be penalised any more.
But alas who takes notice of a sign? Absolutely no one. Cars reverse right outside our bedroom window at Victoria Gardens 24 hours day or night right by the Council sign!
There is just not enough car parking in Needham Market. Station Yard always full. Main car park only has about 24 spaces. Main High Street has 1 hour restriction.
A car park is a car park, people from every user group will use it. This has been the case for years. All local people know how it works. Why confuse this issue?
Residents need free parking to their homes paying huge taxes and rates ...why can't residents park freely without Traffic wardens making loves misery – it's totally unwarranted and unnecessary.
If they are to be long and short term, they should be split in two and the long term should be furthest area from entrance or shopping facilities
If I drove for my job there's no parking that's free I should be able to get a permit
Town and Parish Councils should be able to set the identity as they are most in touch with their areas and not run from a central district office outside their own district.
I don't think anything needs changing unless you maybe have an uptick in new interesting shops to the area
Residents need to be able to park without charge.
Street parking for residents

<p>Bringing in restrictions that only certain people can only use certain spaces at certain times of the day at certain times of the year is..... as complicated as it sounds. When you make things complicated it tends to put people off using those areas to park in. The last thing as a business owner I would like to see is restrictions that may turn people away. Ultimately bringing in restrictions can inadvertently cut the parking that is available. This isn't something that can be done in Lavenham as we are near to capacity already we need more spaces not restrictions.</p>
<p>Ppl park where it's cheaper. Use is therefore not an indicator of best use</p>
<p>The public should have use of any available space and not be directed to areas that may well not be 102avenham102 for them.</p>
<p>Car parks or parking available should not be broken down into different segments. Bringing in resident parking brings no benefit especially when you will likely charge people ridiculous amounts of money. Keep car parks simple without overdoing restrictions within them. Introduction or proposed introduction of resident parking and the charges involved with them will be very divisive within the community. You run the risk of resident parking turning into a rich v poor situation where many people can't afford to pay for them in the current economic situation we find ourselves in. Don't add another tax to our increasing bills. We already pay enough in council and road tax.</p>
<p>WASTE OF TIME</p>
<p>Neither</p>
<p>Just so long as these reviews don't take 10 staff and weeks of work! Which again is just a waste of money!</p>
<p>This should be done with a view to supporting local businesses, too.</p>
<p>Combination of both as already available in Towns such as Stowmarket, should remain. Essential not penalise those whom use the long stay parks as usually employees in local businesses</p>
<p>Pointless knowing this. The parks are fine as they are.</p>
<p>Use the old Delphi Car parks that could be put to good use</p>
<p>But ... does this mean that town centre employees deserve to park close to employment, long term parking spaces? No! Of course not! If customers cannot park close to amenities they will loose those customers.</p>
<p>It's a car park, whoever uses it pays a fee.</p>
<p>People can decide for themselves how long they stay over regulation of car parks is not needed.</p>
<p>There should be a shirt free period in short stay car parks to accommodate people wanting to make a quick visit ie to chemist etc.</p>
<p>If you don't know by now I have to ask what have you been doing all these years. Can't believe you don't know</p>
<p>It would be great if there were some sorts of restrictions to stop people hogging a parking space all day for free. On the other hand for convenience and to encourage local businesses to flourish, adequate parking with a reasonable timespan should remain free ie allow people to visit beauty and healthcare appointments, visit local cafes for a coffee with friends, attend concerts or special social events.</p>

n/a
If you wish to keep your residents, visitors, shoppers, and employees happy. Parking should be free with lots of it.
The councils must listen to local people because often councils are way behind what local people discuss and want.
Yes, you need to understand who is parking and why.
It's a good decision, however finding the middle ground between two disparate groups will help (residents Vs visitors)
This is not really relevant to housing complexes be they sheltered or supported etc. I cannot seem to remove the button I inadvertently clicked!
Should be combination of both If you charge to much people won't go to towns Shop on line!
Nice to see employee's catered for Short term near center, long term at ends/outside area seems to work well so far, from what I have seen. Again sometimes motorcycle parking availability can be limited and often not signed very well.
Sounds like a good idea in practice, but maybe the randomness of parking is actually ok.
You should give destination for each home around Tenterpiece , where the shetled housing is like 24-28 named to park
Most of these groups would suit the out of town parking model with a shuttle service. My experience of Bury and Ipswich in the morning and evening fills me with dread whenever I need to visit at those times. – or other times for that matter. A survey of car use would no doubt demonstrate little need for the majority to have instant access to their vehicles.
See previous comments regards resident parking
If people can park reasonably for work they are less likely to park in residential roads. For most people buses are not a realistic option 103avenh you are already in a town. If you live even slightly rurally they are either non existent, infrequent and costly.
I don't think people fall into such neat categories. Eg When I'm in Hadleigh I could be shopping; visiting an elderly person; going for a walk; attending an appointment; going to the library or all of these. If I live 3 miles outside the town, when I shop am I a visitor or a resident! (Its my nearest shopping centre.)
Need more accessible long term parking eg b&m car park could easily have both
Some of the smaller car parks, such as Mill Lane, is used by more than just the residents of the road. For example, it's used to safely drop off and collect school children, used for the doctor's surgery that's own parking isn't enough, and used by visitors to the water meadows and Mill Hotel. The lay-bys on Cross Street have already been removed at that end of town.
Where do the people have an involvement. We are supposed to be stake holders too but we aren't even mentioned in this question. Is it because BDC think they know what's good for us?!
Give local residents car parking permit access at their own cost with number of reserved bays in each car park
Have a long stay n short stay like they have in hadliegh



It would be helpful to offer the first hour free for people who do not need to stay for 2 hours or more. Towns that offer free parking after certain times boost quieter periods as people will choose to shop later.

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if they had to start paying to park.

All car parks need to offer flexible parking charges. People who work in town should not be penalised and have to walk the furthest to their place of work due to the lack of business parking. Car parks need to be kept close to town to encourage shoppers.

All car parks are a mixture as they are all town centre.

Really don't see the need for Long Term Car Parks in Stowmarket.

The road side parking spaces in north street car park opposite playford court need to be for carers and visitors to playford court. I care for my mum who lives in there. If I have you take her shopping or for an appointment or just popping in and out like I do several times a day I cannot return to the place she lives within four hours without risking a fine. There are paid carers risking their hard earned wages on these fines.

Make North street car park long and short stay, just Station road car park as I only long stay at one end of town which is a long way from North street if you work there, this is why so many people park in roads like Suffolk road and queens road

Short stay should be free

I think that the council should provide car parking and not waste its money on bureaucratic exercises – if the money potentially designated for consultation was just spent on the car parks it would give better value for money. I feel inclined to suggest scrapping all charges and the machines, inspectors, etc, and just spend the money on providing parking where possible.

As per before – resident permits, short stay and long stay option for a 'season ticket' for those who want it such as commuters.

Girling street car park- offering car parking permits for residents

Leave Sudbury car 104avenha alone.

Long stay car parks should be further away than short stay although perhaps this can be governed by the pricing structure.

Combination short and long

Exclude overspill business parking in public car parks when businesses fail to provide enough spaces. The public should not subsidise or be inconvenienced by businesses avoiding proper parking provision.

Any study to identify them would need to be managed as has the potential to cost a lot of money simply to designate town centre car parks as short stay, and park and rides as long stay.

To agree to this, or disagree, would presuppose acceptance of losing a period of free parking. I think this survey bypasses the free parking issue. If so I would take issue with its findings.

Free car park signs should be clear and resident only signs for parking in historic Lavenham area all roads off market square should be resident parking only which should keep vehicle congestion lower and help avoid visitors looking for a parking place closer to market square so to avoid walking from a free car park.

Residential parking limit

Needs to probably be some more areas for employees of the town to be able to have long stay parking

Stupid question. I would expect this very obvious thing to have already been done by this stage.

Another survey wasting more tax payers money. Wht does it matter who is parking where. When will you undertake the survey, now, or when all the approved 105avenham has been built. How can the information be valid for the future when ever it is held.

In Stowmarket think this works at the moment.

Sometimes annoying if it's only a short stay car park & you need to park for longer.

Car parks should be monitored to see who parks on them. Ie such as train commuters.

Or a 'support local' validation scheme to keep parking free for those who are in town supporting the local economy.

Parking should be made available and a priority for residents in the town centre. We should be allowed by permit or similar to park 24/7 in any carpark.

Makes no sense, all car parks should be aimed at all users, charge a reasonable £1 for up to two hours or £2.50 per day. Having different car parks for short stay / long stay is just confusing to public who do not know the town.

Which car parks need this? We don't have towns that big in our area.

We need are visitors and residents to be able to shop on the morning, have dinner out at our restaurants , go for a walk in the afternoon, Have tea in a restaurant or picnic then enjoy a film at the theatre or enjoy the night life Without moving there cars ( help protect the environment and handy for those with families So recommend making all car parks long stay and free )

I believe BMSDC should judge long/short stay allocation based on the individual place, not just assume that one tourist destination place should/would have the same visitor profile as another tourism place – some villages/towns have a large 'pull' of visitors and would benefit from long stay car parks to encourage longer stays and spend.

Shouldn't you be doing that already – seems self evident.

Feel car parks should be multi use due to cost and equally distance. Why should someone who works all day be pushed to and edge of town car park. Residents should also be able to park in more than one car park in Sudbury, due to the long stay aspect.

Residents who live near a car park and have either no or limited on street parking should have the option to park in car parks for as long as required, if that means a small levy per year then so be it.

Car parks close to the town centre should be short term only

Drivers who park in residential streets surrounding 'pay' car parks to avoid charges. Need to be ticketed. The railway station car park, the flats opposite the station that have resident parking bays are constantly being parked in, with the drivers going on to a train or along to the shops. Aldi also seem to have this problem. Part of Lidl car park as overspill for the doctors surgery??
Providing there are alternatives
Ballingdon Street carpark should be residents only
You have the real data about demand from payment records. Analyse that, much more reliable than surveys.
Mill street care park will be changing to residents only soon and this will mean all the people using it for the school will have to find elsewhere there are already issues with parking without taking this away.
Should be free
Sounds to me like an opportunity to put prices up. Just offer variability at reasonable prices.
The above is not possible and presumptive. Ipswich has an excess of only 4 hour parking without the ability to stay in the car park. This limit makes it difficult to attend events that are over that length of time. Such restrictions make me think twice about going into Ipswich and doing things.
Perhaps for local residents there should be reduced or free parking?
A car park is a carpark and it 106avenham106s wasting public money trying to identify who uses them. All carparks should offer the best value possible
Exemption for residents or permit parking
Not sure how that would help ?
Again this sounds like additional cost with little benefit. The current offering of a mix of long and short term parking is fine as it is and seems to work fine. There are a few people who cheat the long term by moving their cars around but a minor loss compared to what consultants to do surveys would cost.
This is insane
good idea
I would very much like to see secure parking for bicycles as part of the parking strategy – it would definitely improve the council's green credentials
I believe that all car parks should have the flexibility of being both long/short stay. The length of time parked reflected in the charges. The longer you stay the more you pay. (That's a great strap line!).
Make parking spaces wider, ALL SUV vehicles have problems
Nothing in Stowmarket encourage people to visit let alone park!
There should always be a quick pop in option as that is what the local people need. Car parks near the Regal need a medium stay option so you can relax and enjoy your film/show. Long stay needs to be offered near the museum to encourage day visitors.
Why?
Keep parking free

The question of providing parking for employees could be handled using a permit system in designated areas. . Ditto for residents Otherwise with the increase in tourism in the area I can't see how usage can be differentiated not what purpose that might serve. Any survey would cost a lot of money.

See my comments above. This is really an issue in Stowmarket.

We need short stay car parks

You need a good mix of both but disabled bay should come before electric car bays

Yet another need for a survey. Local knowledge could easily determine their usage. E,g the public car park in front of the surgery is too small to be a mix of long and short term. All spaces are needed all the time for the pharmacy and surgery.

Why fiddle with any of it just to raise revenue... The station yard car park has just enough free parking when coupled with the railway car park to encourage use of local businesses in the old yard while encouraging use of trains to Ipswich and Bury St Edmunds.

There is a need for more parking spaces on Clench rd at the bottom of the road, turn one-third of the green into residents' parking so that the children can play on the green without damaging the cars. Currently, there are 5 cars parked on the green, how about some bollards to stop this.

A 30 minute parking period for a medical centre, as experienced in Wickham Market, was absolutely ridiculous. As a resident of a complex which had no parking and was forced to use the car park I had to pay extra for the privilege, even though a Blue Badge owner. It was made into a Pay and Display and was abused by the casual parking of visitors, shoppers who went to the Co-Op after their appointments. Market Day saw it's use by their customers who should have been using a designated car park to which they had to 'alk further. It was a contentious area and could have been easily solved by designating its use a' Medical Centre, Library and Kitson Court residents only. Previously designated bays were taken away and a £10 weekly charge put in place. This went pear shaped and vulnerable tenants/visitors, carers etc. had to pay for parking. A sensible answer to the problem totally ignored by Suffolk Council and the car parking enforcement agency that they employed. The residents were only consulted once about the changes and after being told that 'the walk to a further car park would do us good' we were not amused....

To enhance High Street Shopping allow 90 minute slots for short stays. Separate parks for employees.

By doing this you penalise the workers by forcing them into a long stay car park and shoppers in short stay carparks. Why not look at the users not the destinations and support the demographic.

Having bee a resident of Needham for 46 years I would suggest that currently the car parks (except at the Lake, are used by a mixture of residents, employees, shoppers and visitors. Many people visit Needham to shop because of our independent shops. Some come just for the lake. Many you speak to at the Lake have never walked into the town as they come to walk their dogs. They are two separate groups of visitors.

This is too restrictive and people often I just have one destination or can change their mind during a visit.

Parking should have been considered before all the houses were even built. Its now like ‘ closing the door when the horse has bolted. The main carpark has now been redeveloped. Now the question of parking is too late.

Does it matter who parks where ??

Common sense, but residents should not need to use nearby car parks as they more often than not need to as cannot park at or near their homes!! \*Flat conversions over shops/commercial premises, where planners don’t feel parking is of paramount importance given public transport is available nearby! How crazy is that?? So they park in the street or in car parks taking customer spaces.

Will cause utter confusion

The council wastes too much money on surveys , common sense would save money .

I am a trustee at the Ansell Centre Charity. We find the three hour limit at the High Street and Surgery carparks most inconvenient for our volunteers who are normally helping for about four hours. It does not affect me as I live very close so can walk to the Ansell Centre but I know it is a big worry for lots of our helpers.

The town is small enough to warrant no change’

These car parks work well with the option to park free or pay if staying longer. Also without decent public transport how will people work in Sudbury if they can’t park?

Just make sure there is plenty of free parking for everyone and there will not be a problem.

Having some understanding of need is a prerequisite for any successful strategy

local residents and business owners should always be involved in this kind of decision making.

This appears to be another way to try and Control the local area through charging strategies

Add more adult and child parking spaces at the Asda car park and b and m car parks. It’s a nightmare when they’ve all been taken!

This sounds so obvious – I cannot believe that you do not already do this!

Due to the existing infrastructure in the village many of the on street parking that is available is taken up with permanent ‘resident’ parking as their properties do not have off road facilities, often the house opens up onto the pavement or road itself. These, almost permanently parked vehicles, limit the number of spaces available for shoppers and visitors. Visitors are more inclined to use car parks that are further from the centre of the village as they then ‘explore’ the village on their walk into it. Shoppers want to park as close to the shops as possible.

Should always be combination as not everyone can walk long distances from car parks to shops etc.

Why designate long and short stay.? Just price them differently

The High Street and Station Yard should remain short term, free parking to encourage visitors to use local facilities otherwise they will simply carry on driving to more accessible shops such as Tesco or Stowmarket

The local community will tell you what the car parks will be.

Used to be able to use The Regal car park if popping for short stay, to say, use the Post Office. Now it is smaller and used by Regal customers more there are frequently no spaces.

We need long stay car parking in Needham market... so hairdressers, cafes & shops will survive.... Hadleigh has the perfect car park.... Free parking and then charges for long stay... the town flourishes ..... simple

All user groups should be identified. Moreover, parking for lorries and coaches has been over looked in these papers. Sudbury in particular needs proper parking for lorries and coaches. Where will coaches park for the new Gainsborough House, either set-down or parking.

Long or short stay will not cover residents requirements. These need to be considered.

Eye has already carried out this survey

There should be no need for short stay car parks as you are restricting people who work for example in Stowmarket where they can park. Adjust charges accordingly & be mindful of those with hidden disabilities where car parking can be a source of heightened anxiety

Shop workers should have there own parking spaces

LAVENHAM Of course.

A real need for designated lorry parking.

Parking should be free for all, however restrictions on the length of stay will need to be maintained to ensure no all day parking which takes up valuable spaces for residents and visitors alike.

Although as above, care will be needed in 109avenham given the unique mix of car park users. Probably easily resolved with a permit?

This has already been established.

The parking we have need to be long stay, but we need parking!

Both

Categorising users would I suspect bring car parking charges in via the "Back door"

As a previous comment should be free

Residents without parking at their property should not have to pay to park.

Parking for different groups should be made available with a permit scheme if parking is charged, residents should not be charged for parking

ALWAYS should have the choice of Long or Short stay spaces.

Councils usually lack this ability so I hope whoever is in charge of this researches correctly.

A car park is a car park. I feel this question is in here because of Benton Street residents, whilst I sympathise with them and any others in a similar situation I firmly believe that if you knowingly buy a house with no off road parking then you're essentially waiving your right to park where you live and it is your own responsibility to find alternative parking. Reducing parking available to the public is not the answer, unless of course they are treated as long stay customers and they pay for the privilege of parking in a public car park.

That goes without saying.

Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only
Car park for the railway walk is used by others all day , so genuine railway walk people are unable to park there , in spite of signs saying the car park is for them .
Also make sure there are sufficient disabled parking bays with free parking or pay for one hour but gain two.
The current locations are adequate for the purpose that they serve, though long stay car parks are often used by short-stay users (particularly the rail station) and commuters and others needing to travel by train often find no spaces available to park. This may also threaten the viability of the rail line and tempt more people to drive to Marks Tey or Colchester, contributing to more vehicles on the road unnecessarily.
It doesnt matter whether you are any of these. Car parks just need a fair pricing scheme
Sounds good, but unlikely to help residents in Sudbury unless parking was made available free over 3 hours.
The availability of long-stay parking needs to be improved. I work in a town centre location and for both myself, my colleagues and visitors to the building there is a shortage of long-stay parking which impacts on us personally and the business.
Stop micro managing it never works and ends up having the opposite effect.
As mentioned the Hadleigh car parks need to have at least two hours free parking for residents and visitors so that people can be encouraged to come into town to use the shops and cafes, markets etc. One free hour is not long enough for people and will have a detriment on local amenities.
Free 30-60 minute parking for shoppers' car parks must be offered.
It is important that those that have to use cars are not unable to park in town centres. We don't have public transport options. We have to drive.
We are not a city and I imagine that the user groups identified above would be pretty much the mixed user groups of every user group in town.
Stowmarket needs more parking available

Comments from Question 10 - Car park technology Theme
No spying on us, using our phones to spy (much can be gleaned via using an app), and don't forget that not everyone has a smart phone (or even a mobile or the net) nor wants it. We think cameras can be fed into facial recognition and enforcement, and there's big legal and moral issues with you're doing so - so we say a very strong NO
Try and get apps that don't add a charge for using.
Older people like to pay cash and have not got smart phones to pay.
Not everyone uses apps or have smartphones. Also not always the best option. I still prefer to use parking meter when I can.
Whatever you do please don't pass on the costs of the 'improvements' to the car park user.
Also provision of charging for eltric vehicles

Not everyone is into apps and the technology.
I do not agree with charging for parking.
You already have this
These cowboys on parking apps are milking people .. it's another income streams for councils to out source to these apps !! Don't do it !
There are still a lot of people that drive and park that don't use these modern techniques
Costly and unsightly additions c will be severely detrimental to our town. I live in Bures snd when Colchester implemented similar actions I never visited Colchester again and that previously large and thriving town fell into decay and financial damage.
Good majority are elderly in this town
If I have to pay for parking, then I will go into Bury instead as there is more there.
Noone uses any of that stuff, just a waste of money
As long as it's free. Make sure it's accessible to the elderly
Older people have enough trouble accessing things without everything being on an app.
Not everyone is 'savvy' with these apps, keep it simple for every age group.
Don't want to use computer or a mobile telephone. Want to park for free
Some of the above isn't applicable in Lavenham but variable signs I the cock Inn car park might help to show how many spaces are still available.
Smart parking apps: you must always remember that some people do not have smart phones and never make any car park virtual only. Also, you must make sure there is a clear fair policy if someone is delayed buying a ticket due to problems with the app/signal/website. For example it took me half an hour to buy a one hour ticket in Colchester as the app just didn't work, it took further time to contact parking organisation to ensure I wouldn't get fined.
Keep things simple like better signage.
Again keep your car parks simple. We don't need an over use of technology to park a car. We've been parking fine for years without it don't waste funds on expensive projects that bring no benefit. I would support signage that displays the amount of spaces available that you often see I multi story car parks though.
Please do not do pay on exit unless you are actually paying on exit of the car park. Do not use the system they have at Ipswich Hospital, which is all done with cameras and number plate recognition and relies on people remembering to get a ticket before they leave, not when they arrive!
USE HI-TECH WHEREVER POSSIBLE BUT DO NOT REMOVE COIN PAY OR TAP & GO OPTIONS.
Provided do not have extra charge. Must also make provision for those who do not have smart phones
Smart parking integration as only one of the options NOT the only option
Apps are fine but paying by card is also easy, sometimes the apps might not be easy to access. (Reception or glitches, or elderly people not finding easy)
A lot of people don't use smartphones or apps or virtual permits. There has also been a lot of problems with them in other areas.
Please get real.
Please only use technological developments that actually work. All too often automated systems malfunction and (for instance) issue penalties unfairly which are then usually difficult to overturn. Number of spaces signage sounds expensive for the benefits likely.



Signs which can display up-to-date space....how much is that goona cost!!!!

Parking should be provided as a free service in shopping areas. Parking charges are one of the causes for main shopping and trading centres moving out of town centres. Free parking attracts visitors to town centres. If they die then there will be the loss of tax revenue contributing to further collapse.

Park on exit would cause utter chaos

I assume new technologies means electric charging spaces, because that is an important development needed moving forwards. There also need to be better facilities for parking bicycles in the town centres, perhaps within the car parks.

Travelling throughout Uk, I find Parking Apps a major issue for myself as I get so many PCNs which I need to resolve and on every occasion, apart from one, have been cancelled and that one I will always dispute. To me I carry coins and card with me at all times and when using these have only once had an issue ..... Parking warden that was over zealous and subsequently dismissed.

Please don't waste money on too much technology. Sudbury is not a huge metropolis and even on a busy Saturday it's possible to find a space.

None of these help anyone actually park they are all a massive waste of tax payers cash

Not everyone who uses a car park is capable of using advanced technology. Eventually this will happen but we're in a transition phase right and those who do not understand modern technology should not be unfairly discriminated against.

My pay on exit experience in Bury St Edmunds (Halfords car park) is bad. Machines are often out of order forcing you to pay on the app. No good for elderly or those without a smartphone. You don't know the machine is out of order until after your car parking so you are committed to paying by that point & your choice to park elsewhere has been removed. I now avoid this car park if possible Also, had problems at the flexi-stay car park by the bus station which is complicated & doesn't always register your info correctly. Haven't used that car park for 3+yrs as a result

Provide spaces for charging electric vehicles. Don't waste money on unnecessary costly extras.

The council should minimise expenditure on parking. It should try to have free parking and spend only on basic maintenance.

This car parking technology sounds disproportionate to the needs of Babergh.

We already have the parking apps integrated, there is a need to allow for those that don't use these technologies. Greater electric charging options will be required as these vehicles become more prevalent.

For reasons give ie older people who may not own a Mobil phone.

I oppose parking charges so it follows that I would oppose parking apps and virtual permits

Too much reliance on technology which increases our usage of power, not "green"

Older people use cash to park as many others do these apps etc confuse people forget it.

i hate parking apps please keep to money

I still prefer to use coins. Not have apps for everything!

More disable parking so as they have room to get around there cars

Keep it simple some parking meters are to complex

I prefer to pay with money and that's probably a lot easier then apps for the older generation too.

Electric cars are on the way - where are the charging points?
As to apps not every one has the internet due to cost.
Cost of Pay on Exit systems and for older people when the technology does not work.
I almost always use parking apps such as RingGo and MiPermit so it would be good if I could use these in more car parks
Pay on exit is much better than pre-pay. I'm not sure which car parks could qualify for electronic parking space signage but it's all positive.
Can discriminate against less tech minded people
CAR PARKING SHOULD BE NO CHARGE
I support the use of technology as an option but please allow for older people that are not tech savvy
Too many apps !!
The use of smart parking will combat the need to look at pay on exit systems? No need to spend money on both. Where there are particular locations where it gets busy and demand is high then upgraded signage might be beneficial but again a place-based approach is vital, working with local town councils.
Pay on exit is always preferable unless a cheap all day rate is offered, see Bury St Edmunds.
Not everyone has the knowledge or ability to use smart parking or has a suitable device for apps and virtual permits
Anything which includes the word "smart" isn't, doesn't work and will be a total waste of tax payers money.
Again, the context of my previous comments.
I don't mind the parking apps, however you should always have the option to pay at the machine with cash or card.
Please see earlier comments. Apps should be in addition and not a replacement for cash and or contact less payment, they risk exclusion of some of the very people who need parking most!
It's 2022. Who carries change any more?
This level of technology is unnecessary in a small town like ours and not in keeping with our heritage surroundings. Your thought line is so depressing! Why would you even ask a question like that.
All these ideas costs money which then get passed onto the users, I cannot stress enough, do not charge for parking, it will kill the town centre.
Parking apps often don't work and are sometimes hard to understand. Pay on exit is better so you don't have to rush back or worry about running out of time. This encourages more relaxed shopping experience and more likely to spend more time and money in local businesses, say, by stopping for a coffee.
I'm not sure what smart parking is. I never look at the website except for waste collection.
We all would prefer to only pay for the parking we use I'm sure. But does this mean cameras taking car details on entry & payment by app? this type of payment facility does not always work as we have found a& can be very stressful if payment cannot immediately be made! It is not good for some older people - of whom there are several in Stowmarket - who prefer cash payments and do not have smart phones!

No apps - not everyone can or has access to these

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if they had to start paying to park.

Improved signage would be desirable - the initial introduction of display of tickets in the Sudbury car parks was appalling - and seemed to be designed to maximise penalty income to the Council

I support introduction of charge points for electric vehicles but oppose expenditure on things more suited to city car parks

Not everyone knows/understands technology! That's something you need to introduce slowly over the next 15 years!

All our tax money being wasted by the council again. Spend our money on services for the people instead

I feel these could exclude certain members of the Community. For example the elderly.

A lot of people who use Hadleigh have older cars, a lot of the people who use the car parks are older and so on ... so some of the newer tech may not be ideal for a large percentage of users. I and most people I know hate having to use apps for parking. There may be a few who like it, but even my children in their twenties and tech savvy hate the parking apps. It would act as a deterrent to people using our shops and services.

I have opposed the priority parking spaces as I find it very frustrating when I cannot park and these spaces are empty. Parent and child spaces used to be shared, if it was the only space available I could park in it. Now I am expected to leave it empty while it stays empty just in case a parent and child needs to park. Christmas Eve for example - busy periods. If all spaces were wide enough to get in and out of these would not be so necessary. Perhaps for children who are not walking or over a certain age as any parent and child can park in these and some of the children are old enough to use an ordinary gap - this might mean fewer are needed and more spaces for general users. I am a grand parent by the way

Residents should be given the option to have resident permits in places where parking is a problem

I Prebook driveway parking spaces when visiting London and find it takes the stress out of searching round for a space. Could help with traffic congestion, and help those visitors from outside town to plan ahead.

I don't use apps so would find it difficult if conventional (old fashioned) payment options were done away with.

Don't waste money on unnecessary signs

I don't use my phone for everything, so that would be no good to me; sorry!

Provide apps to enable drivers to identify where parking spaces are available

Bear in mind the elderly population who still drive but are not technically competent

I oppose the spending of large amounts on any initiatives. Spending on 'improvements' only drives up charges (councils justify charges by pointing out how much is spent on them - circular argument)

The council should be wary of unnecessary uses of their budget. Not everyone has a smartphone to use parking apps etc and so risk socially excluding some parts of society.

I appreciate in big towns parking is a significant revenue generator but still disagree with charging if it puts people off of supporting our towns.

Just save money on over- the- top technology. Just ensure the pay machines work. Not everyone has access to modern technology.

I don't know what new vehicle technologies and management is.

Again, spending to modernise will cause prices to increase. These are car parks and in a rural area - no modern interventions are necessary. They are not more efficient and Alienate the senior customers. In 10 years time, with money from parking able to pay for upgrades and technology - maybe, but not an expense needed when we have a cost of living and utilities increase.

Sudbury needs free parking to survive. Residents do not want charges for parking in Sudbury. Listen for a change!

Keep it simple. Pay on exit is fine until someone 'gets in a muddle' at a busy time and chaos ensues!

People who are older have no clue about phone apps this restricts them too much

Not a good idea as not everyone is technology savvy

Parking should be straightforward and easy- preferably free, for everyone especially in towns where people are visiting to spend money and enhance the local economy.

Only if there is also the possibility of paying with card or cash as well as not everyone has a smartphone and this also usually puts up prices

IPaying on exit systems use number plate recognition software. This can cause problems when vehicles enter and leave the carpark without paying for valid reasons e.g did not find any spaces. Some car parks avoid this problem by having a free period eg first 30 minutes.

Not sure Occold or Eye really needs Smart City technology. Just parking capacity and policing to prevent misuse - e.g. free for 30 minutes low charge for hour then rapidly escalating

Use a single app across the county. Ringo for example. I like Ringo as I can pay using Apple or Samsung pay meaning I don't need to give bank / card details to a third party. It also has a business and personal part meaning I can keep my business expenses separately within the same app. Ringo is also used throughout the UK.

The older generation are really going to struggle with this

Parking apps and virtual tickets are great.

Unsure of what smart parking integration is but electric points for cars would be great

All these cost money to implement-you've just put new machines in don't waste money to change

Forcing people to use apps can exclude certain people so alternatives must remain available

Free parking more important than spending large budget on new technologies

The essence of parking services is that they should be as simple to us as possible New technology should only be used if it can be demonstrated that the technology will enhance the user experience and pay for itself.

That would stop older shoppers and drivers from going shopping, the council have already have made it difficult. Pay to park, be a council that makes it easy for heavens sake.

