

Reasons for the Call-in

Simon Mallinson
Head of Legal and Democratic Services

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Dear Mr Mallinson

To seek a call in to enable pre-implementation scrutiny review into the decision made by the Cabinet Member for Communities to introduce car parking charges at Worcester Woods Countryside Centre.

I do not believe sufficient consultation has taken place or consideration of the impact of the decision upon members of the Worcester Park Run, 20th Worcester Scouts; British Military Fitness; The Orchard Café or the general public who use the Centre.

I question the income to be generated and seek scrutiny to ensure the income quoted is factual and the costs to install car parking pay machines and enforcement has been accurately calculated. The impact upon cycling; physical activity and recreation has not been taken into account. Alternative suggestions have not been considered.

The detrimental impact upon people with low income and those dependent on state benefits has not been considered or taken into account.

The impact upon local residents who live adjacent to the site has not been considered or taken into account and the consequences of parking displacement into residential roads.

Equality issues are relevant and I seek a full investigation to consider the consequences of the decision before implementation.

My request for a call in is to seek the suspension of the decision pending a scrutiny review to consider the issues raised above.

Yours sincerely

Richard Udall

Other signatures supporting the Call-in were received from:

Fran Oborski – can't speak OSPB
Pat Agar – can't speak local member
Pattie Hill
Liz Tucker
Matt Jenkins
Robin Lunn
Ceri Stalker
Peter McDonald
Paul Denham