

Council Meeting - 28 January 2019**Motions****Motion 1: Impact of Council Parking Policy on the local community**

Mover: Councillor Tony Shields

Seconded: Councillor Tim Crowley

The Council notes that the parking strategy, devised and commenced by the majority party in 2016, is not working leading to detrimental effects on local residents, businesses and communities.

It is clear that residents both for and against controlled parking are unhappy with or bewildered by the current process.

The strategy has halted the implementation of essential parking schemes, which in many cases have been wanted for years.

The primary objective of parking controls should be for the convenience of residents and should not be employed as a cash raising exercise via permit charges and parking tickets.

The Council undertakes to:

- Only implement parking controls where there is a clearly demonstrated demand from residents and will prioritize resident parking, to maximize that parking at minimal cost to those residents.
- Adopt a parking strategy that genuinely gathers and respects the will of local residents and not count non-response as tacit approval or impose blanket schemes.
- Remove the emissions based charging scheme as it discriminates against those who depend on the use of their car and can least afford to replace it with a modern vehicle.
- Remove the N1 van embargo from the parking policy as it discriminates against those who use a van in order to earn a living.

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