Especially in residential Ur cheery tree road

As I've said before, technology won't work for everyone. The council needs to be mindful of this and provide options for everyone.

Waste of money and it turns people off

Most of these proposals will cost money and i suspect the funding will come from parking charges.

I use parking apps but a lot of elderly people cannot and do no.

Pay on exit schemes would work well with a 'support local' validation scheme. Participating businesses can validate tickets and parkers supporting local could get free parking or 3 hours free etc. Also encourages visitors / shopping to stay longer in town without the worry of getting a parking ticket.

The car parks in Sudbury already have places for electric cars

We have parking Apps

Talking MS, Stowmarket is not large enough to warrant signs to state space availability and they would be unsightly and costly, both initially and to maintain, both of which would have to come from parking ticket sales. All such improvements mentioned above mean one of two things.. 1 the current ticket prices are too high and there is a surplus in the bank account from ticket sales which can be used for paying for the improvements...if this is the case reduce ticket prices and promote the town. 2 if there is no surplus then ticket prices would have to increase to pay these improvements

Mid Suffolk doesn't have car parks that need that sort of investment (we are not Ipswich or Norwich) Stop trying to throw money at a non existent problem.

No need to waste money on apps or exist systems because parking needs to be free Maybe found car park partly from electric ev charging points or councils commercial investments

sorry - what is a priority parking space? priority for whom? disabled driver? business owner? earliest driver? on what basis is this judged. You must explain your terms!

Please remember there are many members of the community who don't have smart phones or credit cards or the ability to fathom out their use in a car park. It's a car park not a cash cow

Do not reduce spaces and provide advantages to those able to afford electric vehicles as an incentive. Most people would by electric if they could afford it. These people might not be those that have the greatest need of car parking

I've put that I support, but this will not induce me to use more.

Variable message signs are an eyesore and expensive. Put the same live information online or in an app

Stop disadvantaging people who do not have the facilities to utilise technology. This is a selfish attitude to suit the councils own agenda.

Parking apps that make you register before you can park are a complete pain - there are too many, you need access to the Internet at the point of parking and it is very difficult to complain or get resolution of issues. Surely it should be possible to have something like the Dart Charge for all local residents where you have an account and are charged automatically. Others could have the option to pay on exit.

Older people do not want more technology to make parking a car most complicated

Please be inclusive when considering technology as not everyone has access to it or can cope with it

One dedicated app eg Ringgo for Suffolk.

Please consider ringo. Please don't make it app only as older people struggle with this. Don't waste money on real time parking signs, Stowmarket isn't busy enough usually for this?

All car parks should have contactless card payments options and online payment should using just the one app across the county. Not everyone has a smart phone and not everyone has cash ora contactless card. So please consider payment machine which suit all users.

We're growing but still have a large amount of OAP's and making parking complicated will put residents off from parking if they have to use an app to do so.

Parking app already in use. Do not waste money on variable message signage. We are looking at market town parking and this is not necessary.

A lot of people do not understand this technology and would be discriminated against there use.

Carparks should be free and with plenty of spaces, then there would be no need to waste money on useless technology.

See my previous comments. Technology not always suitable for aged - parking app or virtual permits exclude certain groups of users

All of these options rely on technology which rather defeats the reasons why people need to go shopping. Yes, technology is good but many people don't have access to the technology required and you will deter them if you make even leaving a car park too complicated.

Pay in advance often results in additional unused cost to those parking or fines where time has been exceeded. Paying for what you use sounds fairer. Because councils across the UK use different parking apps it is difficult as an occasional visitor to know which app needs to be downloaded and time consuming to download the one you need. Consistency in this would be helpful.

I don't feel like Babergh car parks need lots of new technology. Parking apps might be useful for people who don't have cash on them, but I dont recognised capacity problems which would warrant a significant upgrade in the tech.

you need to make paying for parking available to all, not everyone has a smart phone for apps and virtual permits

The website should already contain the necessary information ie location, number of spaces in car parks and what the charges, if any there are. It doesn't need anything fancy.

Signs with number of spaces available seems unnecessary expense

However smart parking should not replace traditional methods of payment to cater for those not able to use them.

Pay on exit is a waste of money to install, cameras and parking apps do the same job far cheaper. The second question is undefined, I strongly oppose surveying something so vague. Website is a waste of money, Google and parking apps do the work already

Not really relevant

I don't mind paying a reasonable fee, I don't want to have to download and use apps. I don't think I have ever been into town and not had a place to park, obviously Christmas Fayres etc do impact on availability but then public transport should be encouraged and offered at incentive prices as noone really wants to sit in traffic jams.

Have all, parking apps, virtual permits, cash, card options for payment.

It would be a good idea for parking areas to use apps but not use apps exclusively. There is an ever growing elderly population in Elmswell. We don't want to be exclusive to them by only using tech that will alienate them. Good looks like a hybrid of app and more traditional methods to pay for parking areas.

If pay on exit was available then perhaps short visits could be free. I often park for less than half an hour to pick up or drop off an item but still need to pay as if I am going to be there for 2 hours.

Not everyone want a mobile

For Newman's road agree

While I do not support priority parking I do support new technologies eg electric car charging bays. I assume it would be useful for people who work in Hadleigh and have to park every day to be able to this easily so an app and cheaper booking (season ticket style) might be appreciated

wasting our money again

You need to consider older people who cannot or do not wish to use this type of technology. A combination of both as is now, would work, the machines should have options of cash and card, with app details if people wish to use it

Should still be able to use cash though

Babergh District Council's parking policy must not be discriminatory. Not everyone can access apps, a significant proportion of the elderly in my village do not have a smart phone, mobile phone, broadband, laptops etc. and have no desire to have any. All car parks should have parking places exclusively for the use of disabled people, and they must be situated near the access/egress point.

I oppose the introduction of parking charges in Sudbury.

You need to ensure car parks remain accessible to all, even those who are not comfortable with technology.

Parking apps and virtual permits will alienate a large proportion of car park users. More enforced disabled parking is required

Not necessary currently The demographic of use currently would show little demand

Council car parks have very few EV charging points, and these are usually either occupied or faulty. There's a lot of catching up to do here!

There are too many parking apps.

Keep parking free

Babergh hosts a very large population of pensioners, possibly over 50%, and most visitors are also of pensionable age. We do not wish to have our lives regulated by apps and other digital obligations. Many of us don't even own a mobile - I don't, and don't wish to.. We enjoyed a free life unmonitored by 'authority', which should be our servant and not our master.

Not everyone has a smartphone or computer, so parking apps are useless to many.

As long as they are cash pay for parking it's going to be fine not everybody wants to have an app on their phone and they're not always reliable not only that but different towns have different apps

Most of the above are not relevant or appropriate to Hadleigh especially if they involve barriers with Pay on Exit tokens.

Why introduce all this stuff /nonsense when the needham market high Street works so well. Unnecessary costs for minimal gain and maximised opposition. Introduce additional ev car charge points to bring in drivers to the town. This will enhance confidence in the electric vehicle charging network and bring in new users to the town. Eg mid suffolk offices car park.

Take a look at Ipswich hospital parking.

If u pay on exit asda Stowmarket return your parking fee. This would stop. A lot of older people would not be able to use an app. So would not be able to use car parks

Smart parking is fine for techno geeks and those able to navigate the intricacies of Apps and permits. Not a lot of use to those who do not have a Smart Phone, the common assumption being (dangerous) that everybody has one. Having seen an elderly lady reduced to tears because she could not use the new fangled parking now in place. The introduction of machines whereby one has to enter your registration number (surprising how many young and old alike don't remember) and then pay with a card or cash. Fall foul of hospital parking and you will never go near technology again. Pay on Exit and the use of ANPR, plus lousy signage made a whole story out of a simple visit to deliver clothes for a patient. It even made the papers. Signage now altered and legible and fines repaid to the 93 year old who got 2 for one visit.

Residents seasons ticket

Not app only payment

The issue nor answer is to upgrade machines, signage etc, its a waste if money, it is to determine a strategy going forward as to how we can encourage people back to the high street so they feel they wish to visit us! 2 hours on the High Street would be a very good start.

Just keep the car parks safe and useable don't waste money on cluttering up the area with more electronic signs which will take time and money to maintain and waste energy powering all the time.

I'm not sure that there is going to be a large enough car park in Needham Market to warrant a variable message sign displaying the number of spaces available - perhaps I'm wrong.

Assumptions should never be made that everyone has a smart phone though, especially true of the elderly.

Ipswich hospital have pay machines where you can pay by your bank card if you prefer.

I agree with Virtual Permits but Strongly oppose Parking Apps.

What is wrong with cash?

Bring back ringgo it is better

Confusing 'mixed' technology is rife + diabolical. Plus how about the non technofobes?!

Keep it simple

There should be priority parking for EV at EV charging stations.

Let's waste more money on technology we don't want , keep it simple , it works as it is . Don't waste OUR money

Although we need to move on with technology, there are a lot of older people who find the new technology difficult to use. for example, many of the people who come to the Ansell Centre events (lunch clubs and Cafe and cinema) still pay by cash and do not even own a mobile phone.

Important to ensure users who don't have smartphones can still pay by a traditional method.

Hadleigh known for friendly, 3 hours is ample oppotunity to visit the high street / use the shops & time to chat Children need to be more active, priorty spaces for parent & child, should be further away & longer to walk Overall the councils website needs revising

Not accessible for so many people, who don't easily have use apps

Thse changes would result in complications. Keep it simple.

As long as cash & card payments remained an option in all car parks, on most machines. Had a frustrating weekend attempt (,out of area) trying to pay by Ringo App: it just didn't work. Some people don't have smart phones, may not have credit, battery or signal also.



Again you are wasting money, Hadleigh is a small town and these things are not necessary.

Again instructions need to be clear and wifi provided.

Keep it simple not everyone wants to or has access to 'apps'. Car parks are for everyone and parking machines should be simple and easy to use.

'Smart' ain't.

not everyone has apps or IT

It's all well and good paying for parking via apps but not everyone has a smart phone. I recently paid someone's parking for them as there was no option for them to pay with cash

Please stop spending money on things we don't need

Costs should be kept to a minimum requirement. Unnecessary additions like expensive barriers should be avoided. They are also not attractive to look and detract from an area.

Not everyone has a smart phone!!

I am fine using apps but the older people still like to use a parking meter/machine and this should not be withdrawn!

The older generation don't always have smart phones or the technical knowledge to use smart parking

There is no need for lay on exit as the app to pay does everything you need.

"Provide facilities for new vehicle technologies and management (e.g. priority parking spaces)" - does this refer to EV? I have not seen anything about charging points yet....

While generally supporting the above points, the issue of enforcing the permits etc. then becomes an issue.

There should be charging points installed in car parks but they can be at the back. Disabled spaces needs priority near the exits but parent xnx child and charging spaces can be in quite areas

If you must charge, then pay on length of time on exit which is much fairer

Parking apps can be an option but not a necessity.

This should only be considered as an addition to be used alongside the existing pay and display machines not instead of

I dont think we should over-urbanise the area by installing variable message signs etc. Whilst electric charging spaces would be beneficial and would encourage people to continue the increase in buying electric cars, those that have such cars are usually not those needing nearby access and these spaces do not need priority.

If you introduce smart technology the price goes up for users and it's not necessary in this small market town. Keep it simple, easy to access and use.

Some car parks in bury at edmunds have upgraded their car parks and they are totally confusing for the older generation. It causes long queues waiting to pay and other car park users need to help. This causes lack of confidence for the driver and may encourage them to park somewhere else. Don't think Stowmarket need such a sophisticated system due to the demographic

Not everyone can use modern technology. Don't make it compulsory but user friendly to everyone.

Only oppose if there is further restrictions on coin/cash usage. Not everyone has or is able to use an App plus it does take a very long time to pay for your parking! Frustratingly so.

There are a lot of people who are elderly and disable who cannot understand modern technology

The weakness of technology is maintenance and the budget attaching.

Not everyone wants to use apps or has access to the internet. Should have the ability to pay at machines. Make it accessible for all

Older drivers could not cope with "purchase" of virtual permits.

Pay on exit systems are not popular. Queues to enter details at peak times. Have to return to the machine when leaving the car park. Not an efficient system.

Definitely need more priority spaces for parents and young children! There are so few and it makes coming into town really quite stressful when I can't get my son safely out the space because it's too small.

Parking apps are not suitable for all users

All these questions relate to car parks This is needham

LAVENHAM Motorists have always gone to dedicated Filling Stations to re-fuel. Why should Councils suddenly take on the responsibility?

We don't do Apps

Don't charge too much as there's limited selection of 'anything' in Sudbury 3 free hours definitely helps the local economy

Although on one level I support this, the other is that certain members of the community are not as tech savvy and this may alienate them

However any apps supported need to be those that are used locally

Some seem excessively costly, although if cheap to implement in new car parks I guess it couldn't hurt.

Sudbury is a small market town with very few shops, charity, coffee and betting shops, a lot of empty shops are evident. Putting up signs to indicate availability of parking will be a waste of finance which could be better spent on investment in the town.

Stowmarket has an aging population, cards, smart phones etc aren't for everyone

Any hightech systems will need funding by higher parking charges so fees will inevitably rise and deter visitors to the town centre.

Keeping costs to a minimum is essential. Of the ideas above, however, smart parking is probably the most cost effective.

needham market don't have a car park

Think of the older generation or those who may not be familiar or able to use technology.

Virtual permits make sense but the other suggestions in this section are more suitable for city centre rather than rural market town parking management

Again your baking this around parking charges, and ignoring residential parking.

Pay on exit a good idea providing people know the cost before entering. Smart parking already causes problems. Many people do not have phones that can cope with this. Provide more spaces for larger vehicles within car parks, eg motor homes. They bring in business to the area.

Please continue to use machines which accept coins. Not everyone wishes to pay by card or has the ability to download parking apps. Thank you.

Pay on exit car parking is in use in Bury St Edmunds and causes confusion. Signs displaying empty spaces were installed in Ipswich at great expense and in my opinion have little benefit.

I'm not into apps and gadgets, and I would be put off from using a car park if this was the on,y choice of payment. The signs are to expensive for what they're worth.

Put in electric vehicle infrastructure asap. For small towns, electric signage seems like a waste of money. Enabling mobile pay technologies or card based payment would increase the accessibility of the car parks.

I oppose parking for mother and child spaces closest to amenities. I appreciate they need wider spaces but are more able than most to walk further especially if they have a pushchair to hang their shopping on.

It took over 10 mins to get into an app. Need to have coins still

More parking is what is required in most places. One of the reasons Ipswich is now such a poor place to visit and shop is not enough parking spaces and over priced parking. Too much focus on making it harder for drivers in areas with limited or no public transport

The current car parks work just fine, the machines are fine. All of the above suggestions mean someone has to pay for it and we all know that anything that costs money needs to make its own money, ie charge for parking, something which most oppose.

As long as other options are avsilable

Variable message signs are highly useful in other towns, however I'm not sure how effective they would be in a smaller place like Stowmarket.

Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only

Awful lot of old people will not adapt or adopt new technologies

If not additional charges to pay by app

See previous comments about use of Apps and not everyone have these.....

Technology does not always work fir parking apps and the like . Not everyone has a smart phone

Need to be available to every age group, income bracket and ability

Expensive to set up and not everyone wants to ve dependent on a smartphone.

Anything to make parking easier. Spots vacant virtual permits etc good way of spending money  
Anything else bad

EV charging in car parks needs to be radically introduced. I drive a hybrid, but I would have chosen a full electric vehicle if the public charging facilities in the town were adequate, or even existent.

The nature of these questions suggests Babergh has lost touch with reality and certainly the reality of public opinion. Provide decent car parks, free for 3 hours at point of use and funded through council tax. Do not waste money researching features better suited to large cities with major parking problems.

Parking apps are the way forward!

The move towards app based parking charges very much disadvantages those who don't use smart phones or are not 'tech savvy'

Folks need a way of visiting without downloading another app so although this might be useful to regular users, don't put elderly without smart phones or visitors off please! Plus to use apps you need signal! Have you ever tried using the app at languard parking area Felixstowe! Website is useless for finding motorcycle parking spaces

I am not in favour of parking apps since I can't get apps on my phone. We should keep parking charges simple to use. People who are in a hurry can't waste time faffing about with calling a car park operator to pay or logging onto an app. Keep it simple with cash or card
Vehicle spaces systems are a waste of money. They frequently don't work and are very rarely needed
The easiest for users is RingGo
more Electric car charges would be good
There are often problems with parking app technology, and back-ups often do not exist (e.g.credit card facility.
Apps don't work for all banks. Card/contactless is sufficient.
RingGo is most widely used.
See previous comments
Yes, with the comment made previously that provision is made so as not to exclude the many people who struggle with parking apps and virtual permits.
Be aware not everyone can access apps so multi options are needed still.
I would revise this again in 20 years as there are still older cars around and some people can't afford to upgrade
Pay on exit will allow a policy of free parking for 60 minutes in all car parks.

**Comments from Question 11 - Land use development Theme**

let them stay overnight for free - you're trying to recoup from possible non council tax contractors  
 More on street parking and no charges or permits for residents  
 New car parks possibly - thinking of the look and character of them (eg not selling nature or historic buildings to create them) but park and rides are limited and thus not really welcome

Why penalise motorhome owners when everyone is guilty for parking a vehicle at the wrong place or extended their time limit.

That just discourages holiday visitors it's hard enough if you have a motor home

Leave well alone during this economic climate

Overnight charging yes for motorhomes but not local residents

Make free, but don't let people abuse the facility

Why charge ?

I understand looking for areas to create extra car park spaces but not a park and ride scheme. We need to have parking near to the shops kept available. People won't come and do some of their weekly shopping on a bus I'm afraid. In towns it may work better but not Lavenham

Mid suffolk leisure has a lack of parking causing a major disturbance with on street parking in Gainsborough Road and St Peters Road at peak times this isn't just due to current upgrades to current car park, this has been an issue for many years

Park and ride for Lavenham is not practical and would be expensive to set up. Motor homes have not caused any issues to date and there is no need to charge them for the need to park.

Motor homes cause no problems in Lavenham if they are allowed to use the car park. There is no need to charge them. A park and ride scheme in a rural location such as Lavenham again is a waste of funds and time. Please don't do that in Lavenham. Just leave people to park as they are now to access the shops and facilities.

PROVIDE O/NIGHT LORRY PARKS WITH FULL FACILITIES ADJACENT TO THE A14 & A12 ... AND A140.

Motorhomes are a way of ensuring a lower overall 'spend' on holiday. I do not know what proportion, if any, of them are hired (rather than owned) by the occupiers and thereby allowing an otherwise unaffordable holiday. But they are an expensive piece of kit. As it is, all the visitors to our more attractive (often rural) tourist areas make heavy free use of our footpaths and this is not reflected in money coming into our local economy via per capita tax spend in comparison to city populations. They are then with increasing frequency parking inappropriately in motorhomes, causing inconvenience and annoyance to local residents and businesses.

The leisure centre car park seems a good candidate although access for larger vehicles is not ideal.

Better they use a carpark than a residential street. But the charges must be low or they will not be used. Pickering in North Yorkshire do this.

Please !!!!!

Are motorhomes a big issue? Presumably touring motorhomes by preference use proper sites and it is nomadic lifestyle or otherwise homeless people who resort to car parks?

Why would you want people sleeping in a car park?? A park and ride to what exactly?? Sudbury has nothing to offer!

Create policy, for free and charged sites for RV's

To make the most of visitor economy potential in the district these options will be supportive

A lorry park should be created in the outskirts of the town, to minimise lorry traffic in the town centres AND to alleviate the problems of lorries parking in Churchfield Road in Sudbury.

As a Motor Home User, I am always prepared to pay a nominal fee to park in designated safe environments such as public car parks. Essential that any designated bays are large enough to accept Motorhomes up to 8 its, my own is 7.5 mts. I have been fined for not fitting into a standard car parking space, Even though I displayed two tickets as taking up two spaces. Most users of such facilities will use local facilities such as Pubs, Restaurants , shops etc. on addition all in general are very tidy users ensuring disposal of all rubbish etc in correct location and non use of other external camping equipment. State the rules clearly on any notice board and most will follow.

Make the H g v parking less toxic provid toilets basic human essential

Also add a lorry Park with facilities for all the lorry traffic we get

Better they park in a carpark then outside the front door of someone's house.

Too much development of land!

Overnight parking will require provision of facilities, there are plenty of caravan parks that can accommodate visitors. Adequate coach parking provision will assist local attractions such as the museum, with their events.

Taking away coach parking to put a doctors surgery in... Stupid idea because where are drivers meant to take their legal 45 min break if you've taken it away?? also want to take a Bus station away and put shops in which are Too high in rent and will probably sit empty.... BAD IDEA

If you wish to have visitors with motorhomes come to the area parking should be free.

Would encourage 'opportunists' to get up to no good if overnight charges for motorhomes were introduced.

Sudbury has no sites for additional car parking, Hadleigh desperately needs extra capacity and this should have been on the councils carpark which you plan to build houses on, very shortsighted.

Doesn't apply too much to the peninsula

ELECTRIC CHARGE BAYS / MAINS ELECTRIC OUTLETS FOR MOTOR HOMES

I don't feel we need overnight parking being a small town and car parks are normally generally showing spaces as I walk by or go in to I have no difficulties parking

Again place-based approach but having opportunities for motor homes to park will help local economy. Other facilities by need to be considered.

Motor home parking is an area that could earn money for the council were it set up in an adjacent area to the park and ride with appropriate facilities. Encourage them to come and pay camping fees with easy access to the town.

Providing there is sufficient space and spaces are sized accordingly to accommodate 'motor homes'. These vehicles can be very large and vary in size hugely. You must also consider bins and waste management in car parks that allow overnight use by a 'motor home'.

Park and rides should not be prioritized over the ever-reducing timetable and routes of buses. Part of parking strategies should include data and consideration in improving and increasing buses, connecting up villages and towns, it would seem, that separating strategies, rather than having a joined-up approach provides profiteering opportunities at the expense of residents and small businesses. Encouraging the use of public transport as much as practically possible and encouraging visitors and tourism should be at the heart of the aims and objectives for a joined-up approach of the BMSDC planning and strategies.

As long as there is a time limit on staying

Develop a community forum for these issues and put people on it who care about the area and actually live here. Also not people who have a vested interest.

The only coaches I see in the town centre are school transport and should use the bus station. Never seen a motor home parked overnight in the town centre.

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if they had to start paying to park.

These charges should reflect the costs of using a local commercial pitch. No discounts as any lack of facilities is more than off set by the additional costs managing provision and clearing up afterwards. These charges should apply to anyone or group staying overnight. Additional charges should be levied for parking outside designated bays. Caravans should be treated as motor homes and towing vehicle as separate vehicle.

There is nowhere currently with necessary facilities for overnight parking of motor homes. Park & ride is good for cities but doubt there would be any takeup in Sudbury, or Hadleigh.

Park and ride stowmarket.....is this a joke survey. It beggars belief

Do not develop on green field sites

I support the idea of investigating the use of Hadleigh Football Club car park as a long stay car park. Excellent idea. I would hope it would then free up some long term parking spaces in Magdalen Road. A park & ride from the new housing estates could be an idea, but I do not know how much it would be used in practise.

Consider adding taxi rank spaces and EV Charging Points in suitable locations such as near train stations or places of entertainment/hospitality.

and lorries

You will drive people away by doing this. We aren't getting issues and by making them pay you'll only drive away more visitors

Too much available space is set aside for building when it could be used for additional parking for people visiting local towns a villages bringing potential business to the high streets. Also stop them from parking in side streets. Hadleigh is a particular example where there is slightly out of town parking at the moment due to the Council Offices relocating to Ipswich 5 years ago and they have still not been developed but the car park is supposedly going to be built on which is a floodplain area. This would make an ideal visitor's car park as it is close enough to the town to walk and also beside the River Walk which leads to some lovely countryside walks. If we don't preserve these areas for the future, there will be no future. Until there is sufficient public transport servicing these areas then the car is the only means of access.



I you create more parking, there will be more incentive for people to drive to places. Please improve public transport and cycle lanes and then encourage people to use them. Global warming is a thing.

We really need proper facilities for long distance lorry drivers. They deserve our support and respect for the vital work they do. There are also issues for other motorists on the streets where ad hoc lorry parking now takes place. There also ought to be a strategy for getting freight off the roads and onto rail

I think it is important to promote trade and tourism for our town's businesses.

Coach parking? What coaches?? Off road parking, especially in housing estates, is essential. As is lower speed limits which are needed to protect residents and provide a access free environment for the physical and visually impaired.

Motor homes are exactly that and should book into suitable 'camp' sites otherwise car parks may end up getting seedy or encourage crime on motorhome residents.

Why put visitors off.

Overnight charges for motorhomes/commercial vehicles with sleeper facility should be charged for the privilege of 'sleeping' and I suggest no less than £20-£25 per night which is still very cheap compared to B&B or hotel.

Lavatory facilities should be available

Given the size of Sudbury I'm not sure that park and ride is feasible, either based on demand or cost, and it would not be feasible anywhere else in Babergh. Given the nature of the area and housing growth in rural settlements the requirement is likely to be provision for (hopefully electric) vehicles and therefore more EV charging points.

Busses and coaches a non starter realistically in rural areas - to few people

I don't understand the second element about reviewing and understanding. What is not understood at present.

Not a chance that would encourage travellers as all they have to do is pay for a space and stay for 6 months!

What happened to freedom in this country. Taxing and charging people to death is an ever decreasing circle.

Park and ride for Sudbury is a stupid idea. Sudbury is not big enough, an people should be able to park in Sudbury, not on it's outskirts.

Where are the facilities for Truck drivers need ing to take a statutory break. The lorry park is being developed into a new surgery, good news but. No [rovision has been made to accomodate overnight trucks. You are concerned about motorhomes, these people are on holiday. The truck driver is simply trying to carry out his duties delivering goods to supply all shops and business and yet the council along with the rest of the Country ignore the demands of the humble delivery driver.. He will only find himself in Babargh after a long day at the wheel and out of driving time and has no where to perform basic hygiene and lavatory functions, 21st century eh?

If you allow motorhomes, you will have to provide facilizes for waste water etc.

I think if considering overnight charges for motor homes, you would need a secure section / designated bays & possibly good access to facilities?

When we have motorhomes stay in car parks in the town they leave so much rubbish and don't respect the town

A lorry park is certainly needed (out of the town centre) - perhaps on Chilton Industrial estate or near the former Delphi site. A coach park / drop off in the town centre would be beneficial for the local economy (especially for Gainsborough's House and other attractions.

Talking only of mid suffolk, a park and ride us a very silly idea, even the large county town of Ipswich could not maintain a fantastic P&R with closure of two of the routes. Also there us no demand on P&R for mid suffolk.

Again not Mid Suffolk but in the 7 yrs we have lived in Suffolk the park & ride signs on the A14 for Ipswich are still up but the scheme no longer exists....another white elephant. NB Councils love putting up signage but never remove it when the scheme ends.

Parking facilities for overnight truckers with high quality shower facilities, should also be considered All new parking should be free Coach and lorry parking should be bookable in advance, To enable coach companies offer arranged trips and tours without having to worry where to park on arrival

As long as not long time overnight is fine only

As long as the facilities available match the charges payable

Would not support motorhomes using the lake facilities for overnight parking

Only if charges are enforced for all vehicles - why should travellers be exempt when others have to pay. And with regards to the review of coach services - there are none!

I really don't think that increasing car parks will help the high street to recover. Free parking probably would.

There's nowhere in Babergh that would suit park and ride and I certainly wouldn't use it

the smaller towns would not need park and ride. Keep the town centres open to parking and people since pedestrianisation parts of Ipswich are like a ghost town, you don't want it in a smaller town. The bus service is appalling from out of town so open towns up to people and cars. There will never be enough funding for a better bus service as our village over the last 8 years has gone from a bus an hour to weekdays every 4 hours and weekend nothing to our local market town. However you can get a better service to Bury St Edmunds 6 days a week.

Does this include Artic lorries

Stowmarket isn't busy enough for a park and ride.

Parking if motor homes or caravans in residential areas.

Consider running a shuttle mini bus service between new developments on the edge of town to the high street. Maybe other areas - far end of Benton Street for instance

Villages like Lavenham and Boxford are woefully short of parking spaces making it dangerous for all road users. Consideration should be given for specific users eg schools, doctors surgeries etc.

As a motorhome owner, support the initiative of overnight parking for motorhomes, but would go futher and and provide day time parking for motor homes, even the option to use 2 bays and pay double

Park and ride not relevant for Babergh towns

Oppose motor home charging unless their numbers lead to problems in specific areas. Their users spend locally, charging may deter them.

Charging for overnight parking just feels like profiteering tbh, if the spaces were in demand I would understand but are they really??? However I guess limits on time etc do need to be implemented to prevent abuse

'Consider the introduction of overnight charges for motorhomes in suitable car parks'. Key point left out here, is it parking of a vehicle? or parking with people sleeping in a vehicle?

See previous comments

Again I am only taking about hadleigh - park and ride really doesn't seem necessary at the moment or for the foreseeable future. I guess overnight charges for motor homes would be reasonable if facilities are provided (electric points), but I can't imagine why else you would charge people. Surely you would rather they are parking in a car park rather than street parking where they may be more of an obstruction. Think about unintended consequences please.

Britain is so unwelcoming to Motorhomes/Campervans compared to Europe. Yet most van users contribute the local economy and spread the word for tourism. Electric hook up, water provision for a small charge would be good too.

Coach parking? As far as I am aware there are no coaches that head to Stowmarket there are not enough quality shops to warrant this.

And provide facilities for Motorhomes

Overnight spaces for motorhomes in suitable areas will encourage tourism.

I oppose the introduction of parking charges for cars in Sudbury, but I do not oppose charging for overnight stays for motorhomes.

Stop developers using the highway as parking spaces. Road parking should ONLY be for workmen, (telecoms, maintenances and delivery) roads are for travel. Just look at Cedars Park, a disaster area with road parking. Refuse collection not happening due to access issues etc. All to line developers pockets.

Buses have not been running in some roads in the town for a while now .meaning that elderly people who would happily use a bus into town now have to either drive themselves into town or get friends and family to drive them in . So need to sort out local bus routes before worrying about park and ride schemes

Keep parking free

New parking space should not be set up on usable arable land or pasture. We are losing far too much farm land to housing already.

Most car parks are unsuitable for motor homes, appropriate parking elsewhere should be provided to avoid heading to drive these large vehicles into small towns, park and ride should have access to those vehicles

The motorhome one is an absolutely brilliant idea as long as we do not have all the facts that happened when East Suffolk council change their parking rules

Park and Ride would not be suitable or viable for the Town. The Corks Lane Car Park could be adapted to accommodate motorhomes if the overnight fee was not exorbitant.

Needham market does not warrant park and ride facilities. Charges for visitors at the visitor attractions.

