

COUNCIL MEETING – 17th January 2024

NOTICE OF:	Reference No:	Date Received:	Date Forwarded:
White Paper Amendment	A2 TO WP1	16/1/24	16/1/24

Submitted by:	Councillor Penny Stables
Relevant Board/Regulatory Panel:	Executive Board
Executive Member/Chair:	Executive Member for Sustainable Development and Infrastructure
Relevant Director	Director of City Development

Delete all after “This Council” and replace with:

“is concerned by the current approach to transport policy in the outer areas of the city. The Leeds Transport Policy offers an integrated connected approach within the Ring Road, however for those towns and villages outside this area transport has become disconnected. This makes it increasingly difficult to rely on Public Transport and encourages those with cars to use them instead. This is against Council’s own Climate Emergency Policies that look to reduce carbon emissions.

In addition, the proposed car parking charges in several outer areas, including Wetherby, will be extremely detrimental to those areas. In the case of Wetherby, with no train and a very limited bus network connecting villages to the town centre, the introduction of parking charges will have the disastrous double impact of deterring workers on low incomes and volunteers in the charity shops, as well as deterring visitors to the town. This double effect will have a negative impact on the whole economy of Wetherby creating a downward spiral - Reducing the number of retail outlets to attract visitors, thereby reducing the number of tourists and further impacting the economy. In addition it will have a negative social impact, disproportionately affecting the poorest in the community as those on the lowest wages will not be able to afford £12 less every week in their pockets.

On top of that, if charges are introduced to the two car parks providing all day parking in Wetherby it will likely encourage illegal and inappropriate parking across the town. Visitors may circle the central car parks waiting for a space, or alternatively park on yellow lines or in housing estates. This would result in clogging up the roads, increasing air pollution, making it more dangerous for pedestrians and cyclists, and limiting access for emergency services.

This Council calls for a rethink of the City’s approach to both transport policy and parking charges in the outer areas of Leeds, especially Wetherby.



White Papers - 10.00 am on the day before the issue of the Summons
Questions - 10.00 am on Monday before the meeting
Amendments - 10.00 am on the day before the meeting
(including references back)

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