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Dear Andy

Response to the petition for the removal of proposed parking charges at Burdwood Centre car park, Thatcham – Call In

In accordance with Paragraph 6.4.5 of the Council's Constitution, I hereby give notice that the undersigned wish to call in the Individual Decision in relation to the removal of proposed parking charges at Burdwood Centre car park, Thatcham. The reasons for the call in are as follows:

1. The predicted income is negligible and is at risk in any event.

2. The costs of purchasing and installing a ticketing machine, and collecting the money from the machine and servicing it are not mentioned in the report.

3. This will cause a displacement of car parking to parking spaces that are provided free to support local retailers.

4. There will be damage to the local retail trade.

5. There is concern over the management of the two hour free period; some members of the public may not realise they have to obtain a ticket to park for free for the first two hours.

Yours sincerely

1.... 2. David Rendel 3. Marine

Councillor David Rendel

Councillor Jeff Brooks

...Councillor Keith Woodhams