

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
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Agenda Item	15

To reconsider NEPP's plans for management of parking on Halstead High Street

When HTC was informed that NEPP had plans for managing onstreet parking in Halstead, it forwarded a response. NEPP have now said that initially they were consulting with County and District members only. They have now responded to our second statement:

"Whilst we do not agree that members of the public would be unlikely to use the MiPermit app, we would be prepared to investigate the installation of a paid parking machine which could issue free of charge parking tickets to motorists as well as giving the option of purchasing up to two hours parking if required. This would be in addition to the MiPermit app. Overall, as well as allowing improved patrolling efficiencies, this would allow motorists to stay for longer in the High Street if they wished to and would give motorists and potential customers to the High Street more choice.

Could you please discuss with the Halstead Town Councillors to see if this measure would alter the Town Council's position and let us know by Friday 13th December so that we can report back to the NEPP Joint Committee that would be appreciated."

At a recent meeting with BDC officers, they stated their clear support for HTC's opposition to NEPP's plans. They encouraged us to make a firm official statement in writing of our wish to take over the management of this part of the onstreet parking in Halstead, and our understanding that this will involve changes to our Parking Order.

Councillors are therefore asked to consider whether they agree:

- a) To the use of Mipermit for issuing paying tickets on the High Street
- b) To the installation of a pay and display machine on the High Street to issue paying and non-paying tickets
- c) To pursue the idea of HTC monitoring the onstreet parking on the High Street (This would involve changing the parking order)

Recommendation:

1. that HTC continue to reject proposals put forward by NEPP to start charging for parking on the High Street
2. that HTC pursues the idea of HTC monitoring the parking on the High Street
3. that HTC agrees to update its Parking Order to allow it to monitor the onstreet parking in the High Street



Sarah Greateorex Town Clerk