This whole survey is moving towards gathering data to justify charging people more!! You should be working towards helping people to park safely, providing appropriate places to enable them to do so - not income raising

Park and ride to bury st edmunds

there is a need for more parking spaces on Clench rd at the bottom of the road, turn one-third of the green into residents' parking so that the children can play on the green without damaging the cars. Currently, there are 5 cars parked on the green, how about some bollards to stop this.

Park and Ride incorporating a Coach Park as already mentioned, would take the cars out of the village and lessen on-street parking. This would make Coach trips to the Lakes would be feasible and add to tourist interest, drop off at the Lakes, park up and return (avoiding the most bashed bridge in Britain) to collect their clients. This would have to be thoroughly reviewed as it is a radical step for a small venue like Needham. However, having Stowmarket just up the road it could be integrated into the equation. Overnight charges for motor homes and caravans should be the norm. Height barriers should also be installed in smaller car parks which cannot accommodate often huge vehicles used today.

We used to have a park and ride in West Ipswich that we used alot, only for some petty boundary issue to close it, a case of bureaucracy before the residents. If car parks are empty at night why charge motor homes?

there are two sites identified in the Eye Neighbourhood Plan for additional car parks. The District Council needs to implement its strategy by investing in bringing at least one of those sites forward.

I can't see a Park and Ride being set up for Needham Market and the one for residents for this area to get into Ipswich was closed. I used to use it but I wouldn't go to Copdock and use that one to get into Ipswich. I go to Bury St Edmunds now instead. There are applications for increased lorry parks on the Lion Barn industrial estate which causes us concern due to the weight limit through Needham Market which is already not enforced and properties in the High Street recently suffered damage due to lorries speeding through. The local building site had planning conditions placed on it that deliveries were not to be made via the High Street and Barretts Lane and this has not been enforced.

Needham mkt railway station carpark has some land surrounding it. Could be expander?. The coop on King William Street has a carpark. When the coop closes the whole site could be a pay & display with the entrance from the high Street.

Motohomes (+ caravans) are a growing problem parked up on prevelant very limited housing layouts can be very obtrusive to say the least!

Corks Lane DO NOT develop houses on it. Also, across from Corks Lane right near the river, across the road could be a potential site

Difficult in a town like Hadleigh to set up a Park & Ride system as drivers approach from a vast number of different locations. If, for example, a P & R site was set up on the Elmsett/Whatfield side of the A1071, drivers from Layham, Raydon, even the Station Rd side of Hadleigh, would have to drive through the town, to access the P & R.

No coaches and no motor homes. Could attract community problems.

If cheap.

With the current economic crisis, there may be more demand for motor home parking. Park and rides are sensible. Overall, better public transport is preferable to more parking

No need to keep finding ways to make money and control what people do

Overnight free parking encourages tourism!

A better understanding of where new or additional parking is required would be very useful in the planning of new facilities.

The first 2 points are what a council should be doing automatically
Park and ride is not applicable to needham market
I dont believe the parking of motor homes overnight is an issue in Needham Market unlike in coastal areas however the introduction of height barriers at the larger car parks may be beneficial.
Don't know of any near me, but a possible I come stream. Would suggest low initial rate . How would it be policed?
to maximise land use also needs a parallel public bus provision.
Would limit the spaces
Not really relevant in Eye
Park and Ride is an excellent idea which is environmentally friendly
Car Parks in Lavenham lie in close proximity to residential housing and I suspect overnight parking for motor home in these locations will be seen as intrusive and problematical. Sites away from residential areas may be better suited to such use.
The main problem here lies within the parking bays on the high street all for 1 hour period.there really isn't any available free land to make a car park but feel that there is a good working solution if we work together to find it.
LAVENHAM You have to be careful not to bow to the vocal motoring lobby at the expense of other considerations.
Suffolk should lead the way in parking for motorhomes including overnight parking. France have aires which are a great asset to encourage tourism and benefit the local economy. The Park and Ride at Ipswich near Whitehouse and Asda should never have been scrapped. We now don't use park and ride as it is on the other side of the town.
We are starting diwn a recession any reason to charge visitors would not support local economies.
Not sure about park and ride as the worry in lavenham is the impact to local landscape and where it could actually be implemented. Would still emphasise better signage and tightening of on street parking. Introducing motor home spaces seems a waste of space and risks increasing traffics to hotspots like Lavenham even further, unless it was a dedicated spot outside the village (but same problem remains of selecting and appropriate location)
Issuse residents of roads such as, George Street & Angel Street with parking permits.

Park and ride not appropriate for Sudbury it's a small market town four streets. The local buses are usually empty and most people walk to town now since lockdown. Sudbury is not a large affluent town, there are a lot of people on low income and are on minimum wages.

Yes motor homes should have some where to park as I own one and more and more town have nothing which makes it had to visit places of interest and sudbury / Lavenham has nothing !!!!

So pleased to see the subject of motorhomes, the use of Arie's in Europe is very popular and I personally use them to visit towns and villages whilst traveling, some have facilities to fill with water and drop waste (all chargeable) Sure there are for and against arguments but with modern CCTV and we have lots of empty carparks in Suffolk at night there has to be an opportunity to realise more revenue from the spaces and fine those that are antisocial or litter. If you explore an app for paid parking also consider prepaid booking for motorhomes to X limit and no return within 24 / 48 hours

Reasonable charges for overnight motorhome parking would be fine. Just having a legal spot for the night is all these vehicles need. Often there are no campsites available and motorhomers are left with a dilemma. If parking is provided in areas where there are shops and restaurants available this will bring in revenue fro the area.

Designated motor home parking spaces will enable visitors to stay on

Motor homes should not park in Hadleigh carparks.

THE LARGE CORKS LANE CARPARK LOSS WILL MAKE PARKING IN HADLEIGH EVEN MORE DIFFICULT ON BUSY DAYS. THERE SEEMS TO BE NO THOUGHT AS TO WHERE THESE PEOPLE WILL PARK

I agree with identifying new car parks but in our small towns there would be little benefit to park and ride. This is because we don't tend to have huge queues to get into town and people naturally gravitate to the closest parking possible. If parking becomes too much of an inconvenience it deters shoppers.

Charges for motorhome overnight stays shouldn't e high, you want them to come back to stay for a few days. I can't think of anywhere in MSDC that warrants a Park & Ride! AND, any new site should be brown, and definitely NOT green!



More public transport support.

Park and ride is not an option if I have to do shopping as I cannot carry it. Busses also jolt passengers and are not suitable for those with back problems.

Again this survey seems to be written to justify parking charges

Our local car parks are not camp sites.

A "park & ride" scheme could be implemented in the area around the Stowmarket train station, expanding outwards to cover the town center area, Tesco, recreational parks and Leisure center

If overnight charges would allow motorhomes to use parking where they are currently not allowed to stay overnight, then yes I do support that.

People should not be parking overnight in any Stowmarket car park

Why spend money opening park & ride again to close a few months after?

If there are no facilities at the car park there should be no charge. They park and potentially use the local businesses.

Move the lorry park out of the town centre into the Chilton Industrial Estate, and use the area for parking facilities together with the proposed development of the new GP surgery.

Bury St Eds Rams Meadow has a mobile home area, im not sure for daytime. I think its unnecessary for overnight..use a campsite for that.

Again look at France multiple tourists as you can use lots of free clean short stay overnight parking. Start charging and you start losing tourists and you lose more local income for business'. Don't be short sighted. Attract visitors our small towns are dying.

Would this not encourage motorhomes to park on nearby residential streets instead? Why should motorhomes have to have overnight charges if other vehicles do not?

The sale of the lorry park in Sudbury so that an ugly new health centre can be built has not only restricted lorry parking but also coach parking and use for legally required rest breaks, if you are going to allow and charge for overnight parking there will need to be some facilities available near by

Is this a big problem? Doesn't seem a priority.

Park & Ride are usually jolly good aren't our towns a bit small for this to work properly? I don't understand the question about motorhomes - is their much demand? I only generally see them for the annual takeover of Waitrose car park and occasionally stray holidayers parking in undesignated quiet areas on the edge of town.

if you are going to find somewhere to have park and ride, may I suggest you find somewhere where you will not dig up anymore of the green spaces around town. This surely contradicts the idea of sustainability and helping the environment

Comments from Question 12 - Sustainable transport and integration Theme

We are against electric vehicles which are not environmental - the battery alone is a huge cost to the earth - and we're suspicious about this new mantra and the effect on our bills and further profit for energy companies. We have lived in and visited in towns with the scooters and bikes, which clutter the pavement and are a pain for all road users (including pedestrians). We'd be interested to see if a rural council could better its poor public transport, but there's more to a good service than cost and reliability. Given the train strikes (and shutting down for so called 'extreme weather'), it shows that public transport is not reliable. Staff are often rude and poor at complaint handling. They would need to run regular services day and night. We are also aware via covid of how making more people rely on public transport means we can be excluded from it if we don't comply, and thus it's a form of social control. People in rural areas expect to drive and thus to have that provided for Re secure cycle racks - what do you mean? We wouldn't want anything convoluted or that involves paying or that is difficult to use - like at railway stations. Just something to safely wrap a lock round. We don't want more watching.

Likelihood of adequate public services to get to places for appts in rural areas unlikely to be affordable and council therefore need to allow car parking

Council shouldnt involve themselves in things that do not concern them. Cyclists and Pedestrians.

Better and marked motorcycle parking bays

They seem to be a waste of money and an eyesore in other places. Colchester for example has e-scooters dumped everywhere!

Parking demand is crucial to future support of town centres and shouldn't be reduced. The CAR is not going away only changing to a more efficient and cleaner mode of transport and will be the most convenient mode of getting from A-B in more rural settings where public transport is limited or disappointingly non existent.

The bus service is terrible now, cutting services, not turning up, leaving people stranded, Nothing will change. and they charge more for my family of 3 to get home than it is for a taxi.

You need buses or public transport that are reliable not a service that is cancelled at short notice. The public transport service has slowly been disappearing over several years.

You should be improving the bus service so we don't need to take the car. I used the buses until they took them off now I can't get one without walking miles so have to take the car.

Regular bicycles should be distiunguished from e-bikes and e-scooters. Regular bicycles are generally good from climate change and health perspective. E-bikes and e-scooters are only good if they achieve modal shift from vehicles powered by fossil fuels, and if the electricity they use has NOT been generated using fossil fules or nuclear power.

I fear "promoting bike and public transport" will end up just being the cheap option of "encouraging bike riding" without thought to rural areas with no bus route. Currently it's 2 miles to nearest bus stop, no connection to get to Colchester so no choice but to drive and park.

Public transport needs improving. More charging points will be needed which will cut current available spaces. More spaces will be needed to compensate.

The service provided for public transport needs a vast improvement before you start promoting it. We will need many more electric charging points in the future.....and these cut parking spaces so we need to factor this into any future development and increase overall spaces and not maintain or cut them. E bikes and E scooters are dangerous and shouldn't be anywhere near somewhere like Lavenham. Bicycle parking is a tough one as many bicycle owners like to leave them in sight and not locked away in a car park out of view.

We are a rural community so cars are a requirement, unlike in cities and towns. It is not feasible to bike to get your weekly shop. Most people in this area need a car to get to work or at least for part of that journey.

No reduction in spaces to make way for bicycle parking, nor the installation of charging points. Should be implemented without the loss of parking bays.

Problematic and expensive and infrequent Needs a review!

PUBLIC TRANSPORT is not just a matter of reduced congestion and parking demand. MANY PEOPLE DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A CAR. Sorry to shout, but there needs to be a more comprehensive transport strategy that does not rely solely on our all converting to electric vehicles. They are hugely expensive and their manufacture is environmentally destructive.

Actually provide a decent public transport service!!

Active travel and public transport have been promoted for many years and parking demand continues to grow. Maintain the promotion but please do not make the mistake of thinking the public will migrate en-masse from their cars, there is no sign of this. In days gone by, I often would meet business colleagues in a supermarket car park and then go off on a business trip in a single car, all kinds of private car parks have made this impossible now with unnecessary time restrictions on parking, for new developments, could planners not insist that some provision is made for this kind of use?

Where are people going to ride these bikes?? On the paths /pavements and make it difficult for others.

More safe segregated cycle lanes. safe for family sustainable transport. That link to secure parking areas.

Dont forget integration of services with rail stations and public bus service...where possible. So single purchase opportunities for visit to travel park, visit attractions...

The last point might be useful in cities but is not necessary in smaller towns or villages. I strongly oppose the idea of E-scooters in Babergh towns. They are dangerous to users and pedestrians, it should be illegal to use one without wearing a helmet and regulations about their safe use on road and pavements need to be tightened up, widely shared and better monitored, with fines for inconsiderate or dangerous use.

Essential more car charging points are made available. Should of course be chargeable at an appropriate rate (not such as those at Motorway Services), it is the way ahead and as an electric car user on a frequent basis, far more sites are required

E scooters should be banned
Ban use of e-scooters in town centres.
As part of a wider strategy to increase sustainable transport
Our public transportation is none existing as you have constantly decreased service to the point you have to drive to work
E -scooters are dangerous & a menace to pedestrians so should not be encouraged.
Sustainable transport isn't just bicycles. Do something about improving bus routes and encouraging people to get out of their cars. (Impossible for a lot of us in Babergh as there are no buses.)
The greater the public transport provision, the less demand there will be for parking spaces. As things stands there is very poor public transport links meaning many households need 2 cars. If there are options people can use them, if not then more parking is required.
Keep it free.
Rural communities have very few transport options
There is no bus in fressingfield, we have to rely on cars. At least give us a bus to Harleston
Public transport should enable people to, at the very least, use it to travel to work.
bikes never pay for anything so why should cyclist get stuff not my fault they cant tell difference btween green and red and they have to be on the path where they like to run into ppl
NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT IN VILLAGE drive way needed NOW
e scooters are nothing but a nuisance and harmful to the environment
All the above should have free parking. Only charging for any other services.
There is no point in promoting active travel and public transport because in areas like mine THERE IS NO PUBLIC TRANSPORT.
Lets be realistic, our public transport system is broken and would take huge investment from central government with continuous subsidy's. This is not going to happen, we are rural community and will always rely on the car the sooner you recognise this and stop playing up to Green Polices the better.
EV charging has to be at the forefront of the next 20 years.
Last two questions - do not know
PUBLIC TRANSPORT SHOULD RUN 24 HOURS PER DAY TRAINS + BUSES -- ON ALL ROUTES + MORE COUNTRY ROUTES
public transport in laxfield is non exsistent
Don't use bikes as have a car or walk where possible. Most cyclists probably wouldn't use this anyway
Provide more buses in my local area. To encourage the use of public transport rather than cars.
The local road infrastructure needs to be considered when thinking about Active Travel as this can be a huge barrier but it's absolutely what should be a priority!

Reducing the cost of public transport and reliable frequent services will encourage the public to leave the car at home

There is little or no public transport in surrounding areas as such people have to drive and make use of the car parks but if car parks introduce charging I would just go to the supermarkets instead.

The docked scooter idea doesn't really translate from a large metropolitan area to a rural town. It would be only marginally better than cars while being largely unnecessary. Good pedestrian or cycle ways would work better while ensuring that all facilities are within easy reach of shuttle drop off points.

Bus services are very unreliable and are only available on certain days. Eg Felix not on weekends and chambers not in Sundays or evenings.

You need to invest in better pathways trying to go into town using my wheelchair instead of the car is difficult. Pathways are small as it is without peoples plants growing out onto them. Additionally there aren't adequate drop kerbs to cross safely.

There are plenty of car parks in Stowmarket, none of the above really have an impact. It is residential parking that is the biggest issue.

In our rural area with inadequate public transport driving and parking is a necessity.

Electric charge point investment should be reviewed once the technology has advanced. Many bike friendly towns and cities across the globe manager without bicycles storage facilities and therefore there is a clear demonstration that there is no need to spend money where there is not a need.

I don't think, at the moment, the volume of local people with electric and hybrid cars warrants the need for further spaces for charging. Better, safer facilities for storing bicycles is in dire need. It's just not safe to leave cycles at the moment, despite supposed CCTV. That's not manned in real time, nor does most of it work.

Some of these questions are ridiculous! When will you ever introduce half of things?

Public transport ie buses in local villages such as Onehouse has been stopped completely! Although a new bus service has been introduced on the Chilton Leys estate! This is so very wrong! How can the council take away a service much needed by people who struggle in villages to get into town & give it to residents on a new estate who live much closer to amenities?!

To make parking work for sustainability, then a MASSIVE investment in the nature, frequency and quality of public transport is needed. I can go nowhere without a car. It is a myth in rural suffolk that public transport works outside of the larger towns.

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if the had to start paying to park.

I live in a rural area. I need parking when I visit either Sudbury or Bury as public transport is not an option for me.

Any facilities specifically for electric vehicles must be on a commercial footing and return sufficient revenue to cover all cost over and above standard parking charges. Railings to which cycles can be secured provide sufficient security. The only people interested in stealing cycles are other cyclists and their suppliers. If they weren't always looking for something on the cheap there would be no point in stealing bikes.

Oppose spending money on car parks for electrical charging most of which stand empty in other car parks that have done this - mid suffolk leisure for example. Stop wasting money promoting sustainable travel where towns are greatly used by rural villages with no transport links. If you live in a village you will use a car there are no reliable frequent bus services to villages, car share schemes do not work as people's work hours vary too much to make it feasible.

Several of the above would be more appropriate in a more built-up area - such as near your Council offices in Ipswich. As the Sudbury catchment is considerably more rural I do not expect public transport to show any marked improvement in my lifetime!

There should be better bus services but what control does Babergh have over bus provision? They would need subsidies to run to neighbouring villages. Bike lanes have not been mentioned but cycling needs to be made safer if more people take it up.

I don't understand why the council haven't made all of their car parks solar farms.

E scooters are being used currently within town illegally so would make sense to introduce a controlled system for this. It may also reduce cars into town.

Except I strongly oppose anything that encourages e-scooters because they are lethal.

Plenty of bus stops just need the council to fund the rural buses that have been cancelled. E cars are only for the affluent of our town. Let them pay themselves for a point at home

The current bike parking areas are hardly used, unfortunately, despite them being conveniently located (near the High Street). I think people use their bikes mostly for leisure and car at other times. Electric charging bays need to be of the fast charging type. I do not know whether the costs of installing secure bike parking is worth the expense. I don't think Hadleigh would be an appropriate place for e-scooters. E-bike docking would be good, but would need to be very secure due to the value of the bikes. Investigate first whether there is sufficient demand.

Do people actually cycle? I don't, the roads aren't safe.

Increased public transport usage aspirations must be in tandem with the provision of realistic and viable options being made available. It's impossible to promote the former unless this happens.

If it were practical as an incentive to get people out of their cars the cost of parking a car with a registered address less than say a mile from a car park should be charged double.

Babergh have installed stands in Hadleigh, one by the Suffolk Building Society & another at the side of Greggs for cyclists to park their bikes & I have never seen one bicycle in these stands no matter what time of day, so this was a complete waste of money.

Desperately need secure bike and electric bike parking - I would cycle in if this available

Promotion of public transport needs to be realistic. The village where I live only has one bus a week into Sudbury and that only continues because it is subsidised by local parish councils and District Councillors from their locality budgets. It is likely to disappear entirely at the end of March 2023. Given that it is about 10 miles into Sudbury then shopping and other trips to the local town are realistically going to be made by car. Hence my point above about the need for greater EV charging point provision.

Too small for e bikes and car clubs

Absolutely, but without improved public transport alongside the active travel work, people will never be encouraged away from their cars.

Bikes yes, e-scooters & e-bikes are dangerous and should not be encouraged at any level, someone is hardly likely to do a weeks shop and then get on an e-scooter, now are they!

My mother in law has recently had her bus service terminated in her village. This gives her no regular access to travel, so we have to drive a forty mile round trip to take her shopping. I'm sure we're not the only ones who have to support their parents in the village, either. Please bring back regular bus services to town - even if they're only once a day. What's the point of giving pensioners a bus pass, if they can't actually access one?

Sudbury is fortunate to still have it's rail link but the bus service is woeful, no service at all on a Sunday or after 6.30pm. The bus network across Babergh needs investment. I personally wouldn't ride a bike from Bures to Sudbury, far too dangerous. Designated, safe cycle paths is the best was to encourage more cycling.

There are quite a few electric charging points in the ones at the kingfisher, at the moment there are not that many electric cars about !!

Public transport would be ideal, to get pack to a level seen in the 1990s would be great. However, the cost of buses put most people off using them, if you are travelling with 2 or more people then a car (which most people on this rural area already own) works out cheaper.

We live in a village with one bus an hour. So Public transport is laughable. E-scooters are in the main illegal & therefore should never be considered. They would be crime generators by the users & probably cause an increase in road traffic accidents.



Most e scooters are illegal to ride on road, and Admin to check proof of address for uses make it impractical, Consider paying for free bus service,. In and around big towns Currently no early morning buses or late night bus exists, so council needs to consider funding these otherwise pointless promoting bus to car uses It's still cheaper to use a car if it's full , than a bus , and maybe even more environmentally friendly as you go direct and not on an extra long slow route ,, and new electric car are cheaper to build then electric buses So council needs to fund research in a Lifetime costs of ev use to bus use including all environmental effects before promoting bus use

More cycle lanes are needed throughout the whole of Ipswich.

Electric charge points should reflect the likely, not the wished for no of users. Boris bikes are not needed, only people likely to use them are people coming home from the pub - safety issue. E scooters would be used on pavements, also a safety issue. Work with bus companies to provide a better service to address parking issues

They are dangerous when ridden on pavements Get dumped anywhere Not very good for shopping

The council wasted lots of money a few years ago on cycle parking boxes that were never used and are now in disrepair. I have no confidence more such parking will be any more successful. Promoting public transport and then using that as an excuse to reduce parking provision and then remove support for rural busses leading to them being withdrawn - somewhat of a sense of deja vu!

Need secure parking and public transport has decreased enough

I live in a rural area so public transport is not available and neither is it an option. Please be considerate of those who need to rely on cars

I don't think there will be the demand for e-bikes etc so they will be wasted.

The town would be littered with e scooters like every other town and city they have been introduced into.

Without a comprehensive policy on transport, it is hopeless

If you travel to Milton Keynes all you see are abandoned e-scooters everywhere which rather defeats the objective. Mid Suffolk is mostly rural. You have to accept that people are not going to be able to give up their cars. There could never be enough public transport to let people manage their daily lives so you need to now manage what is actually happening. More people means more cars, that's the reality you need to deal with.

More disabled parking spaces. I can rarely find a disabled space to park in, in Stowmarket. So more provision is desperately needed.

unless you improve and provide public transport this pointless

Make electric hook ups for E cars free to use. Ipswich council owned car parks are free to charge at. The regal car park in Stowmarket, for example, is a ridiculous price to charge at, making it unattractive to use these facilities. Even privately owned public chargers are free in and around Stowmarket, McDonald's and Tesco to name just a few.

We do not support e- scooters they are dangerous because users can travel at speed without any skill or understanding of the highway code or how to safely use them.

as mentioned before, public transport in this area is hopeless. Some longer term thinking is required especially now that fuel is so expensive

Public transport needs more investment than car parks. Environmental impact is surely greater with more cars but current public transport isn't convenient or very effective. Putting parking charges up to encourage people to use public transport as it stands just damages businesses. Public transport is where the review and investment is required not parking. Public transport benefits society, parking charges benefit landowners companies only.

Perhaps if public transport was reliable and ran at later times it might be a viable option.

Safe and secure bike storage would encourage cycle use

All good ideas except the e-scooters in Hadleigh... the pavements are not wide enough for scooters. We already have plenty of mobility scooters, pushchairs and elderly people on our pavements. I don't think adding scooters into the mix will be useful. I am not sure if bike hire would appeal... I certainly wouldn't use it as everywhere I go once I've parked is within walking distance. I can imagine tourists might like a cycle around the area, but then you would need to think about cycle routes (avoiding the busy main roads, and on the safer minor roads). A cycle club might be able to help.

What about motorcycles you mention

at least something worthwhile

+ consider the use of security cameras to make cycle/scooter parking more secure & safe

Not a good idea, could increase possibility of rider and pedestrian injury as town centre paths are not wide enough or surfaced (flag stoned) to accommodate e scooters

The use of e-bikes/e-scooters increases the risk of road traffic accidents, theft, thus raising costs to the taxpayers in replacing them and/or paying out compensation to the injured person.

Public transport in the area is not good enough From surrounding villages we need to be able to park our cars as no regular or frequent bus service we should not be penalised for lack of public transport to our villages

Great to promote buses but we do not have any that go to the towns - we do not have a bus full stop and anyway I could not get on or off the bus.

They're illegal on footpaths aren't they? Pedestrians walk in carports scooters are just as quiet as electric cars and won't be heard

Car club providers?? Not sure what this means . If it means car sharing Point1.I wouldn't get in a car with anyone I didn't know very well Point 2 I wouldn't have anyone in my car that I didn't know very well Could be insurance implications

Again consider the demographics in the area Whilst I am all for bike riding etc Older people, less mobile, clinically vulnerable etc will be using cars more in the current environment

E scooters are illegal. It would be good if they were allowed in public. The majority of users are sensible and those that aren't won't be with anything else.

Keep parking free

If provision is to be given to help cyclists they really must begin to pay for the privilege of using the roads, just as car owners do. In a rural area it is inimical to try to stop people - esp pensioners or those with small children - using their cars. Buses do not go where one needs to go nor when one wants to go, or return.

These are one size fits all questions which are not appropriate or viable for Hadleigh.

This is worthwhile investment in the future

there is a need for more parking spaces on Clench rd at the bottom of the road, turn one-third of the green into residents' parking so that the children can play on the green without damaging the cars. Currently, there are 5 cars parked on the green, how about some bollards to stop this.

As a motorist I am opposed to anything which encourages such elements as cycle clubs and cycle parking. They are a menace on the roads and pavements and are a scourge in shopping areas. They pay no taxes or insurance, the new rules regarding cyclist awareness are non-sustainable as the cyclists themselves don't bother to obey them. They have cycle lanes which have reduced road space for motorists but don't use them. In fact there are instances when they deliberately provoke road rage with their insistence on blocking the road and forcing the motorist to make unsafe decisions. Re-cycling of E-bikes is their only future use as far as many motorists and pedestrians are concerned. Car clubs, although a very good idea, unfortunately fall foul of our resistance to 'meeting those who we have not been introduced to'. A Victorian attitude which is deep within our national gene pool. It works in the U.S. as they are more congenial but is alien to many of the motoring public. We like our own space and of course if smokers are not welcome in our cars there is an immediate problem!

Consider the safety of pedestrians re e-scooters.and generally

e-bikes and scooters have been involved in recent accidents. The safety of these needs investigation

Cycling is all well and good but have you tried cycling on Suffolk Roads, you take you life in your hands, I would never dream of cycling in a town where cyclists share road space with cars, vans and HGV's

a bike scheme may be a good idea in some locations but I do not support e-scooters, they are a danger to other road users and pedestrians alike because they go too fast and users don't need to have road sense or experience.

As well as providing additional car parking spaces in Eye it is important to reduce car parking demand by encouraging the use of alternative modes of transport. The Eye Neighbourhood Plan proposes a new cycle way from the major development areas in the north of the Town to and from the Town centre. The District Council should work with the County Council to prioritise the implementation of this scheme and supporting measures in the Town Centre such as dedicated cycle parking.

The cycle path which Councillor Wendy Marchant got agreed many years ago has not been maintained and few cyclists use it now as it gets overgrown. Motorists overtake on the brow of the hill at Badley which is dangerous to all road users. More cycle ways would be good but they must be safe and maintained or cyclists won't use them.

You can promote it but with public services being slashed, this isn't exactly practical unless those services are provided and increased. Again the disabled need to be considered as does such circumstances such as the pandemic where social distancing is required.

E bikes are a menace as are the use of ordinary bikes on pavements!

We already have many places for people to park their bikes, car spaces is what is required.

Terrible bus service, we need more buses at convenient times . Bikes should pay road tax

We need to encourage people not to use their cars. I would like to see a regular (hourly) bus service in Hadleigh to transport people from the various residential areas to the High Street. I realise this would probably be too expensive.

Unsafe

There are secure cycle parking facilities in several areas of the town, rarely used.

I think it's more important in our area to keep cycle lanes clear. Needham to Stowmarket is dreadful at times.

Where support is indicated It is given with some reservation in view of possible problems.

Promote active travel and public transport to reduce parking demand Is not a reality when the bus services are so poor and unreliable, my wife cannot drive and I end up having to drive her to both Sudbury and Ipswich

My answer to first question: I support facilitating active travel but providing effective public transport is MUCH more important. I have to walk 2 miles to the nearest bus stop (Boxford) then the bus is too infrequent, stops too early in the day to be a viable alternative to my car. Also, why isn't there a bus that links up to the A134 so people can get to Colchester? So many children go to school or the 6th form there and many adults commute from Colchester.

Not sure about e-scooters, they seem to be dangerous.

Don't see the point in car club partnerships, these would help such an incredibly tiny minority of the public. Problem with promoting active transport is that Mid Suffolk is a rural area, it's a bunch of villages with no real easy access between them except by car and to visit any town car is the only real option if you are to do shopping more than 2 bagsful if you live in vicinity of a train station. So promote active transport is fine but only within extreme local vicinities.

Good!

There needs to be provision for adequate secure parking of motorcycles and electric motorcycles.

I don't agree that e scooters should be encouraged what so ever.

It is another waste of money in the making

Many villages do not have suitable public transport which keeps getting cut anyway so often have no choice other than to use a car. Scooters are misused and in small towns with narrow pavements could be a menace.

Public transport is a nice idea but in a rural setting is unlikely to overcome the issues communities face. Electric vehicle charging points must be a condition of new car parking facilities as their use will only increase. E-Bikes and E-Scooters are an interesting concept (probably excludes the older generation though!) and raises the issue of abandoned machines being collected and returned to their rightful place.

Don't lose sight of the fact that most of the car parks are in rural towns and villages. This feels q bit like an ipswich BC survey

Public Transport in Babergh is appalling or non existent. Proper integrated transport using appropriate vehicles should be planned and implemented as a matter of urgency. I realise this may not be Babergh's responsibility but you asked the question!

Given the rural nature of and lack of public transport in much of the area involved there is always going to be a reliance on private transport by residents which needs to be addressed

Train line services going to bury st Edmunds from Stowmarket is somewhat lacking especially during after work rush hour times. A train every hour isn't very accommodating

Personally I am not a big fan of motorised scooters.

We are in a rural location... car parking is vital

These are for a few & again favours those who can afford such things & penalises those who can't by taking away parking spaces

EV points to be proportional to demand.

Not really relevant for residents in outlying villages who have no public transport options to get to shops, nor are the roads safe for cyclists or feasible for carrying shopping in return trip.

