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Member of Parliament for Eddisbury

10th December 2023

Dear Cllr Corcoran,

I write to you on behalf of my Conservative colleagues representing Cheshire residents.

We declare our opposition to the introduction of parking charges in free public car parks in the Cheshire East Borough, and any coterminous reduction in on-street parking capacity or free parking allowance.

Our view is entirely in line with the strength of feeling shown by residents across the Borough in protests and petitions against the manner in which Cheshire East Council has managed this issue in recent years: particularly with regard to meaningful public consultation.

Such measures would threaten the vibrancy of Cheshire towns and villages as business, rural, tourism, events, and infrastructure hubs for both residents and visitors, and reduce access for vulnerable service users in areas which are readily accessible only by private car and public transport connections that require improvement.

Both we and residents therefore request that this process be halted and started afresh, adhering to a transparent framework that ensures such proposals are only developed and deliberated on following rigorous and renewed local public and economic consultation, and having due regard to Government policies supporting rural high streets, services, businesses, communities, and healthcare, amongst others.

Sincerely,



Edward Timpson

on behalf of

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