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Dear Mr Fitton

***REVIEW OF DECRIMINALISATION OF PARKING ENFORCEMENT IN
STRATFORD ON AVON DISTRICT***

Thank you for your letter dated 14th September 2005.

I would like to thank the members of the County Council for wanting to involve District Council members in helping inform the review. It is disappointing that your officers did not engage with the District Council earlier and in the true spirit of partnership.

Given that a response is required by 6th October, it has not allowed me to engage with our Avon Area Committee, which I would have liked to do. All of that said, I am able to feedback my views as portfolio holder and those of senior officers.

Of the three options you list, Option 2 is preferred. However, if you choose to adopt the abolition of charges on a Sunday before 12 noon, Stratford District Council will not be implementing the same in our car parks.

I would also wish to raise the issue of introducing a park and ride scheme at Bishopton and how this impacts upon the financial model. I would like to enter discussions on the financing of this, particularly with regard to the District Council suffering from lower income levels for off street car parks following the introduction of the same. Perhaps we could arrange quarterly meetings between members and relevant officers from County and District to ensure that whatever we do reflects both Councils' perspectives.

I am keen to maintain a dynamic partnership between our Council. I believe that there are aspects with regard to parking of which staff at the District Council are aware on a day to day basis, which are probably not known by your officers; e.g. the all day parking for disabled people in Bridge Street; the ability of blue badge holders to park uncontrolled in High Street, causing frequent blockages to the flow of traffic. These sorts of issues could be discussed outside Area Committees, enabling both parties to participate in open discussion and share learning. I would be grateful for your views on this.

Yours sincerely

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