Electric charge points should be at vehicles registered place of ownership.

Charge points are going to become more important over the next few years. Bicycle facilities are needed along with much safer bike routes to promote bike usage. Not sure about car clubs in rural areas. Docked bikes, etc are a good idea but again, would they work in rural areas or towns such as Sudbury and Hadleigh

1) E scooters are not yet legal yet except trial areas. 2) There are not enough Public transport in Mid Suffolk.

Please provide a bus service to the combs Ford area of stowmarket that goes up poplar hill and down Edgecomb road. When I was a child and we had this service my family used the bus all the time to go into town. I have a bus stop literally next to my house on Edgecomb road that I have never been able to use and with a small toddler I would love to take him on the bus!

We are fortunate to have a bus service to Sudbury and Bury St Edmunds in Lavenham. However, we need buses that enable us to visit these towns in the evening and on Sundays. Not everyone has a car!

E scooters are dangerous and should be DISCOURAGED

Would need to be convinced that this was appropriate for the historic core of Lavenham. As things stand I am not sure it is.

LAVENHAM Electric vehicles should use Filling Stations like all other motorists.

These get left all over the place in other countries and look untidy

Perhaps you should also be promoting the benefits of powered two wheelers as another means of reducing congestion, pollution and pressure on parking.

If promoting active travel and public transport you need to review, and make positive changes, to the current public transport provision

Unconvinced that the nature of the towns and villages and babergh lend themselves to e bikes etc. A car club sounds ideal. We are a young family and we are selling our second car as it is disproportionately expensive to have it free for the odd occasional use. We would probably use this once every 1-2 weeks.

Increase public transport...but seriously not at ridiculous fares!

Docking for electric cars would be for the small minority of people as mentioned Sudbury is not a affluent area.

I don't think it is a good idea Provide better walking facilities to and from town

Active travel - why not make cycling from villages to main towns safer. Route from my village to Stowmarket has too much traffic, I used to commute to work in Stowmarket, but too many close shaves with cars and vans and abuse I stopped and used the car instead. Why not use Dutch line system of two cycle lanes on each side with motor vehicles use the centre and give way behind cycles when meet other traffic on all C class/lanes and ideally B class roads. No mention about motorcycle parking - why not? I would say in Mid Suffolk we have more motor cycles than e-scooters.

Not escooters. Illegal in Sudbury.

I have an electric bike that I am afraid to ride around many roads, and lack of space to park it safely.

Within Hadleigh there is a significant amount of on street parking for residents which restricts the ability to charge electric vehicles from residents homes. The Authority should consider off grid charging points in line with their sustainability aspirations, for example <https://www.afcenergy.com/target-markets/mobility/>

having a new car park with e charge points would be great, but then so would just having a good sized car park

Public transport in sudbury is a joke if you work you need early busses into sudbury and later buses to get home after 6 you cannot get any where in less you use own transport !!!!

Let's not overcomplicate things: Babergh is a rural district and most people rely on cars far more than in a city environment. Don't try to fight this. Walking is good for short local trips but is not feasible for many people using their cars in Hadleigh and Sudbury.

Ebikes will just bring vandalism and costvassociated for repair / maintenance will not be appropriate.

Suffolk should have a fully integrated transport system, easier said than done from my knowledge of the rail sector alone. Look to the Netherlands for an example of a good Integrated system. Promote public transport, that's fine if the system is super flexible, also consider I may want to purchase an item, my personal time is limited due to working long hours, I want to just go get the item and return home, if that takes to long using local transport I won't do it, if I can't then drive and park near the retailer, I won't do it, leaving the third option Shop on line and this doesn't help us locally. Car clubs are ok for big cities and have used these in London previously not sure it would work for rural Suffolk

If electric charge points are installed then users should pay for the privilege.

If bicycle parking is provided, please ensure these are covered. Thank you.

To encourage public transport use the prices must reflect affordability for all otherwise families will use the car Frequency of public transport should be increased School buses should be public buses therefore open to all bus users as they will provide work transport at critical times, not just for school children. This would widen Bus usage.

Whilst I do believe we should encourage sustainable travel this would only be possible if we could provide more bus services and reduce the cost to users of public transport. Trying to encourage active travel by making parking more costly or difficult will just deter people from using our businesses.

E-scooters should be banned from everywhere, they just to dangerous as they're often used by people that have no concept of the Highway Code. If they want to use one, have a test so ensure they're competent and make it illegal to use them on a footpath. Public transport is becoming too expensive, too intermittent, and rarely runs at the times it's needed.

This should be a top priority of the initiative, not the last set of questions. The council needs to recognise that sustainable and accessible travel will encourage visitors to locations and stimulate local economies. This does not need to be solely car centric.

Electric vehicles may be good for the environment now but there are still debates about the disposal of batteries and their safety with regards to fire. Many people cannot afford electric cars anyway. In Hadleigh these points are not fully used as it is. Public transport is too expensive, uncomfortable and impractical for most in rural areas.

Would use public transport but its so expensive.

Public transport in Babergh is appalling. Currently in most places within Babergh you need a car.

Strongly support the integration of sustainability into the planning. This would reduce the demand of parking spaces and reduce emissions too. When considering cycle parking, please take into account safety, as bike theft is a big issue around Stowmarket, specially near the train station area. Maybe a locked cycle parking spot can be considered (like the one inside the Ipswich train station)

Definitely needs to be more focus on public transport. Obviously services have been cut not only due to costs, but there must have been a decrease in use to justify this. Although I drive, I find the decrease in public transport to be appalling especially decreasing the frequency of buses as it could be very easy to feel trapped in a smaller town due to this and this must be really inconvenient to people working outside of Hadleigh who use transport. I also think the changes in transport to and from places of higher education is shocking as this places parents and students in really difficult situations where they may not be able to get their children to colleges otherwise. Active travel should also be encouraged so there should be improvements to facilities to encourage this further. I don't see there being a great demand or us for docked bikes in this town but would still encourage it if investigations found a demand for it

Not happy for new technologies eg electric cars to replace current car ownership You need carrots rather than sticks The traditional car is going to be around for a long time.

Public transport in this area is dire.

Specific motorcycle parking areas should be added, preferably with bars to chain them to. This is just as important as provision for cycles.

Expensive and open to abuse. Lots of abandoned bikes and scooters seen in Norwich.

See above comments.

Improving cycling infrastructure is very important but largely outside the powers held by BDC. You should, however, work with and lobby SCC to do more (I.e something) in this area.

I think e scooters in town centres are dangerous



Good luck with trying to promote public transport in this area!

Be realistic! In rural areas with such a small amount of public transport folks need and will use their cars, if charging points are put in allow them to be used by others if spaces full as all too often these are at the front of car parks and empty!

Regarding "Promote active travel and public transport to reduce parking demand." I believe this is only applicable to large towns and cities. If you live in a village or small town you rarely have the option to use public transport or walk/bike as it is very unlikely your workplace is close enough to use these methods. Modern life means long working hours to survive, both parents at work, trips to daycare/school en route to work and being busy every hour of the day. Many don't have the extra time to spare to use slower transport methods. However within high employment area your aim should be encouraged, without disadvantaging those who have to drive.

If you want people to get out of their cars you need to have a proper bus service. What we have is a pitiful bus service that few people use because it doesn't get you there and back at reasonable times. I have now got a bus pass but can't use it properly as there is no bus, I'm expected to PAY for a community bus which only runs Mon-Fri. This should be a free service as it replace the bus service you should be providing.

no E Scooters in Hadleigh - are a menace

Electric charging points only helpful if they are high enough kWh or they just don't work well enough to charge a car.

E-scooters are an menace and generally intimidating to anyone trying to avoid them on the pavement. They rarely seem to be ridden with great consideration and are often left lying around making places look very scruffy.

All sounds good this one - as long as there is no additional impact on the environment

#### Comments from Question 14 - Parking improvement Theme

This sounds like a money wasting exercise. We'd probably pay for it via parking or more council tax when so few of us are better off at the moment

Street parking in George Street and Canterbury Gardens require parking restriction around Hadleigh Physiotherapy.

Top of Coddendam Road near Rampant Horse should not allow any parking down to Pump Street

My road is one way and a nightmare for residents parking

Residents need badges to distinguish them from other users .. we should be able to park where we live without penalty.

This is basic and should be done on a regular basis as part of an ongoing programme
Some of north street isn't used for loading commercial vehicles
No cars should be allowed to park on the pavement and this constantly happens in Sudbury. This causes a safety issue for people with prams or wheelchair users.
Where do you park if not on the pavement. 4 parking spaces for 16 houses not including the Walks that don't have parking
Please do this ASAP
Stop all cars x vans restricting pavements, it is impossible to negotiate Bures Road at times, pavement is totally unacceptable x with cars parking on them, it's an accident waiting to happen.
Parking restrictions for on street parking should be a last resort. Perhaps a review to see where some restrictions can be removed
Pavement parking should be BANNED in the built up area of Lavenham village, except in designated locations where parking does not interfere with pedestrian movements (including those of pedestrians with mobility problems and pushing prams, etc.) Assessment of current on-street restrictions should be with the aim of better managed on-street parking, as put forward in my answers to previous questions, and NOT simply to reduce on-street restrictions.
Disabled parking on yellow lines is allowed. What is the logic for this? If it's ok for disabled it should be ok for anyone. Should be adequate (though not excessive) parking accommodation for disabled to prevent them from parking practically anywhere which they do at the moment.
Keep things simple.
By assessing on street parking you should be looking at removing restrictions where possible and not adding to them. Again please just keep things simple.
And look at introducing further parking restrictions and residents parking in more roads to the north of the town centre, particularly around Aldi.
<b>ON STREET PARKING ESSENTIAL</b>
Verge parking mainly a problem, Council Estates needs looking at especially as 50 % of priorities now privately owned
As long as suitable alternative parking is close by.
In small cul de sacs in out lying villages it would be handy to have residents only parking as often people get stuck in their driveways when people inconsiderately park in front of their gates/drive.
As mentioned too many park on verges and don't care!!!
As earlier outlined

<p>On street parking in Middleton Road especially around the junction with Meadow View makes for extremely hazardous driving conditions. Space needs to be allowed for vehicles to pull in without having to drive on the pavement.</p>
<p>Please stop on street Parker's from parking on the pavements.</p>
<p>please dont forget dissabled limitations</p>
<p>We need traffic warden back even more more the population of stowmarket is 10 times what it was 10 years ago and with the surrounding villages expanding beyond there resources more will come and block the high street.</p>
<p>So long as parking vehicles do not obstruct pedestrians, people with mobility scooters or parents with prams.</p>
<p>And deal with inconsiderate street parking</p>
<p>If people are parking on the verge or pavement it suggests there is insufficient parking in the correct locations</p>
<p>Provide permits for residents in congested parking areas.</p>
<p>Stowupland rd, very limited parking in the whole ares. Ridiculous how far we have to park away from our home so we don't get tickets</p>
<p>Use the information to influence planning decisions for major developments in the future.</p>
<p>Leave it how it is.</p>
<p>Ensure more space is allowed for parking in new housing developments.</p>
<p>I am disabled with balance issues. I struggle to negotiate pavements where neighbours in Green Willows blatantly park over pavements. We now have a caravan with both rear steadies and back panel on the pavement!</p>
<p>Ban all pavement parking, it makes it next to impossible for wheelchair users to do a simple loop of their area. It's even worse that there are free carparks which aren't used.</p>
<p>no pavements are not tht big so if im using a pram or buggy i have to go on the road</p>
<p>Often have to walk in road because of cars parked on pavements which we find dangerous because of narrow roads and people in wheelchairs, parents with pushchairs also have to walk in the road.</p>
<p>Make appropriate parking if possible,</p>
<p>Provide council tenets with designated parking space in front of their home</p>
<p>Where there are insufficient disabled/residential parking spaces, it is often necessary to park on the greensward</p>
<p>Holbrook Main Street, Wolverston main road, Shotley main road are all pretty awful.</p>

Roads were constructed for the passage of all traffic. They are not meant to be used as "garages".

Consideration to off street parking is needed!

parking on pavements i understand is now illegal and should be enforced as should cycling on pavements

go back to only school days parking restrictions on quinton road.

I feel that the parking should be reviewed especially if near a place where entertainment is regularly held as they use residential streets for parking

Our road has parking for the residents in houses but none for the six bungalows. They all have to just try and grab a space even if far from their property. Considering there is a large piece of land/grassed right in the middle of the bungalows it would make sense to change that into a parking area for residents only. Currently the grassed area is a hazard to residents who have to try and navigate their way around it in the winter when it is dark and extremely muddy. It seems all previous requests have been refused which is ridiculous when considering that it is most likely the bungalows are going to be occupied by elderly residents.

This is more important for residential areas, ensuring car parking spaces are available to visitors and local people using active travel.

Please review the high street in Hadleigh, specifically outside greggs as traffic is often at a standstill. The high street should not have parking as there is suitable car parks near by. Only delivery drivers should be allowed to stop. The parked cars stop traffic flow and make it dangerous to pull out from roads onto the high street. This is my often a problem at duke street and market place

This would be to reduce as far as possible the use of on street parking. Resident parking is clearly a major consideration and thought should be given to restricting this as well. Car pooling/rental and secure out of town parking would both nudge residents to forgo cars and free up the streets while providing easy access to a car if needed via shuttle services.

In Eye despite there being adequate parking spaces in the free car parks. Motorists still park on the streets usually opposite junctions or traffic calming barriers. Despite residents complaints nothing is done, I have seen parking officers occasionally issuing tickets but this is a rare occurrence

I regularly have to walk in the road because of parking on pavements and yellow lines. Drivers ignore dropped curbs making it difficult for wheelchair users and youn mothers.

Ashfield Road is an utter nightmare for kids to safely negotiate the numerous parked cars!

Unless you can magically make more spaces you're onto a loser here. Many houses around Sudbury are not built for car use full stop. No amount of hand wringing and investigating will change that

The double yellow lines in Lavenham are frequently ignored and nothing seems to be done. The joke locally is that a double yellow line means "you can park here".

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if they had to start paying to park.

Most of my journeys into towns would include a larger percentage of walking if residents parking schemes were abolished and cycling was banned on all pavements and in pedestrianised shopping areas (the clue is in the name)

Return Needham market and eye to longer street parking to encourage shoppers back into the town

I have not noticed any of these as problematic locally (Sudbury)

Waldingfield road, town end, narrow where cars are parked. HGVs should be encouraged not to use this road.

Pavement parking is dangerous to users of mobility scooters, children's pushchairs and visually/physically impaired.

Rewilding has gone a bit far in this town. Clean up our verges and road from weeds I call it rewildwesting. In some areas just waiting for the tumbleweed

Full consideration for wheelchairs, prams, the partially sighted, the blind and disabled people. Also full health and safety checks including visibility for all road users.

I want the parking looked at on Iliffe Way. I am a disabled resident who often has to park in the Iliffe Way car park and walk to my property as other people either visiting town or Weston Court are taking up the road. There is a sign stating that the road is for residents only and clamping will take place however no one can enforce it. I would really like this to be permit holders only so that I do not have to keep walking so far to my house.

I do not consider that these issues are big enough problems in Hadleigh to waste time, money and effort investigating. One place where there is a particular street parking problem is Clopton Gardens and Station Road, near Hadleigh Community School. It is chaos during school drop offs and pick ups (but for a long time either side of those times). There have been many complaints about this, sometimes refuse cannot be collected due to such parking.

Increase time restrictions on Needham market high street and Barret lane

On street parking is essential in villages like Debenham. There is nowhere else.

Strongly Oppose using verge parking.

There is a desperate need for additional residents parking all over the borough, but on street parking should be made available to employees where residents are at work elsewhere during the day

Probably agree more on verge parking

OK, but don't spend money on bureaucracy if there isn't a reasonably obvious outcome improvement.

Please, please, please do everything possible to discourage on street parking.

Where the law is being broken enforcement should be undertaken, particularly if public safety is being compromised. Introduce a policy where any dwelling with no off road parking is prohibited from keeping more than one four wheeled motor vehicle with no limit of mopeds/motorcycles.

Virtually every new housing estate that has been built in the last few years and are still being built. Insist on adequate parking at planning stage for any new build. Opposite Thomas Mills School in Framlingham is a good example - there is no adequate parking for the coaches or cars - an ideal opportunity arose when the land opposite was sold for housing - why was some of this land not retained as an open parking area? .

My parents live [REDACTED] in Stratford St Mary and visiting them is challenge at times with gaining access due to parked cars outside either way of the entrance and exit to the pub carpark they are causing a obstruction of vision to leave the car park and with the volume of traffic and known speeds that cars travel past there it is a serious accident waiting to happen! We have found ourselves in a scary situation a few times.

These should be done in conjunction with local parish / town councils.

this would particularly needed aroun causeway school street and other areas that no driveway especially with the poor visability at the junction school street/causeway and the fact that the majority of cars using these roads constantly diobey the speed limit

In some areas if people only parked on the road and not on the pavement, no other vehicles would get through! This must be taken into consideration before fines are handed out.

Stopping visitor parking off market square Lavenham side historic roads and signage advising where free car parks are located.

We aren't allowed to park outside our own house during school drop off and pick up times, yet everyone else seems to park there and block our driveway ignoring the signs. Parking attendants visit once in a blue moon which isn't enough.

Especially in Gainsborough Road .
This should be the priority. Plus parking near schools!
If all verges were changed to biodiversity road side nature reserves this would be fantastic for the climate crisis and would prevent unlawful parking
In Woolpit street parking is an increasing problem.
You cannot review on street / verge parking until housing constructors create more parking with new builds. Most families with young children or couples have two cars, this is the nature in living in a rural location such as mid suffolk. Add to this that young adults find it very difficult to purchase their own homes or even rent, this means that 'children ' remain living with parents often into their late 20s and beyond. This results in a 3 bed house often have 4 cars.
Consider the possibilities and options of using on-street parking as a traffic regulator.
Look to remove all on street parking restrictions, to save money on line painting and signs etc
Evidence-informed approach should be the way forward
Keeping double yellow line free of parking is a safety issue in our town At present street parking is an hour only between 08.00 and 18.00, not long enough for any appointment, enjoy a meal or browse local shops. I suggest opposite the post office there could be half hour parking, perhaps 10 car spaces?? but all other street parking upped to 2or 3 hours, to allow for enjoying the businesses.
In reality. we probably need stronger restrictions to force people to think and act appropriately.
Acton Lane
I rarely use the car parks in Sudbury as I can walk to the town but I consider that you have it right with free parking unless cars are left all day. I have never had a problem parking when I have needed to.
The parking restrictions in the high street are ridiculous, and do not cater for those with mobility issues who should be able to park for short periods in The town centre
With the big increase in those living and working in Suffolk, car parking has become an issue
Debenham has a major issue where cars parked on the Aspall Road prevent cars passing forcing them to try and pull in into non existent spaces. This issue will only get worse as new houses are built on the right hand side as you exit Debenham.
There should be no on street parking
But not just the existing, but produce schemes / rates / signage for all areas with residential problems.
Residents permits

Look at options for freeing up space for parking on the side of roads to keep people from having to park in the road.

Introduce penalties for anti-social pavement parking which prevents less-abled or mothers with push chairs using the pavements as intended

Church Street sudbury could be full time parking on one side of the road and would still allow for 2 way traffic.

Consider use of resident parking permits in congested town centre areas

Do not remove existing on street parking unless there is a proven viable alternative.

On our street parking there is a big problem with driving too fast and hitting cars. Despite always tucking in our wing mirror, in the past 2 years we've had it knocked over 8 times and we have tiny 3 door cars. Speed cameras on the roads going into town might help.

Stowupland Street residents can't park locally

See previous comments

In addition to assessing all on-street parking restrictions, please also address on street parking permissions. Some areas which have open on-street parking are no longer appropriate due to increase in traffic (Station Road in Elmswell)

There are always cars parked too close to junction. There is a red mini that parks on Hargrave road and chai house road junction dangerously.

We have a particular problem in Elmswell on Station Road. Outside the Mace and butchers and opposite the nursery. It is a real problem when the level crossing barrier is down. We often have access to our property blocked by inconsiderate parking.

More parking facilities on residential areas would help with the aesthetics as well as safety.

Victoria road Stowmarket still has yellow line parking restrictions and white lines from when it was a two way road though now it is one way this needs to change.

Enforcement is key. It's non existent in Nayland. It's residents parking on double yellows that are the issue.

I don't have a view on these. I don't perceive a problem in hadleigh, but I may not be best placed to comment on this

Far too many yellow lines!! Allow parking everywhere unless an obstruction would be caused.

Most not relevant

Living near a primary school causes problems with parents parking.



Parking on pavements and verges is disgusting. Visually impaired, mobility impaired residents/visitors are handicapped enough without negotiating blocked pavements. Finding people with white canes walking down the middle of the road because the pavement is blocked is distressing.

Parking on Finborough Road in Stowmarket - cars are always on the path making it difficult for pedestrians, wheelchair users and prams

As mentioned earlier lots of problems to solve on cedars Park!

In some residential area .cars parking on grass verges are making the areas unsightly to say the least. .and in wet weather turning what were grassed verges into mud baths .

What studies do you need to take on new housing estates - such as Cedars Park?? Lack of parking is designed in to comply with legislation. A few years on as children grow up then the streets are awash with cars that end up half on the pavement,

Stop people parking to make it a job to get out of our driveway by parking opposite driveway and just by then so you have to have two or more goes to get out because you have let them build on there driveways so they can only park one vehicle in it where there are more than one car van and when having visitors staying

On street parking is an issue everywhere. I would like to see an increase in parking permits for residents

You also need to think about white lining and properly marking the parking bays down the High Street it's appalling

Stay out of the residential areas. Only enter to sweep away the gutter weeds. Our town looks awful, unkempt and run down.

People need to be able to park their cars in areas where they live, lay by. Without being charged.

there is a need for more parking spaces on Clench rd at the bottom of the road, turn one-third of the green into residents' parking so that the children can play on the green without damaging the cars. Currently, there are 5 cars parked on the green, how about some bollards to stop this.

Parking roadside does not allow for hair appointments. 6 hairdressers salons in Needham High Street that bring in a lot of customers to Needham. People leave town quickly so not to get a ticket!

No suggestions only that double yellow lines be painted in the current gap in Hurstlea Road as they are used for casual parking by residents of the new housing. They also use the lay by outside Hurstlea Court, which at the moment is now our only over spill parking facility. The car parking use of the new Co-Op will need to be monitored in the future as well as there are the element who are too lazy to park properly and think nothing of parking on the pavement. Double yellow lines all along the Co-Op pavement would help.

Remove restrictions where possible.

We are blighted with overspill parking on pavements and cutting up verges, its hard to maintain these spaces when vehicles are parked on them for most of the day. There should be no parking on verges and little on pavements, this should be enforced with fines. Again if the houses were built with the right parking, there would be no need to park elsewhere. For roads that have no parking, areas should be considered to allow parking in a very near area

Don't start charging for on-street parking in small rural market towns this will increase signage, look ugly and greedy.

Please see earlier comment about visibility as you pull out of Barretts Lane onto the B1113

Parking on pavements should be prohibited. We need to be doing all we can to encourage more people to walk.

Implement more residents parking permits

Street parking is now necessary for residents

If charging is introduced, people will most definitely park on the verges & pavement. High Street in Hadleigh in particular

Grass verges in Raydon cause danger to residents particularly senior residents.

Make on street parking an offence. Or double yellow line housing estates. Or put time limits.

On street parking is a massive problem in Matilda Groome Road It needs sorting asap. Very dangerous.

In Angel street there are 3 disable spaces which two are usually empty all day and nowhere near enough ordinary parking spaces In front of our house there are five spaces that should be one normal parking, two disabled then two normal

Ainger Holbrows Garage takes up a huge number of spaces on the High Street with their numerous vehicles. The pavements are treacherous for wheelchair users

The problem we have in Holbrook, near the schools, is on-street parking and congestion. This is particularly unpleasant when parents leave their engines on in residential streets, for anything up to half an hour. There have also been near misses of course, with children milling around amongst the cars which are turning in a small area.

I live on [REDACTED] Hadleigh. SCC has removed 10 on-street parking places (there is little off-street, as it is a medieval street) and now cars bomb down the town end of the road at high speed. Previously, the parked cars acted as chicanes to slow traffic (and provide resident amenity). I know this is not a BDC issue, but please add my voice to those decrying this SCC change.

Permit parking needs to be brought in for all local areas for residents.

Please stop finding new ways to charge people and en force your views making them sound like we need them - we don't!

SCC should review streets where there are issues for residents.

1 hour on the high street is not enough.

The above would be very useful to help understand the issues being raised within the village. Some perceptions are just that and not necessarily supported by factual information.

Needham high St needs to be 2 hours parking. 1 hour is not long enough

High street parking should be longer than an hour - an hour limits shoppers so they can't visit all shops before having to move on.

Please see earlier statements

Roads are for cars - pavements and verges are not.

Needham Market High St restriction times should be increased. 1 hr is not long enough for people to finish everything e.g. hairdressers, coffee, meet up with friends etc. I'd suggest 2 or 3 hrs in some places

High Street parking, Station Yard and Jubilee Crescent car park should remain short term - larger car parks should have longer term options

I live in a Tudor house on the high street and have no parking which is a problem. Would be nice if a permit system was introduced for the few of us without parking.

One house road by the high school in Stowmarket desperately needs a review. The grass verge needs to be turned into a parking lay by for residents who currently park on the road and creates a lot of traffic waiting. This is a bus route and also with the new developments opening up and the proposed fitness areas on the fields this road will be even more busier

To many people park on the road as houses are not built with enough parking spaces.

Cedars Park has 'hot spots' for bad or inconsiderate parking. Housing developers do not consider the number of spaces needed nor extra for family visitors. Also with more electric vehicles on the roads it is important that shrubs and hedging near junctions is maintained to provide proper visibility. I can no longer rely on winding down my window and listening for oncoming traffic. I am also concerned that Gateway 14 may increase parking in residential roads.

Needham Market parking restrictions need to change.... Need a mix of short and long stay spaces

Need to increase the parking time available for on Street parking in Needham Market to at least 3 hours as it is currently killing the shops in the High Street. People don't like to feel rushed and want time to browse the shops. It would improve the success of the local shops

Eye has an old sign on castle street restricting parking to an hour. The shops that used to be there are now homes

High street parking in Needham market should be extended from 1 hr not long enough

Parking in Needham Market high street needs to be extended to 2 hrs - 1 hr is not long enough to eat in the cafes and pubs or visit the hairdressers

Many houses in central Eye have no garages or off-Street parking so residents tend to utilise all on-Street parking spaces and also some of car park spaces. Little left for visitors during the working day. Also employees at local industries (eg chicken factory) and smaller businesses fill car park first thing in the morning and stay all day.

Forbid all parking opposite travel calming chicanes, ie approach to 20 mph zone in Eye.

Villages in Mid suffolk do not have proper public transportation. In Thorndon, some years ago, 1 bus rout was cancelled, so many houses have more than one cars, in some cases, like old houses, they do not have car park so drivers park on the street/payvement to block the narrow lane, this has to stop.

Change the on street parking restriction in stowmarket town centre to 15/20 mins only so if you need to pop somewhere like Argos you can quickly park up and collect your item without having to walk from Asda. There are now parking officers in town so this can easily be managed. I really believe if you give people a free periods of parking in stowmarket that more locals would use the town! Street parking in Edgecomb road is utterly horrendous and inconsiderate. I would love to see some restrictions on that road (double yellows on the blind spots) as I can honestly say my car nearly gets hit by someone at least 2/3 times a week. It's a free for all sometimes as you can't see approaching cars on the other side of the road due to badly parked vehicles.

Lavenham is in urgent need of these. We should not be dominated by the attitudes of those who say, "We've always been able to park there!"

Lavenham has been identified as having high parking stress within its car parks at certain times. This stress results in additional street parking problems throughout the village particularly along the High Street and the historic core around the Market Place. This causes significant problems for residents. As a result the Market Place can best be described as the finest medieval car park in the Country. This needs to change.

LAVENHAM Numerous restrictions are already in place, but policing is inadequate, so rules get routinely flouted.

Make them longer stays

Pavement parking is a real problem especially for wheelchair, pushchair and mobility scooter users.

See previous comments. Would also check areas around Lavenham church and high street

What about regular restrictions on bin collection days?

Give back the spaces you've taken away I.e near the library

Our street doesn't need lines both sides. Introduce a permit.

allow for longer parking on the road side

Make high street , queen and church resident and 1 or 2 hour parking only. Include residents visitors permits

More disabled bays on street parking

Residents in hadleigh high street are often unable to park (on street parking is only option) because of people parking for work ... enough car parking spaces for long stay (workers) and visitors ( shorter stay - up to 3 hours) should be free to encourage car park use

Needham Market high street is too short on time restriction, 1 hour isn't enough time to enjoy the local shops/businesses - it is impossible to visit even just a 1/3 of the high street in this time

The current parking restrictions make it difficult for residents to park and discourages people from moving to the area.

Please stop people parking on blind corners where there are no yellow lines, the car outside my house is on a blind corner and blocks the view from the very frequent traffic that uses this road.

Make sure everyone has room to park.

Consider the impact on residents unlucky enough to have a school at the end of the cul-de-sac re parking.

Lots of people already use the verges for parking outside their houses, as when they were built no one envisaged say two or three cars per household

Some of the road side parking restrictions need updating, if people park there and continue to park there even though there's a restriction you either need to do one of two things, start enforcing it better or just accept people require to park there. Outside fork in hadleigh example I have seen people park in front of a parking warden and walk off.

The problem is if there are further restrictions where will people park - again it is the developers who have not considered this at planning and maybe council for letting it through... people do need to be able to park near their homes.

SLOW DOWN SIGNS SPEED BUMPS AND SPEED CAMERAS PLEASE.

Don't make it harder than it already is to find somewhere to park We live in a rural county and need the car

As explained earlier parking in my street is dire as it is for most of Cedars Park estate

Longer time needed in Needham Market High Street to support the use of local shopping facilities.

