

**COUNCIL QUESTIONS RECEIVED FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**  
**BDC COUNCIL - 19 January 2021**

**Question 1**

**Councillor Minns on behalf of Hadleigh Town Council To ask the following question to Councillor Malvisi, Cabinet Member for Environment:**

In the light of the widespread opposition to the introduction of short term parking charges in Hadleigh, illustrated by the petition the Council is to consider, does BDC now agree that the proposal should be withdrawn and a coherent plan for parking across the town be developed through consultation with HTC and residents?

**Response from Councillor Malvisi, Cabinet Member for Environment:**

**As I explained to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee yesterday, I carefully listened to their debate and I will listen to this debate this evening. I do anticipate that the proposal being considered by Cabinet in February will differ to the current proposal.**

**Question 2**

**Mr Roger Young to ask the following question to Councillor Malvisi, Cabinet Member for Environment:**

"Since any comprehensive parking strategy should include detailed research, analysis and consultation with users, many of whom signed the Hadleigh petition, why are the proposed changes in charges in Appendix A being implemented before the results of the strategy review are known?"

Surely, implementation should wait otherwise time and money might be spent unnecessarily and create confusion for the public.

**Response from Councillor Malvisi, Cabinet Member for Environment:**

**The difference between the Strategy (including future path steered by development requirements) and what we are doing now, it that this is a 'Current Needs Analysis'. Appendix A is what we need to be doing right now; the Strategy takes in the needs of next 5-10 years.**

**Supplementary Question:**

“FIRST GET THE FACTS” is a valid management maxim.

None of us know **now** what the new normal will be when Covid subsides.

We don't know how the public's shopping habits will change, or what the High Street will look like.

We don't even know what method of transport will be used to get there.

Shoppers might be travelling in environmentally friendly hybrid cars or on electric scooters requiring secure electric scooter parks? There might be a need more designated parking for Taxis.

***“Can Council abort the current parking proposals until we have reliable data, post Covid?”***

This will save Babergh Officers much time and money spent on experts. If not then more money will be wasted in implementing the changes than the additional income received from the proposed new charges.

**Response from Councillor Malvisi, Cabinet Member for Environment:**

**The proposal is about what is happening now, it is a ‘Current Needs Analysis’. Appendix A is what we need to be doing right now; the Strategy we are intending to do will look at the needs of next 5-10 years.**