

**Motion for Full Council, January 2025****Economic impact assessment of sale of council car parks**

*Proposer: Councillor Matt Hartley  
Seconder: Councillor Charlie Davis*

Council notes that at its meeting on 17 October 2024, Cabinet agreed in principle to sell the Old Dover Road Car Park in Blackheath Standard, the Charlton Village Car Park, and the Aberly Street Car Park in Plumstead, as part of the first phase of the council's Asset Review.

Council notes that the disposal of these three car parks has been delegated to the Director of Regeneration, Enterprise and Skills "in consultation with the Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning, Estate Renewal & Development", with the disposal process to be implemented "in accordance with prevailing market conditions or other circumstances".

Council notes concerns from local business owners and residents that the sale of the car parks will negatively impact small businesses on Old Dover Road, in Charlton village and in Plumstead - as well as concern over the risk of reducing the ability of older people and people with disabilities who currently use these car parks to access shops and other businesses nearby.

Council therefore requests that the Leader and Cabinet Member for Planning, Estate Renewal & Development - in advance of their being consulted on the disposal of these three car parks under the delegated authority - take the following steps:

1. Instruct officers to conduct an **economic impact assessment** on the sale of each car park, to fully assess the impact on local small businesses in each case
2. **Consult** with the shops, cafes and other businesses who will be impacted by this decision, including making best efforts to **personally visit** each business to discuss their views on the likely impact of the sale of the car park on their business