



PLAID CYMRU THE PARTY OF WALES



IMPORTANT COMMUNICATION

Dear Resident,

We understand that the Liberal Democrats intend to introduce Controlled Parking Zones in Cardiff without a debate at full Council. This is undemocratic. The Cardiff Group of Plaid Cymru-The Party of Wales will therefore be asking the next Council Meeting to abandon plans for Controlled Parking Zones (CPZs) in Cardiff.

Despite some welcome changes, the CPZ plan has been characterised by chaotic thinking and a lack of understanding of the transport and parking problems that effect Cardiff.

REMAINING PROBLEMS WITH THE CPZ

- Prices could substantially increase over time, penalising businesses and residents
- Residents will still have to pay for resident and visitor parking permits. The prices could go up quickly
- Parking space in the zone will be reduced, making some residents pay to park near their home
- Local people will still have to pay to attend places of worship, this would even include funerals
- There is no strategy to give alternative means of transport
- The Council has announced that the first 15 minutes of parking would be free, but it is unclear how this will be managed
- There is no real guarantee that a private company will not run the whole scheme

PLAID'S MOTION TO COUNCIL, THURSDAY, 22 JUNE 2006

Plaid Riverside Councillor Mohammed Islam and Cathays Plaid Councillor Jane Reece will be proposing and seconding the motion below. Councillor Gwenllian Lansdown and Group Leader Councillor Delme Bowen will be speaking strongly in favour.

We note the disastrous consequences that controlled parking zones have had in other areas of the UK.

The Council requests the Executive to reconsider plans to introduce controlled parking zones in Cardiff and to introduce policy which:

- will not charge residents a fee for resident parking permits that could escalate year on year*
- will not charge residents a fee for visitor parking permits that could escalate year on year*
- will not introduce paid parking zones that will penalise individuals worshipping*
- will not reduce the amount of space available for residential parking*
- will not put to tender any scheme involving controlling parking*
- will not reduce the amount of cycle lanes.*

We call on the Executive to introduce a balanced scheme of public transport improvements and parking enforcement in order to relieve parking congestion in the City of Cardiff.

We hope that you support our action. If you want information about lobbying the Council Meeting, please get in touch.

Yours faithfully,

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