Particular around school locations. Buses close for example is a death trap waiting to happen for 1.5 hours twice a day
Parking on local roads on the estates around the town centre is a disaster. My car is often blocked in my garage because most other residents don't use their own garage to park a vehicle. Insist that all residents with a garage use it to park their vehicle, and clear out all of the rubbish they store in the garages which is a fire risk.
I live in Iliffe way where there is a sign from MSDC to say that wheel clamping will be done and that it is residents parking only, however nothing is being done about the people that just park there to go into town, I am disabled and sometimes have to park in the Iliffe Way car park instead of near my property because of these people. Can you make this permit holders only
Needham market high street parking needs to be 2 hours in length. The current 1 hour time does not give people time to shop etc before having to move the vehicles. We are not a busy town so 2 hours would be more before to the towns shops etc
Only as long as you maintain the provision of on street parking just enforced how folks to it safely, promise us not to reduce the amount!
Parking restrictions are too harsh in Needham Market High Street. You are not given enough time to shop or have lunch etc.
I'm fed up with people parking on the pavement and on the grassed areas (owned by Mid Suffolk DC). There should be adequate parking for residents, on or off the roadway. People also park in Passing Places, this should be an offence and dealt with accordingly.
Parking on grass verges and pavements should be strongly deterred.
Need to look at your policy of allowing council vehicles to be brought home at Weekends including large wide trucks which limit visibility on residential streets
Introduce parking permits where parking is limited

Comments from Question 15 - Sustainable highways integration Theme
A lot of us don't like taxis, which are expensive, often elusive and rude and not trustworthy. A local firm is infamous for its offhandedness. Community transport might be an option, but it would have to include evenings Not sure what the last truly means - again, could waste precious money.... but maintaining routes such as the ones to/from Stow is necessary and may help but don't let them get overgrown and lonely and filled with bollards as that annoys people and puts off (and the council would be liable for any damage sustained)
Nothing wrong with taxi rank
More local buses that cover all areas are needed

The primacy of pedestrians over vehicles should be respected and, where possible, enhanced

What are car clubs? You don't seem to have explained them anywhere?

There will be a need for on street parking electric charge points at some time in the future.

Vague question.

Not sure how car clubs work, presumably a car-share scheme which is a good idea. Many drivers would wish to keep this informal and not joining anything, just work with a group of friends/work colleagues to share car use. This is very worthwhile practice but is dying out because of the difficulty of finding anywhere to leave a cars (at nominal cost). "Alternative" travel routes are great but they don't seem a likely way to reduce parking demand (or at least not to date).

Priority to develop sustainable transport over car usage.

Electric car parking on street side locations would cause unnecessary faffing for people who would like to nip in and out of a shop who use street parking

Car clubs may be efficient as part of a at a countywide scale

For me to walk in to stowmarket I get a choice of 60 rd with no path or a public foot path neck high with thistle and nettles. Reported lots of times

People often park along the road to access the meadows and river walks despite free parking in the town.

I would rather EV vehicle users charge using their own charging points at home, it's their choice after all to own or lease such a vehicle. Providing charging points elsewhere using public funds just further stretches limited council budgets

Oppose investigate the partnership of car clubs because the council possibly negate responsibility.

On street ev points is not something a local authority on its own should bring forward, central government should be driving this. The problem is it will never serve everyone and could lead to creating further parking issues in these locations.

I'm surprised public charging points haven't been investigated sooner, especially with the attachments to lighting systems

Back to the thorny question of on street parking ..... perhaps cyclists should be taxed like other vehicles using roads??

Not sure what car clubs are?

There are no pavements cycle lanes from surrounding areas into hadleigh therefore unsafe to walk/ cycle.

Don't the assessments in Q14 cover the last part of Q15?

Taxi services are rarely necessary where appropriate public transport is available. Maintaining a shuttle service that integrates with buses, trains and roads at a level and quality that satisfies all users would bring a sense of value to the community rather than seeing public transport as a second class option

Make sure it's safe and adequate for people using wheelchairs or parents with prams.

Local walking and cycling routes should be expanded and be separated from streets and/or car parks to ensure safety and promote sustainability

- The term car club is generic and not clearly described within this questionnaire. - If BMSDC is to review and consult on the business and operation of taxis within a parking strategy, then loading and offloading for businesses should also form part of highway integration to provide a sustainable environment for businesses for all business use on highways. - As previously stated the electronic charge technology is in its infancy and should be allowed to develop before reviewing and assessing.

London use the street lighting as a means of charging ev's and it should be rolled out where possible.

Don't keep making the motorist the target. This is all so sadly familiar

We desperately need cycle paths in the area to encourage safe cycling.

Urge Uber or Lyft to establish locally. Local taxis are a myth in rural areas and either not available or affordable.

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if they had to start paying to park.

If this means identifying free on street parking a short walking distance from the shops to encourage a greater element of walking then fine. If resident parking schemes are not considered for removal then it's a waste of time. Residents parking schemes only seem to exist where you are within walking distance of all facilities including public transport. These are the ones who need to be encouraged to get rid of their cars and become more active.

Make new specific areas for electric charging on industrial sites

And where would you put on street electric charging points in our little town that would take parking away from ordinary cars of the masses

So many people park on paths and dropped kerbs already so it will need addressing

We need our vehicles and should not be restricted in favour of cycling or walking. There still needs to be somewhere to park.

Consider introducing safe cycle paths away from roads that provide an alternative to car use for short local journeys e.g Great Waldingfield/Acton/Newton areas to Sudbury.



Most of this sounds pretty basic and common sense in order to develop any strategy.

Walking and cycling routes should also be accessible to wheelchair users, people with mobility difficulties and people using pushchairs.

Don't waste money on bureaucracy if it isn't likely to produce useful solutions.

Any steps to reduce short car journeys in built up areas must be encouraged.

Cycle routes and lanes v important - green corridors

Electric Vehicle charge points are very important. In our village, Nayland, I have tripped over several charging cables laid across the pavement from the house to the vehicle. These cables make the public paths less accessible for disabled users and action is needed.

Car clubs are not practical, most don't allow commercial use , and cleaning between clients Would need regulating to make sure COVID safe Need to allow ev to park for as long as need to recharge, not to car park waiting times Could be solved by making all parking free and only pay for energy used

On street parking in Elmswell - specifically the very heavily trafficked School Road/Ashfield Road axis - poses a hazard to more vulnerable road users, specifically cyclists and mobility scooter users. The potential for injury to such vulnerable users from vehicles failing to give way on busy roads is a serious issue, and represents a disincentive to more active travel modes.

Taxi service in inadequate. Husband had to get off the train at Ipswich when travelling home from London to get a taxi to Combs at 22:30 despite trying to book one in Stowmarket 2 hours before.

Surely these are all things you should be doing anyway! You should not need to have a survey to do these.

All of the above would no affect my car usage

More cycle lanes are needed, Bramford Road area.

Ballingdon Street is often filled up with visiting walkers

for instance, it is less than a mile from my house to Kersey Mill and yet there is no way of walking there unless you look for a roundabout route via public footpaths. In addition it is a busy A road and cycling along it is dangerous and unpleasant. I don't know how residents of Stone Street cope with no pedestrian walkways at all. Improved walking and cycle routes will help enormously. 2 other locations with poor walking provision are the road from Morrison in Hadleigh along to the bypass, and from Gallows Hill to the bypass.

Beware minority action groups.

Last question is too vague, work out what 'impact' really means to achieve meaningful answers.

See previous comments

You should only investigate on-street electric vehicle charge points if you truly intend and budget to maintain them regularly. Walking and cycling travel routes should always take priority over on-street parking - not the other way around. Especially in villages like Elmswell. Are infrastructure is already buckling under the pressure of more traffic due to the new builds. To keep our village desirable, it is best to encourage folks to walk or cycle. By prioritising walking and cycling routes, we also enable those who have mobility issues (i.e wheel chairs) to also get out and about more freely.

Please make use of local resources and not employ consultants - cycling and walking clubs for example

This survey is a load of rubbish. No idea what you are talking about also the questions are biased

Partnership with Cycling UK might help with strategic decisions ?

Last question is deluded. What difference would it make?

A one size fits all question most of which is not relevant to Hadleigh.

There are links between economic success and EV infrastructure we have not identified or understood yet.

Already covered, visitors to the lakes either walk into Needham or look to park. Shunting in and out of spaces can be hazardous for through traffic and cause congestion. Street furniture for the enhancement of attraction is one thing, more things to vandalise or drive into are another.

I'm not convinced we should encourage people to park on the street when there is so much traffic everywhere. For example, Wherestead Road in the morning is very busy and you are trying to encourage active travel but it is difficult for bikes to manouvre round moving and static cars, whilst staying off the pavement and out of the way of pedestrians.

Encouraging more to consider walking and cycling for short journeys is vital. Therefore the provision of safe cycle and walking routes is paramount. Within 3 miles of market towns there needs to be cycle routes into the towns to help encourage the move to active travel which benefits the environment, health and finances and reduces the need for so many car parks.

Car clubs are, in my opinion, irrelevant in Hadleigh. To convert car users to bicycles would not make one iota of difference to the parking problem.

In general keep things simple.

integration of transport strategy is essential, and also looking to the future. Planning applicatioNs should not be passed unless they include charging points (for all houses) and renewable generation to help supply them (eg PV on all new roofs)

Need to sort out some viable cycling routes around town which helps improve the flow of traffic be removing cyclists from the main roads.

There is no need to find ways to penalise drivers in favour of other methods - cars are needed

Car clubs only work well in larger towns and cities where there are good transport links already so that personal demand per member is not high. As before, villages will not benefit from walking, cycling routes to get to nearby towns due to distances and in some cases narrow rural roads.

A proper shared cycle path/pavement between Needham and Stowmarket and also Needham and Claydon would make users feel much safer and therefore encourage much more use. They are generally too narrow but once overgrown mean they hardly function

Think the last question is the wrong way round. Identify on-street parking that impacts on walking, cycling and travel routes.

Opposed to on street electrical parking points if on residential roads and causing 'outside' traffic to park and use them depri in residents of spaces, but if in High Streets or more commercial areas then fine. Consideration needed for terraced properties for the future. Cycling and pathways need to be repainted as fading. Signage needs to be clear. Dropped kerbs need to be signed to request no parking.

The last point will be relevant to new housing areas on the airfield. If connectivity routes can be planned to serve these developments and reduce car use in town.

Pedestrians should be the first priority. We have an increasingly ageing population where some people used mobility scooters. Younger people have children who must be able to walk safely and there must be adequate space on the pavements for prams and pushchairs. Car parking on pavements restrict viewing of oncoming vehicles and it is wrong that people have to walk into the road to assess whether it is safe to cross. And example of this is at the junction of Water Street, Lower Road and the Brent Eleigh Road. Parents with children have to cross this road to access the playground area in Lavenham. The high street in Lavenham should not have parking on both sides in key areas. This makes it difficult for buses to pass safely. Buses should have car free stopping spaces.

LAVENHAM Charging points for residents would be OK, but not for visitors. The Swan Hotel could provide for guests.

They should be kept clear so it is easy to walk ect The local roads should be for residents of those roads

Only support where impact effects parking space quantity.

when you are talking about car clubs do you mean renting cars?

Car clubs are pretty unsuitable for such a rural district

On street parking should not be allowed to interfere with these activities. There are not enough cycling routes in the area anyway.

Any local walking should have presecuteable bylaws for owners the don't keep their dog on a lead, or pick up its muck. Walking in our area is untenable for me to walk alone, and I get fed up of seeing all the stinking piles lying around, it's disgusting.

Cant see car clubs being viable in Babergh maybe OK in big cities but not in this area.
Electric parking spaces always come at the expense of normal spaces, there is sufficient space for electric charging points.
With more house building in Long Melford I think the parking for residents will be impacted. I do think we should have a 20 mile speed limit in the centre the speed of traffic as you park and leave a space is lethal. As a cyclist I often get near miss accidents. Crossing the road on foot is very stressful too. SLOW DOWN signs and speed cameras please.
I walk an awful lot more since pandemic. Some areas are more difficult than others with cars parked both sides up pavements. Priority on some pavements is given to cycling lane, pedestrian markings too narrow
Recent surveys caused more problems with parking than solutions
Walking and cycling routes key but only SCC can achieve material progress in this area.
Consider introducing cycle paths, bridleways and footpaths into town
Attractive, local walking, cycling and travel routes are generally already known about by any local residents. Happy for them to be investigated but not turned into sign heavy, municipal paved over, ugly sites so that no one parks on the street anymore. I generally drive if going out late or need to carry heavy things which I can't manage on foot or by bicycle. I would happily travel by bus if there were more reliable services and am delighted to use the Sudbury train where it works for my destination.
If you are looking at charging points in carparks then I wouldn't think on street charging would be needed. If people have electric cars, they usually have charging points at home and electric cars now have a larger mileage range than before

Comments from Question 16 - On-street parking
Residents already pay you council tax and you take from the businesses around too. So more is greed and unnecessary What do you offer in return for a parking charge? Where is the service provided?!
Sudbury is unique that it has Residential properties within its town centre where there are limited parking spaces. All Carparks that are free should remain free for local residents. Residential parking schemes limit accessibility to residents that do not have local parking spaces that rely on side streets that have and these need to be free from residential parking schemes that limit others from using.

Resident parking scheme would not be suitable in Lavenham, we need more parking available if anything . If we can channel tourists into our car parks it would help alleviate problems on the streets . To do this we need signage to show tourists where the car parks are . The cock car park could easily add many extra spaces with a small redesign .

As stated earlier as a business owner introducing parking charges and restrictions would be a huge concern. The high street has been struggling from before the covid pandemic we need support from our local councils. Introducing car park charges where there is currently free parking could have huge consequences for our local businesses. Unfortunately we can not afford to see a loss of footfall that parking charges would probably cause. Introduce charging and restrictions and you risk killing off local businesses and our high streets. As a resident I would not support a resident parking scheme they do nothing to help the parking situation. They don't guarantee a parking place and again can have a negative impact on trade and footfall in areas the are introduced. Again local businesses need support from councils not over the top restrictions that can destroy a business footfall. And as a resident I would not pay for the right to park where I have been parking with no issue for the last 40 years.

Please see my answers to previous questions

Gainsborough Road Stowmarket Due to Mid suffolk leisure centre

Facilities for local residents seem to be totally ignored at present. Council should actively encourage the increase of residential accommodation in the town centre, i.e. above retail premises. Town centre residential parking then needs to be thought out. At present residents seem to be bottom of the list or not considered at all.

Support if resident parking free

Resident parking schemes are divisive. The introduction of such schemes will merely push any parking issues to other areas. Resident parking schemes do not guarantee parking spaces. Resident parking schemes will inevitably incur a cost to the residents of an area which will likely increase as time goes by. Another tax, particularly in the current financial climate which is not needed. NO to any thoughts of such schemes.

The last thing Suffolk County Council should be doing is introducing parking charges for on street parking. Lavenham will look brilliant with pay and display machines all over the village. Not sure they fit in with the medieval look! All these charges will do is push people to park elsewhere and thus just moving a parking issue around from one place to another. These type of ideas are why our towns retail offering are dying off. If you charge people they go somewhere else like a FREE car park in an out of town shopping centre or FREE car park at a supermarket. Implement this in Lavenham and you will kill the place. As for resident parking again it's the last thing that you should be thinking of. Resident parking schemes do not guarantee a resident a parking spot and have a detrimental impact on businesses in the area they are implemented. Our local businesses can not afford at this time to have anything that turns people away or puts people off parking. Residents should not be having to pay £100+ to have a pass. We can see what 2020 have done in Bury with the charges they implemented and guess what those Resident parking schemes haven't improved the parking there. Do not do this in Lavenham please. They will be divisive within the community. In Lavenham you would need to absolutely flood the place with signs and this is the last thing the picturesque village needs. Just fix the signs to the car parks.

Yes particularly to the north of the town centre around Aldi - residents parking.

Again, many of the attractive rural locations, especially with upmarket hospitality premises - eg Stoke by Nayland Village Green could be considered for resident parking . By the very nature of the place with two high end hospitality businesses- one extremely upmarket - the area around the centre of the Village and the verges along the Park Road become extremely congested with visitors, of course evenings and weekends especially.

This could encourage people to use the car parks, or walk or use public transport.

Just another money making scheme.

These schemes are fine if they do not prevent people coming to the town at all.

Not just in towns but villages also

Regarding the first question, priority should be given to resident permits with an allowance or guests.

Need to take into account previous opinion, otherwise could prove a detriment to Town Centres

This might help diffuse the resistance to charges in Hadleigh

Theses are just money making they don't help residents. I live in Colchester it's a nightmare

Yes, of course it's important that residents can park near to their home at little or no cost.

Many of the Victorian roads rely on street parking for obvious reasons. Parking 'tourists' often park in residential areas to save the cost of a day's parking at one of the many car parks. This means residents often cannot park outside of their houses during the day without the possibility of receiving a parking ticket.

Need to allow for short visits to the town centres ie 30 mins free or very cheap for quick trips to the post office, bank etc. This would encourage people to use the town centre more. Bury St Edmunds used to have 20p for 30mins stay at the Halfords car park which was perfect for a quick trip to 1 or 2 shops or the bank etc. Used this alot in the past & was sad to see it go.

Especially around the railway station

Resident parking permits are an additional cost to the homeowner.

Fen View Thorndon - consider residents in the Council bungalows (mostly elderly/disabled) at the end of the road have allocated parking near their properties if required. Parking is very limited, many vehicles park on both sides of the street and pavement in this narrow road causing major obstacles for emergency services. Buggies etc have to negotiate multiple potholes using the middle of the lane.

Please stop vehicles parking on pavements

as i can never get a parking spot where i am half the time

Allocated street park but not possible here so alone answer is driveways

We need that round chestnut road as alot of people park for the doctors where there should only be for residents

Yes yes yes Definitely needed in George street Hadleigh

I have fibromyalgia, so being able to park in front of my house would make a massive difference

You just create a problem in the next road / estate. This solves nothing just a moves the problem on.

I live in Suffolk road where parking is a nightmare, most days I come home from work and have to park my car 2-3 streets down and then go and retrieve it at about 7pm. The reason for that is that our road is used by everyone going into town for shopping or work or even using ALDI, we also have a 5 bay disabled parking, I have lived in Suffolk road for 7 years and seen 5-6 cars use it in all that time.

notices regarding parking in dangerous places and where it is illegal

Put up sighs to say no home parking only

Families already have children living at home for longer so many homes are multiple car households. Making people pay for permits to park outside their own homes is another string to the out of living crisis

It is essential that all parking areas are monitored for abandoned and registered off road cars - and those that could be considered abandoned - removed without delay.

If local residents have space to park and active travel opportunities then those travelling further into towns will have more space in car parks. Maybe incentives for local residents for active travel would be a better way to look at it? Exchanging of on-street permits for promise of active travel??

Council Tax is already high - these proposals will only add to the current "Cost of living" problems

Resident parking permits need to be necessary, cheap and enforced

Benton street

Free park for residents by permit

As above, I believe that all in-town parking should be discouraged and reserved for those whose choices of transport are limited. Levying high charges for town parking promotes a 'them and us' atmosphere where wealth gives you privileged access. Suffolk's towns should be for everyone and treat everyone equally.

Introducing on street parking in the town centre will make more people park in residential areas.

Should not be required if the planning committee allowed enough parking space when New developments are built Most families have two or more cars and they never allow enough

Being able to stop quickly to visit a bank or local business should be encouraged and not deter users by making it difficult to support local amenities.

But I don't think residents should have to pay for permits.

Resident parking and on street parking schemes help create an unequal society where the haves and have nots are excluded and made to feel 2nd class. Please don't do this. It's so last year!

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if they had to start paying to park.

If you think you need a residents parking scheme you obviously live within walking distance of lots of facilities, including public transport and don't need a car. Residents parking schemes just encourage people to be fat and lazy - just the people active travel should be encouraging to walk and cycle more.

Please consider making Acton Square in Sudbury strictly residents parking only.

If this will include carers.

Residents parking is a good idea providing it is free. Also overspill areas for multiple car households. Provide parking for commercial vehicles to prevent residential areas becoming trading estates at a cease work. Stowmarket has successfully moved away from a congested town centre, it would be a mistake to return to on street parking in the shopping area.



As long as all tenants are consulted taking in to account that not all residents work 9-5. Gladstone Road, Devonshire Road area of Ipswich.

The driver seems to be regularly penalised. Cars are a necessity and motoring is already expensive. Don't make it harder to own a car in rural areas

There should always be some spaces for visitors in a residents only zone.

With the proviso that these spaces are available to employees during the working week, especially around the town centre

Immediate residents must be treated fairly and not excluded as part of a wider proposal to accommodate "visitors" from outside their area.

But don't waste money on bureaucracy!

Charging for town centre areas will simply cause drivers to park in residential areas, which is the problem faced by Corporal Lillie Close where cars are parked by individuals who are going to travel by train or shopping in the town centre.

Where I live we cannot even park outside my house because we have 99% of the residents of church street parking here it's ridiculous and has already caused multiple threats of abuse when we have complained to them.

Girling Street

Where practical and I think in Mid Suffolk the scope is quite limited introduce resident parking based on both size and number of vehicles per household.

Yet again short term Parking too expensive in Bury, need to think of people attending appointments that have delays (got done twice due to dentist running 20 minutes late) bury also far too many only residential parking that are empty during the days and could be used by visitors

Town centre on street parking should be free for 30 mins to allow for quick turnover of visitors.

Stop being money grabbers! We pay enough council tax. People can't afford this!

Residents parking schemes are great however, the policy needs to be well thought through and consider those without cars / without the need to use on street parking who may need visitor permits.

Free town centre parking is essential especially for small towns to encourage footfall for retail.

We live on a part of edgcomb Road where there is no private parking. We park in a lay-by which is supposed to be allocated for the 12 houses set back off the road. However, residents who live opposite and have their own drives park in our bay. Something needs to be done about this - either obvious signage or the 'take back' of the green, which would then get us our own spaces outside our houses and stop other people parking there. The green isnt used for anything.

Hadleigh residents have problems with workers parking in their roads leaving no spaces for them , should be resident parking only. people working in the town could have designated parking areas

Lavenham historic area have narrow roads with residents that need to park but visitors are not using car parks and can't be bothered to walk so this causes stress parking within historic Lavenham area. The visitors must use the 3 current dedicated free car parks and not use historic Lavenham side roads. Lavenham has a high ageing community where residents need to be able to park in there own road but this has become more difficult and some are having to park there cars in the car park while visitors park in the side roads. Really not fair on the elderly that still use there cars but can't park in there own street.

Parking in Bury road is hard for residents when we have many nonresidents parking here

Only if there is enough parking for up to 3 cars per household!

The streets near schools get very congested at times and would benefit from resident only parking. Especially when there are plenty of parking options. For example for Wood ley people can park at both the leisure centre or the rugby club but instead they clog up Lowry way, Blake road and Spencer way, idling their engines and making it unsafe and unhealthy for everyone walking to school.

Resident parking schemes should be a priority. Residents take up parking spaces that should be used by visitors and shoppers. There should also be a scheme for town centre business owners who don't have their own parking facilities.

Resident parking in Nayland would raise revenue and improve the village. Parkig charges for street parking at popular spots like the riverside and Anchor will be needed

On street parking in Stowmarket Town centre, if it is not dangerous or causing an obstruction then parking should be allowed and free (maybe a time limit as seen currently). If an on street location is dangerous or could cause and obstruction it should be double yellow lines. There is no need to charge, this has no benefit other than raise funds fir MSDC

Where on earth is this needed in Mid Suffolk??? Resident parking schemes are just a cash cow for cities & very large towns.

On street parking fees will stop people using towns , Need to have full investigation where parking charges have been collected where the money has been used Is there a report? Should be noticed on each car park or street meter , how much the car park as make in the year and what project it has been used for

So long as these do not impact upon heritage areas - not 'littering' our valued villages and towns with painted lines, parking machines and signs that are not currently in situ.

Definitely not on the High Street, businesses would suffer and close.

Acton Lane
Resident parking schemes are pointless if there isn't the availability to meet the local demand. Which there isn't in our area. Especially if we residents have to pay for the privilege.
As long as parking permits are free to residents otherwise this is just another form of tax on car ownership at local authority level.
Residents should be able to park outside their own house
I'm not sure what parking schemes entails
Have lots of parking schemes for residents but the residents need to implement the scheme not local government No More parking meters charges or signs PLEASE
There needs to be a proven 'need'... this isn't just a revenue generation scheme... Hadleigh certainly does NOT need to be tampered with...
Keep charges as low as possible/free where they currently already are for people visiting the area as they are more likely to stay longer and spend more.
There is no need in my view to introduce resident parking scheme.
Parking should be free in car parks, there should be no on street parking
Ballingdon Street on street and ballingdon street car park
Implementing any charges to our car parks has an impact on our outlying residential streets. Living on one of these roads is extremely difficult to park when shoppers, workers park outside our homes quite often all day long. Perhaps consider a residents only scheme for immediate vicinity residential streets, I believe many residents (myself included) would wholeheartedly support this.
Support resident parking schemes but have to be self funded by residents and not other tax payers
Free short term on street parking is essential for some towns, to encourage quick shopping visits. Needham and Clare are good examples, Stowmarket traders would likely welcome some parking like this.
Only introduce resident parking scheme if residents agree.
Consider parking availability for visiting carers and community nurses etc who may need to park regularly and carry equipment to support people in their own homes.
But only if there is no charge
See previous comments
Keep residential areas for the residents
Why are new build estates with 3-4 bedrooms being built with 1 car parking space? Makes no sense.
New street always gets overlooked, we are in the heart of the town

I think having short stay limitations on high streets is much fairer. There is little pavement space to install meters and will just be another hazard for pedestrians. One of my regular journeys into hadleigh is to visit the butcher and weekly fishmonger van. I go in early (8am) so I can park on the high street and nip to both and stay less that 15 mins. There is plenty of space at that time of day and I cannot see how the cost of installing meters can be justified.

I oppose the introduction of parking charges in Sudbury.

This was previously explored when we lived on BOND STREET AND WAS OPPOSED AS WOULD LIMIT VISITOR AND TRADE PERSON PARKING. It also would have limitless how many spaces were Avila me in the area. Instead, there should be a short period in middle of each day for an hour where is it residents only so commuters can't park there all day for free.

Both these 'ideas' are just a precursor to introduce a method to charge, even residents parking fees are abhorrent.

Resident parking needs looking at ..in some streets it seems some residents can't park any where near their homes .

The aim should be vibrant and busy local towns Introducing parking restrictions and charges will hinder that aim I do not see the necessity for parking permits and resident restrictions Coming from a London Borough I feel these shouldn't be introduced unless there really is a demonstrable need and residents agree

Keep parking free

Resident parking should only be introduced where absolutely necessary: it leads to a horrible amount off street clutter inappropriate to the historic centres of our towns and villages

When I spoke once to the council I was told there is no way they can check if people have a permit to park so those who have payed may not be able to park in ther place

As long as this isn't a ridiculous charged because surely this is part and parcel taken into account with the council tax?

Parking Permits for residents may work as per city schemes but I'm doubtful.

Raise a Levy on businsss vehicles being parked on residential roads. It used to be controlled but is now let go laissez-faire and causing one of the few problems in our town

there is a need for more parking spaces on Clench rd at the bottom of the road, turn one-third of the green into residents' parking so that the children can play on the green without damaging the cars. Currently, there are 5 cars parked on the green, how about some bollards to stop this.

It would be a whole bag of problems and need neighbourly solutions.

Strongly oppose meters. There is enough clutter on pavements already

Don't need more signage and restrictions charging will only push the problem into another area without restrictions.
The town centres are dying , penalising motorists stops people visiting
Stour Street
Should be a priority to make town centre less car centric and more pedestrian focused for town centre regeneration
These changes would introduce near chaos. A very poor idea making the situation worse..
Gainsborough road is a nightmare to park on as a resident, people parking to use gym as well as parents waiting for children to finish school, which causes a lot of issues on the road as lots of people park on road and don't leave gaps to be able to pull in when it is busy
As long as resident schemes were free and made visitor passes available to residents, free and offline.
In the process of discussing local parking issues with current councillors and officers. Although councillors haven't done anything since February
I don't feel any parking should be allowed on streets where by doing so impedes the safe transit of emergency vehicles .
Need baker markets proposals are the best example of how hypocritical the council has become. Mid Suffolk leaves needham and sells off its land for profit. Then permission is granted to build on a public car park. Then proposals are made to limit high street parking to one hour this results in no mid Suffolk employees coming to needham and spending money on the high street. So the local businesses suffer. Whilst working at mid Suffolk all employees at the time benefited from free parking as well while the building traded (convenient as the new proposals with one less car park as it's built on doesn't support anyone locally). The new proposal of a limit of an hour in needham high street just encourages visitors not to bother as it's not long enough and also puts fear in people to go elsewhere - this in turn hurts the high street even further. It's the most hypocritical proposal mid Suffolk could have made for needham market - stop killing the towns trade and for once find ways to help it.
But the permits must BE FREE
As previously stated, Debenham has many residents using on street parking as their properties do not support off street parking. Resident parking schemes may be an option to consider. They do, however, take up parking spaces that could be used for shoppers/visitors.
Residents of High Street have no parking, despite asking the council to consider a paid permit scheme.
Definitely resident parking but parking for business owners as well
Charging for High Street/Station Yard parking would absolutely kill the footfall. There is clearly insufficient parking for some residents (as they use the High Street). This must remain the responsibility of developers and be rigorously investigated at the planning stage

I'm worried that parking charges in small towns, like Eye, will deter shoppers. Therefore businesses will suffer causing closures. If there are closures then people will need to travel further to get what they need causing more pollution and congestion

Support, but only if nominal fee. If too pricey this is unfair on residents.

Could support paid on street parking if town centre residents are considered via a permit scheme

Eye has a densely populated town centre with little off road parking. A residents parking permit free for the first car with charges for others owned by the same household would help

Outside schools is mayhem! Look outside Bosmere in Needham at 330pm. Cars parked on corners, on verges. How long until an accident happens? The Parking Police that do appear at 3pm make no difference as no one parks then! They should appear at 330pm! If you go out, you have to time your arrival back so that you miss the school 'rush hour' !

If introducing parking charges, perhaps allow first hour to be free to encourage brief free periods for shoppers and promote shopping locally, whilst discouraging all-day stops.

Why would you even consider charging people for on street parking? Surely you want to attract people into the towns not turn them away. I don't park for parking unless it's reasonable (£1 and hour) and only then if I need to be somewhere longer than a hour. I would just not bother using the towns at all if I was charged. I would go to retail outlets instead.

LAVENHAM Why should residents have priority over any other motorist? When they buy their property they are aware of the parking availability.

It is very difficult for car owners to park in Prentice Street due to visitors parking

The introduction of residential parking for bury st and Union street west has saved my life over the past year and half (after a fight) as I have no where to be able to park and this is one less headache worrying about getting a fine or coming home after 6pm when charges finish. Why finish at 6pm?? Why not 5 and let shoppers have a free 1/5 hr to unties them into town again?

Should not be at a cost to residents who have purchased / rent in areas affected

Sudbury is less likely to encourage visitors if parking charges are in place, the town has four streets and very little popular known retailers, many shops are now empty, even the local post office is closed, no cinema is available.

It's appreciated we have that scheme.

No to the introduction of residential parking as it effects those without parking provision where residents on our central oneway syem have no access to parking.

