

Statement from Shrewsbury BID on Evening Car Parking Charges

The last-minute car parking amendments agreed at Shropshire Council Cabinet on 25th July has significant implications for Shrewsbury.

As a key strand of our business plan, Shrewsbury BID has been lobbying Shropshire Council on changes to the new car parking strategy for the past year.

The concessions agreed for Ludlow on evening charging has undermined the consultation process and the linear principle of the whole strategy.

The result is an unbalanced and unfair strategy which penalises Shrewsbury.

Businesses in Shrewsbury have made it clear to us that free on-street parking plays a significant role in the success of the night time economy. The strategy has been devised to be linear - therefore concessions given to Ludlow for on-street evening car parking should also apply to Shrewsbury.

The BID Board strongly urges Shropshire Council to withdraw all charging proposals after 6pm and retain existing loading bay arrangements for Shrewsbury.

ends