

Press Statement: Monday 20th June 2016

The Town Council hosted a meeting on 16th June for officers and Councillors from Gloucestershire County Council and Stroud District Council as part of our ongoing commitment to investigate the parking and transport issues within the town. The main purpose of the meeting was to discuss the future of the Castle Street car-park which had been subject to debate at the recent Annual Assembly meeting.

A priority for the County Council is to maximise the usage of the office space within the library, but a firm commitment was given that Castle Street car-park would, for the time being, remain free for use by the public, while the county, district and town council investigate potential solutions. GCC are committed to find a solution that meets the County Council needs, but also doesn't cause problems for local residents and businesses.

The group agreed to review County and District Council owned properties and land within the town, with a view to meeting the longer term aim of improving parking in the town and have agreed to meet to discuss progress in September 2016.

Mayor Neil Grecian said "I am pleased with the positive nature of today's discussion and the willingness from the County and District representatives to work together to form a solution which will support the needs of the County Council but also protect the town centre from any negative impact".

Cllr Steve Lydon added "I hope that common sense will prevail, and that we can all work together to achieve a long term solution to solve the problems of car parking in Dursley."

The Town Council will have Councillors and staff present at the Town Festival on Saturday 25th June and will be asking the public to complete a short questionnaire and provide comments on parking and transportation issues within the town centre.