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**To:** \*\*\*  
**Subject:** RE: CPZs

Dear \*\*\*

Thank you for your email re the parking situation in Cardiff and this Council's strategy for dealing with a perceived problem. As Chair of the Environmental Scrutiny Committee I can assure you that I am very much aware of the proposals both as a councillor for Cathays and as a resident who will go from having a residents' parking bay outside my house to a shared space to help local businesses. As Chair of that committee I had a piece in Capital Times in November asking for residents' views on parking across the city. Those responses have been fed into the current proposals. In addition on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> my committee looked at the Integrated Parking Strategy for Cardiff which provided the basis for the consultation that went out to all affected residents and businesses in March. All councillors will have received a copy of the agenda for that meeting so all will be well aware of the proposals. Earlier, in January 2005, my committee produced a major report on "Decriminalised Parking Enforcement" which paved the way for the current round of consultations. As you say, one if not the major problem is one of enforcement but since the council currently do not control this there is not much we can do. For the police, poor parking is not a high priority.

However, the consultants have not yet produced their report outlining the results of the consultation. When they do, my committee is going to scrutinise both the consultants, transport officers and the relevant members of the executive to ensure that all the concerns of the consultees have been considered in the final report. This meeting will be at 1630 on Monday 3 July in County Hall and you are very welcome to come along and hear the debate, although you will not be allowed to speak at that meeting. It is my expectation that there will be significant changes from the initial proposals in light of concerns from some traders and churches but then that is the whole point of consultation – it is not a U turn it's saying "here is version one – what do you think – where do these plans need modifying if at all?" In the meantime I shall certainly look at your email in detail but please do not fall into the trap of thinking that this is not a real consultation because clearly it is – the council would not have posted maps and details to so many people if we did not want a constructive response.

Best regards

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