

## Castleton Parking Proposals Update

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Here is a summary of the current situation regarding Derbyshire County Council's (DCC) proposals to extend paid parking into most of Castleton. To put where we are into context, we would like to briefly remind everyone of the history of these proposals.

The proposals to widen the area where parking charges would apply were first mooted in July 2015. Following objections from residents, everything went quiet for a long time and we were beginning to believe that we had heard the last of them. We were therefore surprised when the proposals resurfaced in August last year, virtually unchanged. After the second round of objections, we were finally able to have a face to face meeting with members of the DCC team for the first time in December. As we reported in the last issue, DCC said they would prepare revised proposals, taking into account the points we raised.

DCC transport team members have now (finally) had a follow up meeting at which it was agreed that revised proposals would be prepared. It was also agreed that a report to the Cabinet member for Transport, Dean Collins, would also be drawn up. However, there are no deadlines for these reports and there are elections in May (Mr Collins is standing again). It is therefore most unlikely that there will be any consideration of the Castleton parking proposals (hopefully revised) until after the elections.

We should emphasise that the parking proposals have not been withdrawn. DCC remains under severe financial pressure to reduce costs and boost income. Being realistic, we are unlikely to have further news from DCC until late May or June at the earliest.

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