High street queens and church should be residents and 1 or 2 hour max

### But not chargeable

The key thing here is the ease of use of residential permit areas for those residents' visitors. While residents' only areas seem to offer a solution, if their visitors are forced to park a distance away due to the difficulty of use or restrictions on additional permits. More useful would be to have one-hour on street parking for non-residents and unlimited timing for residents, so as to challenge the problem of people who work in the town centre using residential streets for all-day parking. Pushing the free use of town centre car parks above on-street parking would also help with the issue of residents' parking being disrupted by shopping visitors. The time it takes a car to drive up Queen Street speculatively, and turn round if no spaces are available, is generally equal to the time taken to just park in the Magdalen Road car park in the first place. Too many shoppers feel they should try to 'nip in' to a closer spot but they often take up multiple spaces, too, due to poor parking. The impact on businesses like Dunstone's Opticians should be considered carefully, too, so that businesses in residential areas are not adversely affected. We should not see simple residential permits as a panacea but rather need to think cautiously about possible unintended consequences.

### Parking charges for resident on-street parking is unfair

This feels like a way to make money rather than ease parking difficulties.

If communal areas are available for residential use, it should be written in the tenancy agreement that they should park in their designated area. And, parking for schools is ridiculous, Viking Road area is a nightmare with parents running their engines to keep warm (or cool) while they wait for their child - even when they get there an hour early to get a space, it should be stopped. It's not good for the environment or for the people that live in these roads.

What is the point of resident parking schemes. Seems to be a revenue generation opportunity to charge for permits and revenue from fines

Hadleigh prides itself on its free parking.

Many Lavenham residents park outside their front doors on pavement!

Whilst I support the resident parking it should not be expensive - Charging more for residents to park is not going to solve the problem of the fact that there is not enough residents parking in most residential areas.

SPEED aware.

Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only

Do not make it harder than it is New housing needs to come with parking We live in a rural place and need our cars Public transport and taxis just not capable

I find it hard driving along rugby road as parents picking students up from Thomas Gainsborough school and there cars any where along rugby road

On street charging may deter some bad parking and encourage car park use, but would require additional funds to police compliance.

Until adequate increased availability of long stay parking is provided in my local area I would oppose any increases in on-street parking locations, as people do this due to the lack of availability, so unfair to penalise them.

Residents end up paying too much for extra oases this often affected those that can least afford it, visitors like healthcare professionals then struggle too as most are now private sector

Free on street parking for 30 mins

On Hall Street, we have a particular problem of visitors and residents parking badly and with no lines (understandably, for conservation reasons) something should be done and making it residential permit parking only would be a great help. To do this though, you would definitely need better signage for the car parks and it would definitely have to be enforced.

Don't want to have charged parking on streets in Hadleigh. Limited time parking is better.

Car park charges are one thing, I am not keen on on-street parking charges.

Depends what you mean by appropriate?

The residential parking permits are only acceptable if there is decent allocation for visitors otherwise you prevent social interaction. This should also be free for a period. Our cost of living in rural areas compared to urban is so much higher already, you should not be looking at ways to charge more revenue.

**Comments from Question 17 - Recommended actions that you would like to see prioritised  
Off-Street**



None of the above, I feel I'm being shoe horned into saying something I don't believe
You missed out Resident parking scheme
Allocate permits if necessary, but it needs to be fair. Church st and friar street are not treated fairly
None of the above drop down specified. 1. Maintain a minimum of existing carparking spaces. 2. Maintain free carparking Free to the point of use through subsidy as currently available.
More public transport needed
Residents need somewhere to park without having to pay for this day to day.. provide residents only parking areas in Sudbury town
Signage in Lavenham needs to be reviewed to show people where the car parks are
My comments relate to the built up area of Lavenham village - Please see my answers to previous questions
Think of residential parking needs!
This is especially applicable to Eye.
Somewhere to park and charge electric bicycles would be useful.
Just provide enough parking
Keep the majority of Babergh town centre and village parking free of charge. Why isn't this an option in your drop down list?
Continue free parking in Sudbury. Necessary to support local businesses viability.
Priority No 2
Subsidise public transport so there is less demand for vehicles.
There is not enough parking for residents up castle hill in eye
Driveways
JUBERLEE TERRACE
RESIDENTIAL PARKING
Raydon Way car park and the park are dangerous areas. Vandalism, broken glass, drugs and lots of teenagers congregating through the day and night.
More free parking.
Have disabled son and not allowed on public transport access to parking is a dilemma especially in Eye.
ALL THE ABOVE FOR PRIORITY 1 + 2
Laxfield would highly benefit from a bus service
More blue badge spaces and re introduce free parking for blue badge ownets
Under active travel, it should include bike storage, e-scooters and active travel infrastructure. Promotion along won't help.
No mention of "Blue Badge" spaces in Car Parks and On Street
Minimum 90 mins free in town centre car parks. Moderate annual season tickets for council tax paying residents.

Bet you don't do either of these

#### Resident parking

New housing should have 1 space for a 2 bedroom, 2 spaces for a 3 bedroom, and 3 spaces for a 4 bedroom, as an absolute minimum, not including the garage (as very few actually use them for parking as they are generally not big enough.) Cars should not be parked on pavements or on busy roads.

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if the had to start paying to park.

New developments for business and housing must work on the provision of 1 car per person the 2 space rule for housing is no longer sufficient. New business units soon resort to work vehicles and staff parking on roads on estates due to lack of insight for business growth

#### KEEP PARKING FREE FOR 3 HOUR STAY

Can't read options on phone

None, as I said our car parking provision is adequate for the town

Residents parking must be a priority

Needham market needs to retain/expand its car parks not continue to lose more

There are no public bicycle racks in Great Waldingfield. Pay & display machines should be upgraded so that they all work well.

What about lorry parking ? you have sold off teh lorry/coach park so now there will be nowhere for lorries to park overnight and nowhere for coaches to take their legal breaks

It is not obvious that some of these drop-down options are directly relevant to the issue. The priority for me is to encourage people from outside the towns (eg Hadleigh) to park in off-street locations as part of their regular shopping/visiting activities in support of town-centre businesses. Otherwise (eg Hadleigh) will become ghost towns.

The availability of adequate parking for blue badge holders and ensuring that car parking spaces for blue badge holders meet required specifications should be reviewed in the car parks.

This consultation is so biased that it simply wont allow you to suggest there needs to be more carparking accepted everywhere because that is how we exist, it seems that for new families, the only housing that they can possibly afford generally comes with no spaces or one, Both have to work and that generally means two cars!

Why can't I identify my own priorities? Lower prices and or develop discount schemes for postcodes with poor public transport provision

Free parking in High Street .

Re 2 above ensure all machines accept card payments

Policing schools yellow lines, where parents continually block drives, drive on curbs, pull out sharply in front of children and other cars

Time restrictions in small towns and villages should be considered.

Cars parked off street could lead to more safe cycle routes.

Resident parking only off market square side roads and visitors should use the free dedicated car parks only. Lavenham is a tourist area but residents must be allowed to park in their own street. Adequate signs should indicate historic Lavenham parking restrictions to car park use only.

Half these aren't even 'actions' to prioritise. This is a seriously poorly constructed survey implement. One could be forgiven for suspecting that this is so poor because all it is, is a way for the council to say that they have consulted the people.

A parking permit for Lowry way - people the school end - would be amazing as we can then park out the front of our house at all times and not have to worry about coming home and having my drive blocked, or leaving for work and the drive is blocked. If we had a permit we could park there which would stop others.

Stop all the housing development in Stowmarket as there are too many cars on the new estates without enough parking places.

The car parks in Sudbury are completely overgrown and neglected. As key entry points into the town centre the appearance of the car parks is not a nice welcome to the town.

Priority 1 - maintain free parking period which will encourage visitors and support shops etc  
Priority 2 - car parks currently badly affected by out-of-hours antisocial car behaviour. Address this.

Good lorry park facilities with well maintained showers and entertainment for drivers Should be provided urgently, to stop lorry being parked in lay-by design for emergency use Along our main roads

Never ever move to obligation to use apps. As a 50-year old resident it would be morally and ethically wrong to force me to use something that is not part of my generation, that means that pay and display must be in use for at least another 40 years until my generation are gone. Apps are inherently dangerous

Consider free town centre parking. Even for a little while to encourage making quick purchases in town instead of from Amazon.

Introduce free parking sessions

Keep parking charge as low as possible to encourage visits to town centres.

STOP granting planning consents that don't even comply with SCC basic parking requirements

Let cars continue to park in towns so people pop in and out of local retailers and stop letting retail units open out of town
Debenham.. see note above
Please can you also add to start issuing tickets to people who have parked inconsiderately outside the marked bay? This happens so often in the council car park (by pure gym) which is my work preference. It appears to be gym users. They are parking really badly meaning no one can park in the next space. It says on council signage to park in marked bays so if they haven't, please ticket then so others can use the car park too!
make sure parking spaces are wide enough for larger cars, More taxi ranks in the area. .
Need more bike lanes, so we don't have to use car parking
Non residents causing parking problems - Ipswich Road & Denmark Gardens - both in Holbrook
consider installing a roundabout for Roys/Waitrose/Railway station/Kingfisher Leisure centre access to remove the bottleneck
Keep short stay parking free for 2 hours.
NO FREE CAR PARKING
See previous comments
Very poor parking on ex council estates, needs reviewing especially with on set of need for electric car charging points, residents have remote garages with no power
None of them as I have no idea what you are talking about
Adequate disabled parking
If you could find a way to subsidise or support bus operators to provide services from local villages to towns there is the potential for bulk transport of people to town village centres and could reduce traffic and need for on street parking. Sorting out the bus station in sudbury would help as it would be more comfortable for people to wait if a refurbishment was to be completed, including new toilets and a waiting room, small cafe. Would make sudbury look more attractive as a place to shop and visit, instead of the message it sends now which is dilapidated, lack of investment...first impressions! I do use and happy to continue using bus services from Leavenheath to Sudbury, but this in danger of being lost. If this is the case, I'll need to keep driving into the town but at least if bus services and bus stations were fit for purpose, may encourage people to take that rather than park, reducing costs of maintaining car parks perhaps?
Making our car parks "green" with shrubs, bushes, trees and wild flowers will help reduce the "concrete jungle" vibe.

Regularly cut back trees and foliage in the car park on Ballingdon street as in summer months this damages cars. Also clear leaves in autumn so these do not decay and become mud. Increase signage in residents car park on Ballingdon Street so that visitors are aware they should not park there- in summer months visitors regularly take all the spaces meaning residents have no where to park- perhaps introduce a barrier or permit system for this car park to deter visitors and resurface it so it doesn't become a mud bath in winter.

My top priority is to oppose the introduction of parking charges in Sudbury, but this is not listed in the above options.

No option regards free half hour parking in town centre.

My main priority is to keep parking free!

Regal Cinema

Encourage use and safe parking of Motorcycles.

My ideal would be to have less cars on the road. That is not easy in a rural environment, particularly over winter when the bus service is sporadic. Whilst active travel works well in towns and over summer, it's difficult in winter.

Whatever is suggested , the council ignores . The residents of Hadleigh had not been informed about the meetings (?) being held at the leisure centre , nothing on Hadleigh media sites . A friend happened to inform me about this survey . It's shocking we are kept in the dark & OUR money is consistently squandered

Flawed options. Some are just statements, not actions. Poor survey design.

Priority 2 - not the park & ride. Again look at Corks Lane

Do not provide on street parking.

All greenery needs to be regularly checked and maintained as there would be easier parking spaces and more as most of it is overgrown

I think you should separate out the 1 option relating to active travel and public transport as these are 2 distinct and completely separate things. Strong support for this option may lead you to conclude the public want bike lanes and storage for instance when they just want more buses (and vice versa)

Flexible parking should include free parking for limited time in key local town centres

EV's to include provision for electric motorcycles.

in locations such as Lavenham it may be worth looking at the parking strategies from other local destinations such as Clare country park of Flatford mill and maybe build a car park for tourism and local events so that the pressure can be kept to a minimum for local residents. Lavenham is usually only under pressure from parking when there are increased numbers of visitors in the village or events that draw higher numbers than usual into the village.

Stop destroying local areas with parking charges and restrictions

Understanding why people park as they do would be a good start to developing alternative strategies to try and alleviate the issues.

As all previous comments

Free parking after certain times to promote visiting businesses taking a hit in current climate

Review where danger now exists due to poor and inconsiderate parking and take action to remedy.

Needham Market needs a new free car park.... And the High Street needs to be divided into short 1/2 hour stay and longer 2/3 hour stay or this town will die.... And no more building on car parks... we have lost our car park to housing and about to lose another... shops are closing so sad

Need to increase the parking time available for on Street parking in Needham Market to at least 3 hours as it is currently killing the shops in the High Street. People don't like to feel rushed and want time to browse the shops. It would improve the success of the local shops

The last point about walking and cycling connectivity with areas of housing growth are relevant here too

On street parking should not interfere with access to driveways

Needham Market needs more car park space and road parking needs to be extended to at least 2 hours in order to support local businesses

Introduce car park charges, with free first hour to encourage local shoppers (who currently go to Diss as can't find daytime spaces in Eye).

One hour free parking for local residents to encourage use of local town centre shops. Very relevant for Eye.

Charge more to tourists/non residents. Implement traffic wardens and or fixed penalty notices for inconsiderate and illegal parking. The situation in Lavenham for example is beyond breaking point with insufficient spaces and inconsiderate parking. The free or suggested fee car park should be a charge for non residents so the money can be ploughed back in

My comments are directed mainly at Lavenham because I do not understand the needs of other places

Keep the option to pay by cash many people struggle with new technologies

Lavenham is a core village and a unique location as a visitor attraction. But it still has a residential community at its heart. Both need to be preserved but in the efforts to drive tourism there are increasing detrimental effects to the residential community particularly from the motor car. Public transport to and from this rural village is limited and serves a small proportion of visitors. This is unlikely to change. Therefore most visitors will continue to arrive in a motor car. I don't think there is a single solution to this issue but a combination of Residential Parking Schemes in appropriate locations, additional Car Parking Facilities and better street parking restrictions will help.

The problem mainly lies within the high street

LAVENHAM Signage to the car-parks from the North is inadequate, and has already been identified as an urgent need. Get on with it.

This relates to Bury street car park

Priority 2 - include hoops for secure motorcycle parking as well

Non of the above. There is no entry for Residential Parking to those around our oneway system and maintaining free parking over night and call afternoon on Saturdays

More parent and child spaces are needed in town centre car parks

Reinstatement of subsidised bus routes might be a much better option on a number of fronts

needham market needs a carpark, was insane that you built on our ONLY good sized carpark

Queen and church and high street Resident only and 1 or 2 hours max.

As many tourists visit Babergh there should be enough parking for more coaches everywhere.

Parking should be free to encourage more use of facilities in small towns The mi permit app is not fit for purpose and unusable, needs sorting asap so easier to use

Ensure any residential permits in Hadleigh High Street area are dynamic rather than exclusive

None of the above. Residential parking around all county homes needs review, in sufficient parking in New developments, crowded unsafe streets.

Rural transport needs to link into shop and office hours otherwise people will need to use cars.

Car parks exist to support a thriving town centre. Keep charges sensible. Do not kill the golden goose!

Keep electric scooters OFF ROADS AND FOOTPATHS, insist on a road safety test for those that don't hold a car licence. And stop concentrating on the so-called Eco cars, because they're not Eco by any means! Just have a look into how the batteries are made, it's dreadful!

Priority one is aimed at parent and child spaces only, whether it be the enforcement of who uses them or the availability of spaces.

Lavenham

In order to improve security of bicycle parking: A locked bicycle parking area can be considered near the train station, and CCTV can be installed to monitor bicycle parking facilities near the town centre as it is a major deterrent of theft

If active travel and promotion of public transport is a desired outcome then the infrastructure needs to be in place to support such a move ~ i.e regular, reliable, accessible and affordable

Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only

Hadleigh car parks should retain free parking for 2 or 3 hours to encourage shoppers

At the rail station, remove the free period, and charge only by the day. Also, allow more than three days for parking and improve security.

Improve giving household drop kerb to make it easier to park

At this financial time do not spend public money in ways that the public may see as wasteful, we are having to prioritise spending you must too. We'd rather put holes and surfacing were dealt with!

Don't charge so much for car parks & more people would use them rather than parking on streets & paths or just not going to the shops/events at all where the parking is expensive.

If additional car parking (including free of charge provision) is not provided, the economy of Hadleigh will suffer, and business will not survive.

Sort out your policy of letting council workers bring large trucks home at weekends and evenings causing obstruction and visibility issues on suburban streets. Keep 2 to 3 hours free parking in Hadleigh's car parks

The key is to reduce demand for car parking by offering attractive alternatives. This will lead to healthier, cleaner, safer, more sustainable communities.



reduce costs as some of them are so expensive they are costing businesses because people won't park and use the retail facilities; the machines are not intuitive, don't work, and you can't see them when the sun is out or there's a glare on the screen; spaces are far too small and case doors to bang when you open them which leads to parking rage, some of the companies running them are absolutely vile, like NCP.

**Comments from Question 18 - Recommended actions that you would like to see prioritised On-Street**

No to Parking Schemes - these are unfair to those residents without parking spaces.

If the car parks in lavenham were used to their full potential it would alleviate much of the villages problems . A new or larger car park would be great but with the current financial crisis that's probably impossible or just a dream . However any scheme which reduces ANY spaces will effect the village badly . We do not need poorly thought out schemes such as the one proposed by the parish Council last year . This was cutting parking on the Market Place ,and could have been disaster for the businesses in the area that rely on it for their customers.

I haven't selected any options. You need to maintain on street parking and not taking any spaces away either physically or inadvertently with the introduction of restrictions.

Any parking charges should be modest, and aimed at better management of on and off street parking, rather than being seen simply as a means of income generation.

Your options are fairly limited where is the option to vote certain interventions as one that should NOT be considered. For example Resident parking permits should be last on the list of considerations.

I feel this question is more relevant to Sudbury residents

Where there is no parking provision at properties, especially council owned properties. Where possible create dropped kerbs should be implimented

Priority no 2

If there are better public transport links, the need for additional vehicles in households no longer exists, and therefore the demand for parking reduces

More disabled spaces

Driveways by end of the year

We would like our car to be close to the house on chestnut Road

BEND N JUBERLEE TERRECE

We have limited parking, to have a drop kerb and drive way installed would be to costly.

CCTV in car parks where anti-social behaviour is rife including residential areas. Raydon Way, Rede Way, Minsmere Way, Poplar Road

More free Parking

We have narrow roads in suffolk with a lot of Large farm vehicles so verge parking is essential where possible.

ALL THE ABOVE - PRIORITY 1 + 2

Gipping Road

3rd would be discussing curbs and driveways.

You don't seem to want to know aboutt "Blue Badge" parking

The parking strategy is not a stand alone area and needs to be part of a larger development strategy for both residential and business use encouraging local employment to reduce travel and support auxiliary businesses that depend on those large and small employers.

In residential areas where there are parking issues, large vehicles such as works vans and motor homes etc should be banned and made to park elsewhere (perhaps in council car parks).

Resident parking

Consider having restricted parking on roads in Lavenham. People working in the village park all day outside their place of work meaning that visitors cannot park. If there was, say, a 2 hr restriction then they couldn't do this. They would have to use the car parks.

Change planning rules to increase developer off street parking to a MINIMUM of 3 off street spaces per home, not including a garage (which is never used for parking, and is usually too small for any modern car).

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if the had to start paying to park.

Can't read options on phone

Belle vue development parking is ridiculous!

You should have done this before Suffolk One was built. Our verges have now been wrecked and our road is now a student car park.

We have a particular problem with regard to school drop off and pick up where our street is used like a rat race with over 80 cars a car coming in and out of our culdesac causing danger and a great of grief to residents from the owners of those vehicles. Ours is not the only street that is effected in this area and the schools seem unwilling to do anything about it

Cars parking half on the pavement/verge and half on the road needs to be monitored and prevented.

Stop trying to skirt around the edges of the problem, cars exist and need to be placed somewhere. Maybe installation of a dropped curb shouldn't have to come at such an exorbitant price and be a 'Free' solution!

More areas where it is allowed for short stay - two hours

Stop cars parking on yellow lines More disabled parking shops

I can't say this enough. On Street parking should be discouraged.

Where 'on-street' parking is causing a hazard it must be removed or the law enforced!

Resident parking only would help congestion in historic Lavenham side roads off market square ie prentice street.

Again, being able to park out the front of our own house with a permit should be considered.

Under take study to see how lorry and coach including buses , use on street parking including lay by and see how this can be reduced at all times of day

A lot of the town on street parking does not allow sufficient space for emergency vehicles, or is breaking the laws around parking near junctions, on corners. More should be done to police this.

Acton Lane

As long as parking permits are free to residents otherwise this is just another form of tax on car ownership at local authority level.

Keep towns and villages on street and town centre parking people parking in the town makes them visit shops and spend money locally. Allow no more retail units out of smaller towns and surcharge online shopping companies

Provide parking bays/laybys in areas where properties are not able to have a dropped kerb/driveway because their property does not have a large enough garden or the garden is set back too far from the nearest road. Multiple examples over both districts but Cats Lane, Sudbury and Denny Avenue, Haughley are a couple.

I have a layby outside of my house but under SCC rules cannot drop kerb or install electric charging point because of their rules refusing planning permission for dropped kerbs in such location which they in essence have caused.

As a resident of one of the many roads that people use for free all day parking, I feel it might be beneficial to consult with the businesses in town to perhaps introduce an acceptable parking arrangement for employees instead of outside people's homes.

consider installing a roundabout for Roys/Waitrose/Railway station/Kingfisher Leisure centre access to remove the bottleneck

Keep on street parking free for the first 30minutes to 1 hour (depending on location) to support the high street and the ability to quickly park and drop in to a shop.

<p>On our road, lots of the houses can't have driveways due to space so on street parking is essential. Just wish cars didn't drive so fast down Waldingfield Road that I'm constantly replacing wing mirrors. Also terrified to get children out of the car due to this safety problem.</p>
<p>See previous comments</p>
<p>New street needs permit parking</p>
<p>Again is this presented by a 12 year old</p>
<p>Ensure pavements are kept clear for wheelchair and mobility scooters</p>
<p>In any event, parking on pavements and verges should be avoided at all costs. It's too dangerous for pedestrians to have to walk on the highway when pavements are blocked</p>
<p>Residents should get free parking .</p>
<p>Leave it as it is</p>
<p>The people using shops near to me park outside local houses as Co op is full at times as well as the doctors car park as there are shops in poplar hill</p>
<p>Stop people parking on paths</p>
<p>Eradicate on street parking where possible</p>
<p>there is a need for more parking spaces on Clench rd at the bottom of the road, turn one-third of the green into residents' parking so that the children can play on the green without damaging the cars. Currently, there are 5 cars parked on the green, how about some bollards to stop this.</p>
<p>I think there are yellow lines in Church Walk (between Duke Street and Market Place) where parking could be allowed.</p>
<p>Consideration for a community taxi / car club</p>
<p>stop on street parking!!!!!!!!!!</p>
<p>On street parking is dangerous and causes so many issues.</p>
<p>Make sure when building houses every house has at least 2 parking spaces as it would reduce the number of residents parking in the normal car parks</p>
<p>My main concern is about on-street parking at school drop-off and pick-up times, near the state schools in Holbrook. I understand that it is also a major issue around Northgate School in Ipswich.</p>
<p>car clubs need to be supported by restricting parking supply to help create the demand, eg in new developments- limited parking per house, but provision of a number of convenient car club vehicles both for short (trip to the shops) and longer (away for the weekend) journeys</p>
<p>Unable to use priority drop-down menu 1. It doesn't work.</p>
<p>On street parking is, in certain areas, a considerable risk in Debenham as emergency vehicles will not be able to pass some bottlenecks.</p>
<p>Using car parks overnight by residents would need to ensure they complied with time restrictions i.e. leave in the morning or will impact short term visitors</p>

Increase parking time limits to 2 hours on town streets such as needham market and stowmarket. Free parking after a certain time would be great. Help towns thrive.
Consider also that if people have permits to park in areas in town these may need to be on a paid basis.
Outside schools needs improving before there is an accident!
Needham Market street parking and car parks need to remain free and should be extended to 2 hrs in the high street itself to support local businesses
Consider pedestrians as the first priority
LAVENHAM The issue of employee parking does need to be addressed.
It has to be the same answer for both
None of the above. Residential parking around all county homes needs review, in sufficient parking in New developments,crowded unsafe streets.
Put a LOT more parking bays on new housing sites. Or better still, stop building the houses. Enough is enough now.
Lavenham
Residents permit is good but see previous comment regarding keeping the cost low or just cover administration and be mindful that those that can no longer park there will still have to find somewhere to park
Assess amount of on street parking in areas where owner occupiers resort to this option rather than use their off road parking because it is more convenient than having to move cars around. New builds in Needham and along Stowmarket Road
Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only
Where else can people park near their homes without parking in awkward places? People would rather leave an expensive car on road and have a garage full of junk. More traffic wardens needed monitoring evening parking on estates.
More and centralised car parking for disabled drivers in Needham market. Suggestion, the Coop site at KWS, is that a suitable site for car parking, or has that been earmarked for social/affordable housing, which would also get my support.
Wow very limited choices, the main one the ublic want is maximising free parking!
Make theobald close residents only parking as so many people who work on the high street will park here all day so we cannot park outside our own homes
On-street parking is a blight on the beauty of many of our towns and villages.

Free On street parking for one hour is essential for every business in Friars street . Without it it will kill off the already weakened trade. What should be investigated are the constant permits freely given to telecoms companies who block the road almost weekly for their own profit . A better timing structure for allowing these would help traffic flow.

It is often extremely difficult or impossible to find a taxi in Sudbury on weeknights other than the weekend.

#### Comments from Question 19- Actions which you feel haven't been included, that you would like to see explored further

do not waste public money on consultants

Removing traffic warden

Better motorcycle parking with facilities to lock bikes to

Do not introduce charging in car parks in Sudbury. It WILL kill the town centre businesses

Some time should still be free

Prioritise Free Parking

Free parking remains

FREE PARKING

Improve the spaces in current car parks

Use on-street parking permit scheme to make streets safer, healthier & more attractive

Removal of parking charges as per e.g. Ely, Should be ENCOURAGING visitors

Promote walking

Free parking

Protect free parking in Hadleigh and Sudbury car parks

Making more space in the existing car parks.

Looking at current car parks to make more space

more parking in new housing developments

Make parking payment easy.

Work with Suffolk County Council to improve public transport provision

Residential parking
The planning department just need to get a grip with development needs
yellow lines against path access areas
Free town centre parking for 2 hours
Parking spaces should be wider
Keeping our town centre parking free of charge.
More parking inforcement in residential street
Dipped kerbs for easier accessibility for mobility scooters
Blue Badge Parking
Making certain roads one way to accommodate parking without causing traffic chaos
increase the amount of blue badge spaces and police illegal use of blue badge parking.
No parking or partial parking on pavements.
Subsidise and promote public transport
Keep parking free for everybody
Off street parking for council tenants
Free parking in Hadleigh
More and better disabled parking facilities
Disabled parking, there are never enough spaces
Expand Residents car parking in council estates
Please help blue badge holders, eradicate charges!
No
cctv surveillance
more disabled parking spaces
N/A
I did not see any recommendations for disabled parking
stop ppl parking on paths
Remove trees and seats from car parks
Safer cycle routes.
Take in to account the lack of public transport in rural areas which requires the Residents to use a car to access facilities
Make our car park bigger
Disabled parking bays/spaces.
Stricter enforcement of parking by patrol officers
Drive ways
Assess level of blue badge parking provision
assistance with dropped kerbs for tenants
Drive ways
far less charges to be made on already hard up families.
DROPED CERBS

Allowing residents in Stowupland Street to park outside their properties so they do not park in Regent Street

Free parking to encourage shoppers to supports local businesses

Adding more disabled spaces into non-purpose areas, as in wasted grounds near to the homes of people with mobility issues

Stopping Parking Charges

When introducing new parking sites, please make some spaces wider for those people that don't have a blue badge, but find it difficult to utilise normal size spaces.

Street lighting in car parks could be brighter

Larger parking bays in car parks because the car sizes have changed and the spaces have not been upgraded accordingly.

Don't waste money

Look at deploying courtesy buses at train stations for the local area commuters

Update the towns retail to bring people to Sudbury.

Solve the problems in our other villages with parking issues.

