

## **Duke Street and Chapel Street Car Parks - FAQs**

### **Why does the council want to take these car parks out of the parking order/stop controlling these car parks?**

The Council has reviewed its car parks and has considered that these car parks are surplus to requirements.

The car parks and the disabled WC cost the council over £7,000 each year but provide no income.

### **Why is it planning to sell these car parks?**

See above. Selling the land would result in a capital payment to the Council and reduce recurring costs to the Council.

### **What will happen to the car parks?**

The Council would require any purchaser to continue to make the car parks available for local business use, but subject to a contribution by local businesses to the ongoing cost of the car parks.

### **What will happen to the Residents Parking?**

This would continue, but the land would be privately owned.

### **Could the Council sell the land but keep the car parks?**

While the legislation allows the Council to have parking orders on privately owned land, this is only by agreement with the land owner. This would not be likely in this case.

### **Who will the Council sell the car parks to?**

While there is interest in the site, the identity of the likely purchaser is currently commercially confidential.

Not material to consideration of the variation to the 2014 Order.

### **How much will the Council get from the sale?**

This is currently commercially confidential.

Not material to consideration of the variation to the 2014 Order.

### **How will the Council ensure the car park is available for business?**

This would be contained in the terms of the sale and form part of the legal documentation.

### **How will the Council ensure the residents' parking spaces are retained?**

This would be contained in the terms of the sale and form part of the legal documentation.

### **How will the Council ensure the disabled WC is retained?**

This would be contained in the terms of the sale and form part of the legal documentation

**What is the point of this consultation if the Council is planning to sell the land anyway?**

Under statutory processes, the Council consults before deciding whether or not to vary its parking order.

Any representations will be taken into account before a decision is made by the Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy.

The parking order procedure is a separate process from any decision to sell the land, with the decision being made by a different person.

**Does this mean the parking order will be changed and stop both car parks being public car parks?**

So far there has only been a decision to consult on the proposal to take the car parks out of the 2014 Order. No decision has been made yet whether or not to make the variation order.

The purpose of the consultation is to gather representations about the two parking places. These will be considered by the Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy after the end of the consultation period (after 24<sup>th</sup> March) before a decision is made by them. The decision could be to vary the 2014 Order to remove both parking places, or either of the parking places, or not to vary the 2014 Order at all.

**Who is the Cabinet Member for Town Centres and Visitor Economy?**

Councillor Kate Sarvent:

<https://chesterfield.moderngov.co.uk/mgUserInfo.aspx?UID=391>

**When will the decision be made?**

After the end of the consultation period. A date has not yet been set, but the meeting will be posted on the Council's website at:

<https://chesterfield.moderngov.co.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1>