

Amendment to the Conservative budget – Thursday, 27th February 2014

Under our proposals the £400,000 of capital allocated for spending on replacement waste bins would be spent elsewhere instead. Also under our proposals the £100,000 of revenue allocated to publicity and support staff costs for further spending on Neighbourhood Champions would be reallocated and in addition we would take £105,000 from the central revenue (Base Budget) contingency meaning a reduction from £1.171m to £1.066m.

We propose to allocate £175,000 of capital to upgrade the ticket issuing machines in the borough's car parks so that they, like the proposals in your budget for on street machines, are equipped with the touch pad technology to enable vehicle registration number plate details to be entered. This will extend the benefits, fairly, to both on and off street parking across the borough.

We also propose to allocate £15,000 of capital to meet the cost of the statutory consultation in order to pursue changes to the parking charge tariffs in order to usher in a borough wide free parking period, but significantly to put to an end, once and for all, to the discriminatory and unfair set of parking charges that currently exist throughout the borough of Harrow.

To achieve this we propose to allocate £205,000 of revenue to offer 30 minutes free parking across the borough of Harrow instead of the planned 20 minutes free parking. This would apply to on street parking areas with immediate effect, and subject to the above mentioned statutory consultation, would then be extended to the off street parking sites.

We believe, most strongly, that our amendments to your budget contribute to your desired fairer agenda and will be welcomed by residents and shopkeepers, alike.

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