Cost

24 HOUR TRANSPORT / SAFE SPACES / STAFF ON DUTY/DIRECT PHONE TO POLICE

More drop kerbs for residents parking

Interdiction of pavement parking

Make bays wider

Disabled spaces need to be increased on streets

Enough parking for residents

Kerbs dropped where parking can be done on your property's

Use of unused space to make parking available to residents

None

Blackfriars parking for Blackfriars residents only

Better public transport for rural and remote areas

remember there are residents in the local area that are rural

Improve parking for residents not enough spaces for cars

Blue badge parking

Lorry park

Improve public transport

Full financial accounts of parking to be published



To tackle the parking on paths ie as you come in from stowmarket, on the grass verges around the school entrance.
An overarching strategy that promotes our towns as being vibrant, healthy and forward looking, putting people at the heart of it.
Reduce cost of H bars
Removal of car parking on Market area in Sudbury
Allowing people to create off street parking
Need to address residential parking as a priority
Review pavement usage and maintenance to ensure safe routes for mobility scooters and prams
Additional parking for Health Centre
Provide data, review and justification of the ever declining bus services
Upgrade and introduce safe traffic free cycle routes to encourage active transport
Cheaper car parking charges in for key retail areas
Maintain free parking where it currently exists
No
Safer cycle routes with safe bicycle storage.
More community engagement. Please don't cite this survey you know it's only a sop and means little or maybe even nothing!
Resident parking scheme girling street car psrk
Ensure that all new developments have a minimum of two allocated car parking spaces per home plus further overflow parking for visitors
Price of parking verses current time aloud
Free parking
not use car owner as cach cow a yet AGAIN
Look at road markings and on street parking in hazardous places and busy roads.
More flexibility for families visiting where a permit is already required
Long stay car parking for businesses
Maintain and improve provision of short term town centre spaces e.g. Market Hill in Sudbury
<b>KEEPING PARKING FREE</b>
Larger parking spaces in all car parks due to the increasing size of vehicles.
Improved bus routes for Cedars so they don't have to drive
More blue badge parking

Free Parking for at least two hour in Stowmarket to encourage footfall
Designated parking for sheltered accommodation like playford court.
Parking dangerously close to junctions
Look for further locations to add car parks on unused areas or buildings such as those on cornard road next to BP
Disabled groups should be consulted to keep vehicles off pavements, reducing the danger
No
Free car parking for up to an hour in car parks
Give those who don't use social media a chance to have their say
<b>PARKING OUTSIDE OUR LOCAL NURSERY</b>
Replace the Lorry park, probably on the industrial estate and provide it with toilet facilities
Wider parking bays as cars have got wider
Evolve with the changing nature of our lives accept cars especially for those residents of suffolk who are still working
Free parking for 1 or 2 hours to encourage shoppers
Parking outside schools should be discouraged.
Parking charge/travelling discount scheme for people working in town
Keep parking free
Stop church street parking on blackfriars
Leave Sudbury free of charges
Provision of off street parking for residents where possible and where it is needed
Take a dim view of dangerous/inconsiderate parking with rigorous enforcement
School parking
2 hrs free parking in town centres
Stop residents only parking
Porous or semi porous surfaces to enable absorption of rain water and vegetative growth.
Access to private residential sites need to be looked at because people feel it is their right to obscure access to all properties
School Parking pick up and drop off improvements
Retaining free parking for short stay in Hadleigh
None
Ensure parking bays meet the average size of current vehicles

Look to charge to limit time parked in towns like Eye and prevent all day business parking
More enforcement
Look at the wider public transport issue as well as active travel.
Multi-storey car park
Reduce parking chages
Additional off street parking where possible eg instead of residents parking on grass
Free short term parking is essential to the economy of small market towns.
Resident parking only signs
How to report any parking problems
Enforcement - increased
Parking permit s
Multi storey car park next to Roys, near the station
Traffic wardens
Sudbury Market Hill, a strategic lorry route with cars parked and reversing into flow of traffic, really!
Permits for business at low cost
Street parking for schools
A 'Support Local' 3 hours free parking scheme that can be validated by town centre businesses. On a 'pay on exit' system.
stop cars parking on pavements
Signage for nearest public toilets
Free parking
Pick up, drop off points at supermarkets
Restrictions for on street parking in residential areas
Free parking
Schools parking requirements need investigation
Free parking
Don't charge residents
Club members parking
Simpler pay machines
no
Levelling up charges for town and out of town car parks.
Make car drives feel welcome into the town and allow them to park for free to shop
Upkeep car parking spaces
Increase the size of the town taxi rank
Free parking!
traffic calming on the road where Doctors Lane meets B1117

Extend the taxi rank as promised
Enforcement of considerate parking
Free parking
charging even a small amount in car parks which are currently free - at least to breakeven and not be a cost to council
Safely issues on roads have not been addressed
Establish cycle lanes to provide confidence in the safe use of bikes and reduce the need for motor vehicles
Taxi rank
Reduce longstay parking close to Stowmarket town centre
Possible spaces for further Taxi Ranks in car parks in the district.
Issue penalty tickets for not parking in marked bays
big enough spaces for larger cars
Keep parking free where it is already
I have a layby outside of my house but under SCC rules cannot drop kerb or install electric charging point because of their rules refusing planning permission for dropped kerbs in such location which they in essence have caused.
Additional cycle lanes
Traffic problems in Sudbury
Reward scheme of some sort (retail discount) for walking/cycling in to town centre. Can be proven via an app perhaps?
Ban SUV's
Commercial vehicles
More disabled parking in towns.
Resident parking
Fairness in charges across district
<b>STOP VEHICLES PARKING ON PAVEMENTS AND BLOCKING FOOTWAYS</b>
All H G V are banned from using poplar hill it's a nightmare living here
Ensure that any on street parking in rural areas is monitored for safety particularly outside schools
Try reducing the cost or making tge first 2 hours free and assess the impact on local businesses
Safety for on street
Free parking on market days
Allow a period of free parking, for instance the first hour. This would help shops.
Rural villages need a detailed assessment and strategies

More dedicated blue badge only parking spaces on car parks
Council should look at investing in parking outside homes which is in line with the present needs
No Free Parking
Prices
Re-open the Bury Road Park and Ride
Stop cars parking and blocking pavements
Enforcement of not parking on foot paths
Use of double yellow lines on Station Road Elmswell
More blue badge parking
We need free short term bays for popping to bank or shop
Stop school pick ups from being done anywhere other than approved areas.
Redevelop green areas for additional parking
Parking near schools is dangerous, more spaces need to be created
Enforcement of parking in the villages
Please don't waste money on consultants to do studies and reviews when there are so many more important things to worry about
no
Short stay parking remains free
Ensure traffic flow measures are coordinated with accessibility to car parking
No
Keeping Free Parking to support business
Increase parking space size
No charges for parking
Making sure it does not impact on local residents
Improve the bus service
Larger bays for parking.
I oppose the introduction of parking charges in Sudbury.
Wider spaces for all
Residential areas should have designated overspill car parking on every street
Free half hour parking in town centre
Parking for retail staff within the high street area
Parking infringement control
Wider parking spaces
Make sure payment machines are working
Encourage use & safe free parking of Motorcycles.
Disabled bays in town centres
Increase disabled parking bays

No parking outside schools
Take no action.. do nothing
Eradicate parking charges
there is a need for more parking spaces on Clench rd at the bottom of the road, turn one-third of the green into residents' parking so that the children can play on the green without damaging the cars. Currently, there are 5 cars parked on the green, how about some bollards to stop this.
Free short stay parking ie. 30mins
Enforced speeding restrictions in residential areas
Residents priority over casual parking
Look at businesses where they bring both work vehicles and employee vehicles into an area
Rationalise planning requirements relating to new developments to cater for the number of vehicles potentially using the property to avoid the need for on street parking
impact of any measures on the disabled community
Remove pot holes on Sudbury roads.
Suitable parking for parents dropping off children for school in residential areas
stricter planning consents in the building process to ensure adequate parking for families
Sort out Hadleigh old council offices , they are just sitting there , another waste of money
Residents only parking in cross street and Stour Street
More disabled parking there is nowhere near enough
Renovate the grass verges problem in Raydon.
Ensure designated bays, i.e. disabled/mother&child are used correctly.
parking on paths, grass verges and on street is a problem
Stop on street parking.
More spaces
Keep Corks Lane Car Park
Signage on residential streets near schools, requiring drivers to switch off their engines.
Free parking for short trips
Because of car park charges there is an on street and side road parking issue
integration with development planning to not be supply driven, but also to tackle demand
30mins free parking

Consider negative impact of car park charges on local businesses.
current parking enforcement requires attention
Stop the huge trucks coming through this mediaeval village.
Free 30 mins parking for popping into town
Stop changing things for the sake of spending a budget
offer two hour parking slots on the High Street Needham Market
Free Parking
More frequent cheaper buses
Stop selling off your car parks and reducing parking capacity - such as happened in Needham Market
Look into dropping as many kerbs as possible to free up on street parking
Sort out town centre(market hill) traffic problems
No
Improve signage of on street parking time restrictions
Look at the on street parking down Coddendam Road off the High Street towards Uvedale Hall as this is always a bottleneck causing delays
Better enforcement of illegally parked cars especially those causing issues in line with Highway Code - Entry to Danescourt Ave
Extend Needham Market high street parking times
Increase time limit on street parking in needham/stowmarket
Review school parking provisions.
Simply change the time restrictions on the high street to short and long stay spaces
Time frame
Ensure that vehicle users that are "disabled" or have restricted mobility have adequate access to all relevant areas
Publish a timetable for delivery plan
All new builds should have a minimum of two parking slots even for a one bed
More reliable regular bus service
White lines on roads where traffic should stop and lines have gone
Develop another car park centrally to the shops to stop street parking.
More off street parking
identify illegal parking on the single track/narrow lanes

Charges in car parks for non residents non
Review of free parking
Free very short stay (15mins) central parking
Make it easier to get planning application for residents who want to have a car parking space next to their home
Have a free 30 mins or 1 hour - think it would boost the town economy and make people want to go into Stowmarket
For signs and lines to be reviewed correctly by Highways and corrected in a timely Manor
Check the on street parking
Look at difficulty of parking opposite residents garages if it means they cannot use the garage due to inconsiderate parking
Resident parking permit
Ensure that the local youths do not have 24 hour access to car parks to cause mayhem & noise
Disabled parking
More busses running earlier and later in the day reducing the need for cars
Proper cycle paths that will encourage safer cycling for all age groups
Provision of more lorry parking, especially with the imminent relocation of Hardwick House Surgery into the space that is currently the lorry Park in Sudbury. Provision on the industrial estates around the town preferably with toilet Provision.
Rural bus routes reinstated
No parking in residential areas unless you live there
In car parks make the first hour free
Discourage pavement parking
20ml speed only around town
No
More disabled spaces
None of the above. Residential parking around all county homes needs review, in sufficient parking in New developments,crowded unsafe streets.
Compulsively purchase land for much needed Rural parking
Consider the first hour being free, as per Diss car parks
Areas that are not properly looked after by the council should be used to create spaces for residents who don't have own driveways (i.e.Crown Street/Bury Road triangle closed up by barriers for years)
Continued free parking



Benton Street parking
Keep the option of coins. Elderly residents struggle with technology. Coins are quick .
Stop building houses
Reduce need for cars by strengthening public transport
By removing some on street parking to ease traffic flow in Hadleigh this has now created a speeding problem in a 30mph area which needs reducing to 20mph
Ensure enforcement of parking regulations
Make all parking free
Check with local business if they have spare capacity that other workers who drive in to Hadleigh could use
no
Free parking to continue
Clear cars from Lavenham Conservation area
Parking on pavements
A park & ride scheme
Take away one hour parking limit
Traffic speed in Long Melfordd
Increased number of disabled spaces per carparks
Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only
Far more disabled parking bays/areas
No
Provision for free motorcycle parking in car parks.
All new builds have parking for at least 2 cars per house
Review public transport access based on parking. Villages have parking issues and when school runs have buses trying to navigate these roads it becomes chaotic. Perhaps single route to destination where less obstructions exist or congestion should be considered. Alternatively review parking conditions on roads where school buses and large transport need to travel through to make for more efficient peak times for driving
More disabled parking space
Disabled car parking
Free parking for people who work in the towns.
Longer than one hour parking in high street for shopping
No
Consideration given to residents parking
Prioritise public transport provision.
Longer free parking for local shops
Commit to free parking at point of use for 3 hours minimum
Yes

Consider the lack of availability of long-stay parking for town centre staff and their non-retail business visitors
Maximise free parking
Cheaper car parks
Free town centre parking
Free parking for limited period, say 30-60 mins
Enable regular bus routes into and around town from housing estates and adjacent villages, eg Combs
Make community transport free to Bus Pass holders
More parking provision than currently proposed for new developments.
Stop allowing your workers to bring home large trucks to park on suburban streets
Make the parking on the high street back to the original parking of 2 hours
Reducing parking on paths and verges restricting access to the blind and disabled.
Pedestrianising fragile and over-crowded town centres
30 minute free parking for shoppers in town centres
Ask individual business owners in on street parking zones how much they are needed
Introduce long stay parking in North Street car park
work with smaller parish/ town councils to deliver improvements- you seem to forget the problems in villages which were not built for the numbers of cars per dwelling
Reduced parking for employees in the town that have to park all day. A lot of shops dont have enough parking and the people penalised the most are the ones who can least afford it
Make parking in all areas free for first 60 minutes
do not bully and disadvantage residents and visitors - it will be to your own
Remove traffic wardens
Stop inconsiderate parking on footpaths, bends, bridges
Build more parking
Cheaper parking
Improve enforcement of yellow lines infringements
Use 20mph speed limits & more HGV restrictions to make streets safer/more attractive
Remove half of parking in Market Hill to open up area for other uses
Promote cycling
Make parking cheaper at train stations to encourage use of public transport
Better signage on the approach to the village (see point 2 below).

Signage as you approach Lavenham and using online tools like Google maps to highlight parking more
Free of Charge parking in all car parks
Install more EV chargers.
Do not approve just anything to make money
stop double parking
Free parking on market days
More further out of town parking
Improve the provision of public transport services Ho tge town centres from outlying villages, perhaps considering the provision and promotion of more frequent minibus services.
Better upkeep of pavements. At this time it is very difficult for pedestrians to negotiate the differing pavement levels and the unexpected obstacles encountered
no increase in charges to pay to park.
The bridge on Coddenham Road reference the Path for pedestrians
Council tenants rented property to include off street parking
Put mor in instead of reducing them for electric cars
Remove Damaged/Abandoned Cars much quicker
Increase the number of blue badge spaces
No
stop bike riders on paths where paths are narrow as they like to run ppl over
Review of public transport
The continuation of a 3 hour free parking to encourage people to use local shops in Hadleigh and Sudbury
Our car park is too small, make it larger
Ensure bays are large enough for modern vehicles
Bear in mind the needs of mobility scooter and wheelchair users needs
more lighting in car parks for safety..
INSTALLATION OF DRIVEWAYS
More Free Parking
If not able to consider the above, please include signage for child/parent parking to include non visible disabilities. See the Sunflower campaign.
Pay on exit only
Use ANPR and Congestion charging instead/alongside parking fees
Working with other authority's to help provide a solution which suits residents.
Free
24 TRANSPORT / SAFE SPACES / STAFF ON DUTY /DIRECT PHONE TO POLICE
Prosecution of non blue badge holders parking in blue badge spaces - including council vehicles.
More disabled bays

Driveways for tenants who do not have one like me
Safe parking for residents
People fined for parking on paths and blocking access points for wheelchairs etc
Allocated parking for busy roads so houses can park
None
Size of parking Bays
Bike safety
More yellow lines round school areas and on dangerous/tight corners within the village
More pedestrianised areas
Restrict high street parking
Provide data, review and justification of how the BMSDC Parking Strategy supports local businesses.
Encouraging rural bus routes
Ensure free long and short term parking for towns like ours where business is really tough. Put your support behind initiatives to bring people to the town rather than trying to screw them once they get Here! Your previous parking proposals were an absolute joke. Please try to do better
Assess existing estates to ensure adequate parking is available.
Free parking
Assess the impact of parking restrictions and charges on non council owned parking e.g. Quay Lane, Sudbury
Trim vegetation where it obstructs drivers view
Parking opposite driveways causing access problems
Speak to residents who have the space to have a driveway in town areas to remove cars from roads as it's now causing problems getting emergency vehicles through, such as queens road / suffolk road and assist with adding a driveway and not having on street parking both sides.
Stowmarket's car park spaces should be bigger to accommodate the larger, modern vehicles.
No
Free parking on streets for up to one hour
re-design communities even if they happen to be conservation areas, they have evolved ever since you came up with rules.
Do not install pay by app only at the machines when approving new planning applications
make it socially unacceptable to jump in a car to go to a shop etc less than a mile away
Secure lockable storage for e bikes
24 hour emergency access should be a mandatory requirement when accessing a private residential area/road, instead of inconsiderate people blocking access to properties.

Disability Parking needs to be updated and improved
None
look to install solar panel covered parking bays
Make some parking free
Give car parking priority over new building in areas where there is shortage of parking spaces.
No car zones - schools
Parking permit s
Rugby club parking
Provision of parking for schools away from residential areas
Maps of area where needed (large towns)
Improved bus services to reduce parking needs
Park and ride
Mobile takeaway food outlets should require planning permission
Discounted or free parking when attending mum and baby groups.
Don't charge residents
Free parking days
More free parking!
Make North Street disabled parking
Parking on garage sites
Free Parking
Cutting back hedges.
Do not increase parking charges
I have a layby outside of my house but under SCC rules cannot drop kerb or install electric charging point because of their rules refusing planning permission for dropped kerbs in such location which they in essence have caused.
Introduce traffic lights or mini roundabouts on Springlands Bye Pass
Ban electric cars
Access for disabled parking, so disabled people aren't regarded as second class.
Resident parking
A ban on work vans parking in poplar hill
Properly manage clearway adherence
Free parking for under 30 minutes
Improve all public transport
Ensure that school parking is carefully considered
More dedicated blue badge only on street parking places
Realistic charges for all car parks no more subsidies
Prices
Increase bus services, especially in the evening and Sundays.
We need more parking near schools
Remove excess work vehicles from residential areas

no
No
No charges
More disabled free parking
Create more Parent and child up to ten spaces.
The introduction of parking charges in Sudbury is likely to further discourage visitors from shopping in Sudbury.
Consultation with emergency service on any developments on access for emergency vehicles
Lighting in car parks for safety
Disabled parking
Bigger parking spaces as vehicles are wider
Return to free parking to stimulate local business and population convenience.
Ensure disabled bays are only used by those with a current blue badge
put a two hour time limit onto the High Street to prevent business owners parking in visitors spaces
Every new house to have parking spaces for 3 cars
Signage to give information on what is and not allowed
look at bus routes for more rural living, there needs a robust service to reduce car usage
Increase in buses in rural areas instead of a bus every two hours
Stop speeding traffic
stop on street parking
Start a time limit for on street parking.
Do not develop Corks Lane Car Park for housing
Letters to parents, sent via schools, asking parents and carers to walk the children to and from school if possible, or make use of buses.
Cheap parking permits for people working in towns
Ensure there will be adequate ev charging facilities in all parking locations.
try to encourage residents that have access to off street parking to actually use it
Actually talk to residents - don't just set up drop ins - go door to door as some people are unable to come to you
Reduced fee parking
Free Bus passes for over 60s & under 22s
Increase on street parking to two hours in Needham Market
Make drop kerbs more easy to go through the process
Sort out the one way system in sudbury
Consider fully HMO's and sufficient off street parking
Free parking after a certain time.
Investigate if there are private drives where the public could rent out space. ie a club of residents in certain areas who could share parking at different times.

The car park that's left behind the mid Suffolk offices should remain
Fix a budget
Could there possibly be a few quick wins to integrate the policy around new development. An example is Paddock House where welcome new homes for rent will significantly reduce the available and sometime 'informal ' parking there now
More disabled spaces
Stop some on street parking but will need to improve the car parking in Eye.
Less shrubs and more spaces
identify school parking on the narrow lanes to stop
Traffic wardens/fines for illegal/inconsiderate parking
Creating a greener environment should have a high priority. Aim to reduce the use of cars for unnecessary journeys
To review all traffic orders
Doesn't work on high street
Resident parking permits
More cycle lanes between towns
Cycle routes that links all villages with Sudbury and beyond to encourage commuter cycle use to reduce parking requirements
Greater provision for parking when developing new housing.
Blocking peoples driveways
No
Make high streets disabled parking only
Review allowance of developers to develop residential sites with wholly insufficient parking. Also review non new developments county wide
Free parking in Hadleigh
Stop the emphasis on electric cars and scooters
Install more pedestrian crossings at key junctions to promote walking into towns/villages
Town centre areas in Hadleigh to have their speed limit reduced to 20mph and sat nav to direct lorries away from Angel Street onto the A1071
Make all parking free
none
Free park and ride
Further thought into how to solve resident parking issues
Enforcing who parks in child friendly spaces
Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only
More free offroad parking
Better monitoring of poor and dangerous parking in villages
Cycle parking
No
Use ANPR to control entry and exit times at all car parks.

Work with SCC to achieve a step change in cycle safety, safe off road routes etc
Ensure parking helps to bring people back to town centres
Improved public transport services (bus provision is very poor).
Don't remove 3 hours free parking in Hadleigh or reduce it to 1 hour - need 2-3 hours to promote use of high street amenities etc
Better signs for parking and more car parking facilities
60 minute free parking for shoppers
Limit the times and occasions the roads are dug up.
stop carrying out desk-top exercises when assessing planning applications- actually visit the sites at crucial times like school times in order to understand local issues
If residents permits are adopted, ensure enough visitor's bays available with 60mins free

### Comments from Question 20 – Any other comments on the parking strategy

Most Of Needham's internal roads are really congested with parked cars, delivery vans, lorry deliveries, refuse lorries, builders vans, buses etc We have too many vehicles along along with too many new housing developments which will increase traffic even more.

The existing free parking is an inducement for people to visit, for whatever reason, at a time hen the town is struggling to attract people. Start charging and people WILL go elsewhere, to shop at least. Free parking is a real asset. It seems foolhardly to make a decision to remove it.

#### Parking charged will kill this town

Earmarked Losses of parking in Sudbury..... 40 Station Road Carpark - Babergh gifted these to Hardwick House new build. 20 Station Road Carpark - Babergh restricting parking spaces to charging only - these need to be universal for all types. Potential further Losses of parking in Sudbury.... 52 Market Hill - Babergh vision of removing carparking. 30 Station Road Carpark - Babergh vision of placing roundabout on leisure centre carpark. 20 Girling Street Carpark - Babergh vision of bus and coach stops in existing carpark slip road. Potentially the net loss of over 150 parking spaces in Sudbury which will have a disastrous effect on Sudbury's economy and cause congestion in our town centre where making it less convenient and less attractive for out side trade.

Lavenham parking problems be not need a large overhaul,a few small changes could be implemented at relatively low cost. Signage is the biggest problem ,tell tourists we have 3 free to park car parks and this will improve things for the local residents .



Keep parking free to keep people coming to the town , we travel to sudbury regularly and make use of the free parking using shops , restaurants and banks ,

As a business owner on the Market Place in Lavenham I am concerned on what will happen moving forward in regards to parking. The parish council tried to cut the parking on Lavenham Market Place which was rejected by the public last year as they could see the issues this would bring to surrounding streets and the impact on businesses. The Parish Council did not consult with any of the businesses or people this would affect. Please don't make the same mistakes again. We need to maintain our parking that we have now and where possible increase parking in certain areas. Cutting spaces is the last thing we need to be doing. Also all the restrictions that you speak of will require a ridiculous amount of signage. This is something Lavenham does not need. We are a tourist attraction flooding the village in signage is not the look Lavenham needs. Lavenham parking needs need to be looked at differently to other places and not overdo these restrictions. Please help us businesses to grow and prosper not hinder us and make us trade with an arm tied behind our back with parking charges and restrictions. Please work on what we have now and make small improvements. Lavenham can't be that bad with so many viable businesses can it?

The BMSDC Parking Strategy only makes sense if it is formulated in conjunction with SCC, because on and off street parking issues are intertwined. Any on and off street charges need to be set to discourage the use of on-street parking (except for very short stays) and to encourage off-street parking. The next step on from a Parking Strategy is the formulation of a Healthy Streets and Spaces Strategy for the public realms of Suffolk locations. This is about pedestrian priority, better pavements, slower traffic, 'build outs' to manage parking and make crossing the road easier, tree planting for shade and environmental improvement, etc.

Serious lack of sufficient parking for Mid suffolk Leisure Centre which leads to seriously impacted off road parking in and around the centre

Think of residential parking scheme for Friars Street/Quay Lane area.

Keep things simple. Elaborate schemes are expensive and require the use of public funds to implement them when such monies could be put to better use. Much better enforcement of the current restrictions (yellow lines for example) is needed. Do not consider charging to park. Resident parking schemes do not work. You only have to look at Bury St Edmunds where the solution to the problems encountered appears to be to increase the cost to the residents there. Leave the Market Place alone. It has worked well for decades.

Please just keep it simple. At the end of the day it's public money that's being used for these studies, surveys and consultants. Please stop wasting funds on over elaborate plans and do the simple things as above making more space in car parks improve the signage and get more enforcement for yellow line parking infringements. Please don't try to implement parking charges in areas like Lavenham. Our shops and businesses will suffer as a result and ultimately force them out of business. Please help them not hinder them! Please don't try to implement resident parking schemes that do not guarantee a parking space have a detrimental impact on business and that will require a ridiculous amount of enforcement and will be for some people something they simply can't afford in the current cost of living crisis. Surely you can't consider charging people in this current situation? Just because a few well off voices in Lavenham say we want it doesn't mean we all do! At the end of the day what's the point in these schemes if they can't be enforced properly. They will be divisive within communities and it won't be Babergh that has to deal with the fallout it will be the community itself. Leave the Market Place in Lavenham alone. Cutting spaces in the Market Place will only cause problems and push the parking issue into the surrounding streets. Some may say remove all the cars but we will have no shops hospitality or any businesses left if you do that. Cutting spaces is not the answer increasing capacity as a whole within the village is the way to do it. We do not want a village covered in signage and restrictions that take a degree to work out what they are. If you make things hard or complicated you will only force people away and most likely not come back. We don't want a derelict village like it is in January all year round. Please don't ruin the place. Keep it simple!

Ease of parking is essential to support local shops and businesses. Many people from all areas surrounding Sudbury visit Sudbury and ease of parking is essential to support the town. I am grateful Sudbury continues to provide free parking. Maybe one of the reasons why the shops have fared better than elsewhere. It was a big mistake to ban parking on the market square during Covid.

I don't feel always charging for car parking is necessarily the answer especially in smaller towns. But encouragement to use the car parks possibly needed.

NO CAR PARK CHARGES.

School Street TOO LATE

Free parking in town centres like Hadleigh essential for local business

Develop out of town centre lorry parks.

Free parking for shoppers and visitors to Sudbury Town. Keep the town alive!

Make use of the old Delphi car parks that are becoming an eyesore

Crowley Rd Needham market does not have enough of road parking leading to dangerous parking habits of residents

Please stop people parking on pavements. In Back Lane in Badwell Ash everyone parks on the pavement leaving pedestrians having to walk in the road. This is particularly a problem at night and has led to many near misses with cars using the road.

The whole of Sudbury centre needs to be made more safe for mobility and sight disabled people.

Car parks should be free

Do not allow parking on pavements or verges, this severely impacts people with pushchairs, disabilities and wheelchair user's.

Victorian sector in stowmarket
Keep parking free.
Shelley avenue parking is ridiculous. There aren't enough spaces, with people having to park on grass areas even when receiving letters not too. People also park so that emergency services would at times struggles to get past.
Rede Way: Residents having too many cars per household. One House 4 cars for 2 adults REALLY!! taking up valuable parking spaces and now has one with major accident damage taking up a space and probably wont move for months on end.
Make sure any events in Lavenham have Marshall's to "police" parking so that residents can access roads home safely
Agree to shorten period of free parking in high streets to avoid blocking
Castle hill in eye there is not enough parking spaces for the residents of castle hill
Seating in car parks is a waste of time as well as trees and bushes why nobody cares
Around community buildings, shops, libraries, community centres etc.
Put yourselves in other people's shoes. Some people have to drive to work. My nearest bus stop is 1/2 mile away Burstall, and to get there is unlit and no pavements and national speed limit. If I got to bus stop alive the buses are not very regular.
Drive ways
Parking on the cop dock Clayton road at sproughton is a real pain it's to narrow even for one side parking but I don't know the answer to this problem with the closure of the a23 soon this will become a total bottle neck good luck with sorting this one out !
PARKING ON VERGE AND PARKING ON BEND IN JUBERLEE TERRECE POSSIBLE DOUBLE YELLOW LINES OR INSTALLATIONS OF DRIVEWAYS ITS ONELY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE A BAD ACCIDENT
As above, Raydon Way, Rede Way, Minsmere Way, Poplar Road.
parking on Newton Road very dangerous when coming out of our lane we cannot see around the bend and until thee is an accident nothing will be done. There is always cars parked opposite to Jewsons which is a hazard
As above for invisible disabilities especially in public car parks where the disabled spaces are. Sometimes they are empty, but I still have to park miles away in squashed spaces or drop my brother off and hope he will be alright until I've parked, whereas if I had a car sticker, e.g. exemption permit/Symbol/ this would make it easier and yet accountable. I would be happy to pay, unlike the disabled bays where people do not necessarily have to pay all the time. Supermarkets are another place. I see plenty of people using the parent/child bays that don't have a child in the car. Having my brother in the car is like having a child because of his hidden cognitive disability.
Where to start? Outside my home there is a village hall with 4 parking spaces and totally inappropriate in a residential area. Location Laxfield. High streets in towns should not have cars parked in roads causing obstruction to high volume in traffic, such as Eye,

Limit the number of carparks centrally and have people walk into town. People do this at Lakeside and other places, so a short walk is no big deal for most people. Also, try and make park and ride more attractive since the car park at Copdock is almost always empty !

Hitchcock place has a carpark for residents. In term time teachers use it and the residents can't park in there we should have priority not school staff. There are also work vans from other roads and camper vans parked there at night.

We live in Harleston and parking here is awful we have a huge front garden so it would have been better to have a drive to park our car

Main Road through Glemsford is at times like dodgem's with on street parking. What the answer is i have no idea, too many cars for locations which were never meant to be.

CCTV cameras are needed in Hadleigh as there have been incidents within the car park where drivers have not informed other users they have damaged other parked cars. At Gayford Court Hadleigh we have lost our residents car park as it is being used by contractors we were given permits from Babergh to park in the car park opposite the library which expire on 31st August the recladding work is not due to finish by that date. Our car was damaged in the public car park although the person who caused the damage was honest about it. We have had our car paint work also scratched none of this would have happened if we had been parked in our residents car park. We hold a blue badge but cannot always find a space in the designated area especially on market days, We now have to struggle with shopping to home as there is never space in the road opposite. Whilst we know there will come a time when contractors leave a more strategic plan regarding these problems would have been helpful especially I have had to alter insurance and repair damage at extra cost on an OAP budget however, I think we have been able to enjoy good parking facilities in Hadleigh for many years

No charges for parking

The peninsula is a good example of where parking on designated main roads (B1456, B1080) can be a detriment to the entire area, making it harder for everyone to get in or out.

In relation to housing complexes, I suggest suitable areas of 'grass' be considered for limited parking spaces and in particular where having done this, a reasonable amount of 'grass' is left so as not to obstruct views. A perfect example is, as I have mentioned before, Station Road, Claydon where some of the St. Peter's Court residents have ample grass available to provide parking spaces for e.g. three flats or four flats. Just a thought! I am sure there are plenty of other such suitable areas .

Eye very difficult to park week days. Car park full due to car shares going in one car to Diss to get train.

There is a plot of waste land that can be turned into a car park or facility for residents to have drop curbs so we can help the ease of parking in road on a busy stretch of road where there is a business park, train crossing and main through road

Make parking spaces for your tenants more accessible as on road parking is not always safe as above

## Kent Road

Cordell Road in Long Melford is an accident waiting to happen, parking needs to be replaced, parking on double yellow needs to be policed especially during the school run.

Whilst I realise consideration must be given to all visitors I feel there is a strong need to review parking for residents who care about the town and wish to be able to remain living here without difficulty.

Benton street parking changes has just moved the problem further down the street rather than resolving the issue. As a pedestrian it is much better. But a review is needed for parking for these residents potentially where grass verges are. As already mentioned the main Hadleigh high street should be red routed. There is no reason for parking along the high street other than delivery.

Strategy should consider parking charges in the round, i.e. impact of higher (or any) charges on high Street business rate income, etc

Free parking here is great

A reduction of on street parking in town centres with car park improvements.

Ipswich Road & Norwich Road in Claydon. On street parking is becoming a real issue with the increased numbers in traffic through the village. This will only be further exacerbated when more new homes are built in Barham on the fields next to Barham Church Lane. It's important to consider those impacts now of on-street parking.

