

16th July 2014

Cllr John McCreesh
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Dear Cllr McCreesh

The majority of the members of Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade are not in favour of the proposed on street parking charges and parking meters.

The members consider that these proposals would further hit their economic position which is already suffering under the recession since 2007.

The provision of parking meters will be of no benefit to local residents, workers, businesses or tourists and will have a negative economic impact.

The provision of parking meters will push shoppers and tourists away from the area which are still suffering under the recession.

The parking meters will have a further negative economic impact on the high streets and businesses and could lead to the closure of more shops as shoppers go elsewhere.

The committee should report back stating that none of the roads in South Cumbria are suitable for parking meters and these would have an adverse economic impact on residents and businesses.

The County Council should take no further action on parking meters until the results of an economic survey impact has been carried out in each area as to the effects on the town centre, businesses, residents and tourism.

When the County Council took the decision to install parking meters it appears that the councillors did not have all the information to hand as to the charges, the streets to be affected, the means of payment and the economic effect on those communities. When I have asked questions of some of the councillors they did not know the answers.

Therefore there should be full consultation now with the public now that all the information is available.

I would ask that this committee report back to the Cabinet on the basis that parking meters are not appropriate or needed in this area.

Yours sincerely

Barry Butler
Chair
Windermere & Bowness Chamber of Trade

With regard to Glebe Road as part of the public consultation with LDNPA, Cumbria County Council and SLDC it was agreed as part of the changes to the area that the two hours free parking on Glebe Road would remain and this formed part of the document that was signed off by the Planning Inspectorate.