Banbury: Central South area - proposed permit parking & restrictions

- · The majority of the Consultation's survey responses objected to the scheme
- · Most of the emails sent in, excluding duplications, objected to the scheme
- 5 out of 7 local businesses responding objected to the scheme, the other 2 wrote their concerns about it
- · Samaritans, one of the 2 organisations responding, objected to the scheme. The other, which supports elderly people, wrote their concerns about it.
- · Most of the various residents I talked to object to the scheme: they and their visitors can usually find nearby parking spaces.

Why is the scheme being recommended for approval?

[Only 31 out of 1670 properties surveyed responded that they support the scheme.]

Why are better alternatives not being considered, such as allowing free daytime parking on a wide one way street that only allows nighttime parking, and allowing some residents to park outside their houses all day without the time limits and parking tickets?

Grosvenor Road has 24 residents' cars and 24 parking spaces. Having this scheme will not make more parking spaces!

Having a permit will not guarantee a space and more permits can be issued than there are spaces.

Why have new 'Pay & Display' parking areas near the town centre, which desperately needs all the customers it can get, instead it could just have new, time limited, parking?

Why not wait for the results of a survey of how well a Banbury scheme that's only just started works before introducing another new scheme?

There was poor advertising of the survey: the letters sent and the very few public notices gave internet links but did not say they could lead to an online survey. Instead the letter mentioned 'the detailed legal documents' that the link led to, which will not have encouraged people to look!

'Partially support/ concerns' should not have been put in the same survey option. Concerns needed a separate heading.

The agenda has a link to Annex 6, produced before the consultation ended, which bases its 'Evidence/ intelligence' on a 2024 informal consultation that covered 3 areas, not just this one. If the report's referring to all 3 areas responses, it's not relevant.

(The agenda does not give a direct link to Annex 5 which is referred to.)

The scheme should not be approved.

Thank you for letting me speak today.