## Bridge Street, Lime Tree Place, Regents Street

You needed a market researcher to design this survey. It was impenetrable and I have no idea how you can interpret the results.

limit traffic on Constitution Hill as a cut through as dangerous speeding and street space.

More enforcement on drivers part parking on pavements

Stop now. We don't need you!

Resident parking scheme similar to Acton place for girling street car park

Rather difficult to fill this in, as just concerned about our Town of Eye, where parking is beyond belief. And the local shops suffer because people just drive into Diss to purchase their necessary goods and not use our Town of Eye.

Keep the free parking.

Recommend actions must prioritise active travel to keep in line with government directions and reduce demand

## Water Street, High Street, Church Street, Lavenham

Verg/pavement parking on housing estates particularly Steggle Close Needham Market

It is essential that parking remains free in Sudbury. I am a small business owner in North Street and visitors tell me they choose Sudbury over larger towns because of free parking. They would go to Ipswich, Colchester and Bury if they had to start paying to park.

Better parking provisions for workers who need longer than 3hour limits New housing development roads should be wide enough for parking and traffic flow Better enforcement of dangerous parking on junctions which restrict access and reduce safety Improve visitor access to parking close to key facilities such as banks, post office and convenience stores and pharmacies. Having to park a 10 minute walk away from key facilities turns a 5minute errand into a frustrating and time consuming exercise

Babergh Council offices relocated to within the area covered by the Council might assist in greater awareness of the issues

All Stowmarket Car Parks, at least two hours free parking.

As above

Adequate off road parking should be mandated and enforced by council planners in all new developments. ROADS ARE NOT CAR PARKS.

See comments on Suffolk One. Why not let them use the Park and Ride with the use of a free student permit if more than one person is in the vehicle?

Don't spend OUR money because someone wants a promotion. More kids play equipment, more funding for elderly facilities, funding for rural buses

Stowmarket Town centre Regal car park Parking near schools based within a housing estate

There seems to have been a policy of discouraging car use by making it harder to park and making routes less car friendly. This just inconveniences motorists and increases fuel consumption. Short sighted!

Please consult with residents of The Street in Great Waldingfield about the need for a parking area, as there's not enough space for parking cars there. There is a suitable location for a gated parking area opposite the church which could be used for the occasional events taking place at the church (funerals, weddings, services, concerts) and in the community woodland. Also, when residents have events at home, additional parking is required for visitors.

A period of free parking should be retained to allow local residents to use retail and leisure facilities, make social contact and support the economy of Sudbury. Any new technology to improve flexibility of parking, monetary charging, use of e- vehicles etc. should be explored to enhance limited facilities.

With the development of more housing in this area steps need to be taken to ensure there is more provision for parking as well as school drop-off and collection as before long there will be a serious accident as the small roads that parents are using are not built to accommodate what they are being used for.

It's a no parking strategy that is required at the junction of Queen Street and Church Street/ New Street. Traffic Lights are the only solution.

Each location will probably have it's own priorities and objectives. In Hadleigh, I see the need as primarily supporting local shops and businesses by enabling their customers to park easily and freely (to a point). Make parking difficult and people will drift away - or not bother to try - and the town will wither.

The Strategy must take account of the needs of people with disabilities and mobility difficulties and families with small children.

All residential streets nationally be low speed limit , 30 MPH which allows for parking on road.

When approving new planning applications ensure there is adequate parking for 2 cars

Harkstead has no car parks but gets considerable numbers of visitors during the summer who come to the beach. They park along the narrow lanes, block driveways, field gateways etc. There has been an increase in development in neighbouring parishes recently but no apparent consideration of what these people do for leisure and the impact this has on adjacent communities.

The residential areas near the town centre, such as Corporal Lillie Close, Bullocks Terrace and Edgeworth Road, which are used as convenient free car parks, should be considered for separate treatment to encourage greater use of the 3 public car parks at Roy's, the Leisure Centre and Sudbury Station.

Blackfriars co102aq

I think that introduction of residents permits for more of the car parks is important

The people of Sudbury and the surrounding area do not wish to pay for parking.

The biggest growth in on street parking that I have seen in recent years is the number of commercial vehicles left lying around the streets. They are also the biggest blight on the environment. There is no reason why the council should subsidise private enterprises in this way, by providing free parking spots for them. Perhaps there should be a blanket charge applied for any vans or lorries that want to park on the roadside overnight.

Send a parking enforcement officer into Debenham with a large book of tickets to penalise EVERYONE who considers it acceptable to park on or within 10m of a road junction! In the past when I have asked Suffolk Police to address the issue I have been told nothing can be done which is nonsense!

Out side wood ley primary, every single day, morning and afternoon. Cars parked along ALL double yellow lines, 1 warden in 1 year been seen, People getting away with parking there Come down here at 3.15! Our drive ways blocked from 2.55, onwards until 3.25

The Anchor Inn at Stratford St Mary does not have enough parking spaces for their customers which causes issues with local residents.

School parking at pick up and drop off times Look to London Boroughs solutions

Formal consultation on this strategy should specifically involve local (parish and town) councils and link with town council's own par parks where applicable.

CUT OUT JARGON IN YOUR REPORTS Retain Hadleigh, Bridge Street, BDC parking area for long term parking, coaches, and motor homes to encourage tourism and allow greater pedestrianisation of the High Street which is a national heritage asset and requires support to maintain its economic vibrance and viability

Eye has sufficient parking if not abused. Police it properly and grow capacity as homes are built

Town centre, need to bring more people in the town

Keep 3 hr free parking in hadleigh

Any steps to remove free parking in certain areas have to involve due consideration to the impact which such a move could have in terms of detriment to local businesses

Park and ride, for public events and Christmas so Asda carpark doesn't get oversubscribed and only used for patrons of supermarkets.

Lack of parking on my road plus the road is narrow (Garrards Road, Elmsett) so residents park on the grass. Additional parking could be made on the grass area on the right as you drive down.

I feel it is very important to keep free parking in smaller towns like Needham and Hadleigh to encourage people to come and visit the shops thereby ensuring a varied and good high street for residents. Larger towns could have initiatives such as one day of the week is free parking - ie the day which is the quietest for shops and food outlets.

as mentioned i have been informed that the new development at needham market middle school has provision for one parking space therefore with forty one houses with an average of two cars per household i wonder where the second car would park there was also talk of double yellow lines in school street and causeway and again the speed of vehicles using these roads particularly school street which a dangerous junction cars parked on the road side could reduce visibility

Hadleigh has particular problems with parking, both on street and in car parks. An overall strategy with proper data on needs and usage would enable proper consideration of what can be used for parking and what land should be developed. The finances are not straightforward and many shoppers are attracted by the three hour free parking. There is also a major need for coach parking in or near the town centre to enable tourism. This could be solved by keeping the former Babergh car park.

Historic Lavenham side roads ie prentice street should not be used for visitor parking only residents and visitors must only use dedicated free car parks where there are currently 3

Priority for pedestrian, bicycle and pollution free transport, with all projects with potential pollution benefits to be given priority

Lowry Way - needs resident permits and regular traffic wardens!

Increasing developments mean more cars and carbon emissions. Encourage EV use and put more effort and money into planting trees, hedges and wildflowers

Less available parking in leisure centre due to installation of bays, meaning more parking on residential streets.

Maintain short free parking for its many advantages for shops, residents, attracting visitors. Make use of on-street parking arrangements in planning overall traffic management .

If it ain't broke don't try & fix it.... Please don't waste council rates money on schemes just for the sake of spending the budget (i.e. the way London councils do with sleeping policemen).



Free car parking, should become the norm, Any charges need to be full justifiable, set out on a notice in the car park Asda stowmarket car parks needs pick up and drop off area for shoppers If you are serious about reducing car park usage, you need pay for improve local bus services, If your serious about getting shoppers back into town centres make all car parking free And remember your not a company making money , your a council ran for the people so please make car parking free to reduce daily living costs

It would be good to see the local authority urgently surveying on street parking & it's impact in all the larger villages. For instance there is significant congestion in Elmswell morning & afternoon caused by parents/carers picking up or delivering children at the primary school. Local strategies need to take on the challenge of ensuring far more children walk/cycle to the school.

**NORTHFIELD VIEW estate Stowmarket.**

Town centre parking needs to be affordable. I very rarely go into Bury St Edmunds now, purely because of the cost. I used to go every week but now prefer stowmarket, as I can park 2/3 hours free at Asda, so have time to go around town and do my weekly shop.

**Standardise parking charges across all car parks**

More people would use the town if charges for parking in all car parks were compatible Some xcarparks are very expensive Also more bus services from local villages would reduce need for more car parks

The Hadleigh car parks are very untidy and look to visitors that council doesn't care about the town

If there are restrictions on street parking in Bramford please give a thought to Bramford Social Club who provide many activities every night of the week for our residents and visitors

It should be developed for the benefit of the whole community not privileged sectors of it or hidden financial gain for the local authority. Stop assuming we are all idiots who do not see through local authority money making exercises thinly disguised as for the benefit of the community.

**DO NOT REMOVE TOWN CENTRE SHORT STAY PARKING IN SUDBURY:eg MARKET PLACE**

Tidy up car parks, take away all restricted parking and allow people to park for a short time to pop into shops. Since Sudbury has had parking wardens I have never been unable to stop on the Market hill which is wonderful as I would rather shop in town rather than feel the supermarket is the best option

**Improve car parking area in car parks**

Engage with the people who use the town for working purposes . ie taxi drivers , Stall holders , find out what problems they have

Burkitts Lane, Sudbury: Cordell Place, Long Melford: Kiln Drive, Great Cornard: Cornerth Crescent, Great Cornard: Lindsey Way, Great Cornard: Minsmere Way, Great Cornard: Raydon Way, Great Cornard: Rede Way, Great Cornard: Shelley Avenue, Great Cornard: Tenter Piece, Lavenham: Valley View, Stanstead: Chelsoth Avenue, Great Cornard: Kersey Avenue, Great Cornard: Orchard Way, Glemsford: Queens Road, Sudbury, Suffolk Road/Jameson Place, Sudbury: Denny Avenue, Haughley: Cats Lane, Sudbury: New Street Close, Stradbroke: Playford Court, Inkerman Row, Sudbury. Provision of parking in sheltered schemes - more residents have cars as younger people are being housed in the schemes. Looking ahead and anticipating car ownership in the future, what impact rising fuel prices will have, what impact electric cars will have, possible changes to the number of cars owned per household.

Short stay only close to Stowmarket Town centre. Review parking in Stowmarket on days when there is an event such as Christmas Fair or Food festival. More 'overflow' parking needed on these occasions.

Parking for doctors and dentist appointments in stowmarket.

In the local situation of Holbrook, discouragement of "out of catchment" school pupils would make a big difference! Is this an issue to be raised with the Government?!

Any house where SCC has a layby should have a route to dropped kerbs and charging point installation.

No parking charges to be introduced in SUDBURY

Sudbury traffic problem needs urgent attention. One way system a complete nightmare! If planners lived in the area they might know the problems residents and visitors face daily. With builders getting planning permission for houses everywhere and a small market town being overwhelmed!

Strategic proposals MUST be part of planning particularly for ALL new developments, schools and surgeries have & will expand with lack of public transport & must be a priority

I feel that the car park in Bridge Street formerly BDC car park should definitely NOT be built on as this would provide extra spaces for the northern end of the High Street

Consult people who actually live anywhere you are planning on making changes before making them. People need to feel involved and invested before accepting charge.

Free parking like you get in Ely which encourages people to shop locally and so reduce the so called ' carbon footprint'

Footpath obstructed by vehicles resulting in pedestrian having to walk in the road -particularly dangerous for parents with children & wheelchair users.

See above.

Ballington Street - on street parking is often taken up by visitors to local restaurants that don't have adequate parking leaving residents with nowhere to park. Should be residents only parking on-street and in Ballington street car park.

I'm amazed you aren't on top of most of this stuff already.

Technology is already changing the way we travel, park, shop. New technologies we haven't even thought of will continue to shape our habits this needs to somehow be included in your 20 year plan. It is vital that there is a better public transport network and sustainable travel alternatives which work for all, including rural areas and they are attractive choices for everyone if we are going to reach net zero and avoid a climate catastrophe.

as mentioned previously, better integrated public transport, less expensive, and better walking and cycle routes. Car clubs (zipcar) could be extended to reduce reliance on private vehicles

Effectively manage dangerous parking I.e. opposite junctions, on blind bends ( on road parking)

I think that anything put into this survey will just be ignored anyway. When you get less income from your car parks your short sighted answer is to put the charges up. Result, less people go into the town areas to shop and the car parking income is reduced. You then put up the charges. Repeat, repeat, repeat!! How you can't see this is beyond me. This whole survey is just so you can say you have asked us. Ignore what you don't like and put the charges up anyway!!

Accept most people living in mid Suffolk need cars to get about and provide lay-bys in new developments for visitors.

Waldingfield Road - if there were more garages to hire that would be great. Been on the waiting list for over 2 years.

One of the key issues in a rural village with two popular schools is that there is inadequate facilities for parents to drop off and collect their children. Make school transport cheaper and more available

il live in a rural location and there is a desperate need for parking outside our properties. Location is IP31 [REDACTED]. I have been in consultation with Mid-Suffolk Council for a number of years with the view of allocating parking spaces on a green in front of bungalow numbers 25-35. There are presently 10-12 cars which have no access to safe parking. We have had letters from the waste collection services threatening to stop our collections as where we need to park causes a supposed obstruction. It would be possible to provide off street parking at a minimal cost. I have put forward recommendations for alternative surfacing which would be more cost effective.

I'd like you to consider not is kg this review as a means to introduce more charging for parking.

Correct charging and no more subsidised parking.

If car parking was a lot cheaper more people would come to town meaning everybody wins

Bury Road Park and Ride- a wasted facility, new builds in that area have increased demand significantly in the last couple of years.

Narrow streets in general and in particular Upper East Street sudbury

Elmswell is a relevant area for the parking strategy. The infrastructure has not changed despite the increase in traffic due to new build communities. Station Road is a high traffic area and does face some delays due to the train track gates-when people park on Station Road, it makes it impossible for traffic to flow. Additionally, people are increasingly parking at the top of the T junction of Station Road and Blackbourne - which makes the flow of traffic in and out of the Blackbourne estate more complicated than it needs to be. Finally, folks are parking on foot paths - either partially or completely restricting safe pedestrian access.

New street needs permit parking or exemption in Car parks

Northern Road great Cornard needs more parking spaces

Parking for Stonham Aspal primary school is a nightmare, lots park in the busy road.

Any parking strategy should include an active and effective enforcement programme

Keep free parking. More disabled spaces.

I have no idea what this survey was all about. Written by some council worker with nothing else to do

Stop all parking charges. Offer free parking like Lavenham.

why does it cost an alleged £180,000 a year to maintain Sudbury's car parks?

Car parking in Babergh District Council area should remain free of charge, however if charges are deemed necessary then they should be set at an affordable rate reflecting those in other neighbouring areas. They should be inclusive with reserved parking for the disabled members of our community, and paying must be flexible (not everyone has access to the internet).

Build multi storie car parks

No parking charges

Keep pay machines cash as well as card. Ensure disabled people have better access to machines and car parks. Ensure parents can get children safely in and out of car seats by having large enough spaces.

Mobility/visually impaired residents are at a severe disadvantage, as are emergency vehicles and services vehicles(refuse collection) with the current policy of cramming homes in the smallest space. A policy introducing more off road parking is a given. In the town, if we must pay? Car park spaces suitable for the larger modern cars of today. Parking machines that actually work. Fees that don't put off visitors/shoppers visiting the town.

Ensure safer parking around all local schools, as a resident who has to go to work at school times, it's almost impossible to see due to appalling parking of parents dropping off and picking up kids

Longer parking in the high street 1 hour is not enough time for customers to walk the high street or have appointments Hair etc. This used to be ok but since you have been enforcing the parking you are putting people off coming to Needham market. You must have a public car park within the high street, after taking away the large all day cat park for development you have left it very difficult for retail staff and customers to park, the workers from your development are parking in the very small car park leaving no room for people wishing to use our high street

Combs Ford two public house two fish and chip shops no parking as the co op car park is only for those using it a few years ago I was going to the bottle bank in my car as I had bottles from myself and my parents I was told I couldn't park in co op car park because I wasn't shopping there !!! I do use the shop other times I normally walk there , I felt there wasn't any need for this the person has left to co op now but it shows there car park is full a lot

What do you mean by car clubs. What have they got to do with parking?

Keep it free

Leave Sudbury Market Hill parking as it is, and increase duration of stay.

East Bergholt parking is atrocious as is the parking in Hadleigh especially in Benton street where there really should t be any parking I only just a week ago watched as an ambulance on blue lights that could not get through due to a lorry and parked cars I hope they reached the person in time

Bildeston needs more spaces.

Elmswellcp primary school greatly increased in size. Parking dangerous

Leave the Needham Market Lakes alone OR provide a free residents voucher scheme OR provide free elderly persons scooter bays. Those who have lived with the facility since its inception and helped in its community planting schemes and open days want to enjoy it free of charge until we can no longer get there.

All the talk of 'carparks is 'bolting the door after the horse has bolted'. The carparks are gone because they are now covered in houses. Surely this should all have been considered before any building ever started.

there is a need for more parking spaces on Clench rd at the bottom of the road, turn one-third of the green into residents' parking so that the children can play on the green without damaging the cars. Currently, there are 5 cars parked on the green, how about some bollards to stop this.

Needham market needs longer free parking on street , say 4hr waiting times, so people don't have to rush to get everything done

All be homes must have at least 2 parking spaces

Open up vacant plots to free casual parking. Don't use parking as an income resource.

Bourne Hill will become more traffic intensive with the new Klondyke development. Clearer signage is needed to prevent casual parking

If the council plans to end free parking or increase prices, it needs to ensure that residents who currently use car parks where on-street parking is limited near their homes, are given access to parking elsewhere (ideally with a residents parking permit for the street they live on), or by a special permit to use the car park. Whilst disabled people are able to access parking permits etc, it is not just those with reduced mobility who require access to a parking space near their home. Those with young children also need to be able to park near to where they live, but at the present time, this is often impossible.

Residents only parking in cross street and Stour Street

Town centre Stowmarket. Improved disabled availability in Ipswich

Hadleigh needs a larger scale venue like Lavenham (Wool Town / Guildhall / Market) just like Hadleigh.

I suggest that you leave things simple and avoid changes which would make the situation worse.

All diagonal bays in car parks, like the ones in the Regal car park Stowmarket . So much easier to park in and then leave again. Easier to get children in and out of the back doors as well.

██████████. Parking on street is horrendous and dangerous. Children can't walk in the paths as cars are parked there. Grass verges are destroyed by cars parked there. Peoples properties are ruined by people parking close to them.

In Angel street there are 3 disable spaces which two are usually empty all day and nowhere near enough ordinary parking spaces In front of our house there are five spaces that should be one normal parking, two disabled then two normal Most of these spaces are taken up by non residents to avoid parking restrictions in the car parks

Work in church street in eye customers always moaning about not enough car park spaces there's land round eye which could be used for parking also there is an industrial site 1 mile away which could easily be attainable by putting in a park and ride which people could park there hop on a mini bus and go into eye,they could easily do there shopping in an hour as it's not as big as other towns.

Free parking for 15 minutes to use the bank or to take library books back.

Keep Corks Lane Car Park Do not develop Corks Lane Car Park for housing!

Perhaps councils could ask schools to make playing field space available for parking at the start and end of the school day.

Retain car park in Bridge street rather than use for housing

The needs of disabled drivers could be considered more, especially with regard to availability

Stop parking on the verge completely on Dedham Road Stratford St Mary. It's extremely dangerous and a hazard to road uses.

Consider free parking in small towns to encourage use of local (often independent) shops, e.g, up to one hour would be useful in places like stowmarket where otherwise you have to pay to visit the bakery etc.

Introducing an hours parking on the high street in needham market will ruin the towns trade to local business. Please don't just go ahead without asking all residents in the town - write to them and don't expect them to come to you whilst you sit in a community centre reporting back that only so many people turned up today - some people work and some people are disabled - get out and ask people!

Provide Free Town Parking

I am a new business on the High Street Needham Market. The level of footfall has dropped in recent weeks and charging for parking will only damage the footfall even further.

I think enforcement should be sone by our Council, not by West. It's confusing for people and is unnecessary.

Increase on street parking to two hours in Needham Market

Debenham has some parking issues and the parish council (I am a parish councillor) would appreciate some assistance in tackling the issues.

My son is disabled. I can not find an architect to draw up plans for Barbergh. Then find someone to fill out the SCC forms. I can afford it and find workmen for the job. So I am using 2 on road spaces i needn't have to if the whole process was less complicated, less red tape and so on. I would bet money on lots of households in the same situation or can't afford it. The amount of front gardens that could be converted freeing up spaces already there.

A exit from Roy's car park through to Cornard Road by demolishing the old Registrars building and house fronting onto Cornard Road (they are an eyesore) take the strain off exit between station road and Waitrose/Kingfisher/Roy's. Does anyone on the council even live in Sudbury? These issues would have been dealt with 50 years ago if they did.

Consider the actions and repercussions for moving the issues into local neighbourhood streets.

Needham Market high street, free parking on high street should be longer than 1 hour, in fact no restrictions, especially for the people working on high street If this is not changed, you may find Needham high street will get no visitors

Stowmarket, needham market

Cedars Park. Schools. Stowmarket Town Centre. Any and all new housing developments.

The old free car park behind the mid Suffolk offices that still remains should be kept...it is about to be built on although full everyday.... You have already built on our big car park, please leave this or find another large free car park near the town centre.... Stop counting the Lakes car park in your strategy as it has no relevance to the shops.... And change the parking restrictions on the high street... some spaces short stay 1/2 hour and the rest 2/3 hours.....

Past experience is poor. County highways are slow and seem to operate in a counter-intuitive fashion. They appear to be gate keepers, lacking either the desire to solve a problem or engage with stake holders including residents .Budget constraints are voiced to hold off from taking action. As this is a district council initiative and without a budget plan how can any strategy be delivered.

Keep charges as low as is possible, consider short term free parking for town/village centre retail users-help keep centres vibrant.

Review the options in the Eye Neighbourhood Plan and the Community Aspirations therein

Eye needs another car park as shoppers can't park when they need to so head off to Diss instead. On The Eye late night opening cars were just driving around the town causing chaos.

Do something, even if you make a "cats arse" of it. Then correct to errors. And whilst we are this subject ... enforce the speed limits. Victoria Hill and Crawley Green Road are extensions of Brands Hatch!

Provide grants to local homeowners to allow them to convert front gardens into driveways to get cars off the road!

Encourage people to walk!
Feels pointless contributing. You seem to be making a huge piece of work when it isn't necessary. What a waste of tax payers money! Clearly this is what you'll be using the car parking income for. Mark my words, if car parking is charged for in Sudbury that's my cash gone from the local economy. I go to Sudbury because it's free. If I have to pay I'll go to Bury or Colchester, or just grab my coffee from the costa in Tesco which will still be free to park in.
To enable some free parking in stowmarket car parks, either 30 mins free bays or 1 day afternoon free from 3pm like bury st edmunds To look at how long a process takes to implement like a residential permit zone or adding a traffic order. Priority traffic orders for schools or surrounding areas not having to wait up to 24 months to have anything put in place. Though this would depend on being able to change this a government level To look at road closures at school times like some schools now around the country where there are high amounts of car usage.. To encourage the actual school more to assist with parking issues. To look at residential permit zones being restricted through to 9pm, not just during the day hours to allow those that work to be able to have a space on returning home to encourage more home owners to have permitted parking
All the high street
LAVENHAM The situation in this village is replicated in villages all over the country, and all over the developed world. You may be trying to solve an insoluble problem. If fuel prices stay high, the problem may go away of its own accord.
Lavenham - Parking gets silly when Farmers Market/large events on. Roads become congested and dangerous to to inconsiderate street parking. Market place - needs improvement as busy due to number of pubs/tearooms/visitor attractions and is added to at school drop off/pick up times.
In Lavenham for the future we need compulsory purchase of land to build a new car park for 100 cars. To mess about with finding small areas to fill in a car here and a car there is a waste of time and money. Usual case of how cheaply can we do something and achieve nothing.
Please please please keep resident parking permits for Bury street and Union street, it's been a lot less stressful, safer frees up parking along bury street for an hour to allow shoppers 1 hr free to do dental, eye care or additional spending in our small sad town! I've now lived here 18 yrs and a resident parking permit is like winning the lottery, if you have parking you wouldn't understand my issues!
Think long term - discouragement of fossil fuel lifestyle
The fish shop end up to the junction of Bond Street only has houses one side so this should remain parking at all times
Leave Sudbury as is and develop more parking not take it away as future vision schemes are going to.



Public transport is abysmal - no buses on Sundays through a busy town like Needham. We also often have rail works over the weekend. A cycle route from the town through Claydon and up the old a14 would be helpful. How are the elderly, young, disabled or poor supposed to travel around the county with so little public transport provision at the weekend? Or do they not matter?

Small towns such as Hadleigh have different issues to larger towns such as Sudbury and Stowmarket and should have special consideration not a blanket policy.

Needham mkt needs low cost car parks for retail and leisure it is a thriving community

Raydon way

Hadleigh make high street disabled parking only Hadleigh Benton street stop all parking and make room for a residents car park

Don't be too swayed by Councillor Dawson's input: she uses her own car parking to pursue aggression against her neighbours and threatens to use her position as a councillor against those neighbours in an intimidating manner.

Parking strategy needs to include non town centre residential areas.

In rural busy villages like Lavenham much more parking provisions required even if this means compulsive purchase of land .

The payment process in the large car park near the bus station in Bury is appalling. Two visits to the machine is crazy. We never park there because if it

The present scheme just pushes people from one location to another when the Enforcement Officers are on their rounds. This does not solve anything, but causes resentment when people can't park near to their homes. We have virtual permits whilst the building work is being undertaken. Once that ends it will be a free for all again.

I'll only be repeating myself so I won't add anything here. I just hope these surveys aren't just paying lip service.....we'll see

Needham market desperately needs pedestrian crossing lights all the way along the main road by core junctions. Parking along the main road has also got very bad with single file traffic at some points.

By removing onstreet parking this can create speeding and traffic flow is not the B all and end all. The narrow pavements in Benton Street, Hadleigh are now very dangerous due to the faster flow of traffic and speeding and I have been hit by a van wing mirror whilst on the pavement, luckily I was not seriously hurt just shaken. The suggestion of NRC installation has been rejected but it would also help solve the lorry problem in the area.

More spaces in stowmarket Town centre just like 30 mins. Making sure on street parking is available to everyone.

Town centres like Hadleigh need adequate free parking to ensure high streets survive. Stop obsessing on ways of generating revenue from parking, people will stop going to town centres and instead use Amazon and other online shopping sites To reduce car usage public transport needs to be improved. Over the years public transport has declined. It is now not possible to get to Manningtree station by public transport or to Colchester The number of buses to Ipswich and Sudbury has reduced and now no late busses

As a retired person if I visit the library in the morning for an organised group and in other days want to shop or go to cafe church I shall be unable to afford the parking . Three or four visits a week will be too expensive and I am unable to walk far enough to catch buses.

Make the parking bay slightly larger where possible

Keep car parking charges in Hadleigh as they are e.g. First three hours free of charge

As above I love the season ticket for Nowton Park and the free limited parking at Roy's in Sudbury.

Please review Lavenham parking urgently.

Other options for public transportation can be explored, as these reduce the demand for parking spaces if used properly

Action needs to be timely... there have been known significant parking issues in my road where it is extremely difficult both to park and use the pavements as a pedestrian, no action is being taken. We are directly impacted by a resident parking zone at the end of the street- residents from that zone park consistently in our road as there are no restrictions it seems nonsensical that there isn't a parking permit requirement for the road

You have a problem with parking in Long Melford but not sure how you fix it. There are too many cars and an ancient historic space which is soon to lose its character with A road speed heavy traffic.

Look after the people who lived here prior to new developments.

Make all ticket machines to accept contact less card payments. At a time where we are encouraged to use cards due to the fall out from Covid19 less and less of us are carrying cash around. I use the car parking app which I find great and easy to use, however this isn't always an appropriate solution for others such as the elderly and those who can't afford to use 3/4g on their mobile phones. Have free parking in the High streets after 6pm to increase revenue for local takeaways, maybe up to 15mins or so. Enforce that if you live in a house with say, 2 designated car parking spaces, you are limited to own 2 cars. Also if your house has a designated car park space you are enforced to use it, not leave it empty whilst you dump your car on the side of the road right outside your house to save yourself a 3 second walk.

Make Stour Street and Cross Street car parks residents only

Hadleigh car parks should remain free for 2 or 3 hours to encourage shoppers to the High Street

If we don't have more car park parking,shops will close and I don't want that to happen .

NOT one mention of blue badge / disabled vehicle users and facilities for them to park close to facilities

Debenham with local coop parking issue and High School transport.

The limits of 1 hour parking in needham market is not enough time to visit a hairdresser , let alone go to the various shops and cafes along the High Street , unfortunately I no longer visit as I don't want to risk a fine .

Make parking on Market Hill chargeable at all times (or exclusively for disabled parking) and introduce 20mph limits within the confines of the one-way system.

Needham Market needs more long term parking to enable customers to make good use of our local businesses

Stowmarket Town centre shortage of long stay car parking for people that work there and visit businesses.

Stowmarket offers nothing for me to use the out if centre parking for an hour but often would lijecto pop to one shop, parking needs to help this.

Cheaper car parks

Clayton centre needs looking at

On Hall Street, we have a particular problem of visitors and residents parking badly and with no lines (understandably, for conservation reasons) something should be done and making it residential permit parking only would be a great help. To do this though, you would definitely need better signage for the car parks and it would definitely have to be enforced.

New development of Babergh offices (2 sites) will adversely affect parking provision in Hadleigh, esp. for the popular river & hill walks, plus the playpark.

Benton St. Highland Rd during school pick up. Road on left immediately off `highland Road (Edwin Parks Road) where a large truck parks at night / weekends (Babergh Council van) that obstructs road and makes it dangerous as near junction and blocks visibility.

A car park is needed for those that commute into the town , for example postmen , But also a large longer stay car park is needed

Free limited parking in town centres....

The new health centre in station road lorry park will take away about 38 parking bays, these need to be replaced somehow as the car park is often full

The system in Hadleigh is working fine. It isn't broken so don't try to fix it,

Actually get out of the office and drive around the parking areas you are surveying so you have first hand experience of what real people have to put up with and experience, otherwise, your solutions are always going to fall short of what is needed.

Whatever happens there needs to be enough time allowed for visitors in the town centre to have a cultural visit, go to the shops, have an appointment. Half hour to one hour slots will be too short to support local retailers and will put people off coming to the town centre, the last thing that is needed right now.

Stowmarket