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Scrutiny Report Recommendation	Met?	Current position
i) Investigate 30-minutes free parking at all car parks except Swan Meadow during the 2014 tariff review – do not pursue free parking after 3pm as it could cause over-capacity at some car parks which are already busy	Partially	All car park tariffs were subjected to extensive consideration and review during the People & Places review. New tariffs presented at Cabinet in December 2015 do not include free after 3pm, as per Scrutiny recommendation. 30 minutes free is not included in new tariffs.
ii) Facilitate any shoppers’ parking charge rebate scheme for Stansted Mountfitchet that may be set up by local business forums and retailers	Yes	Cabinet report March 2014 stated a shoppers’ parking rebate in Great Dunmow had been established and officers would work with Stansted Business if a scheme was requested there.
iii) Discontinue the 4-hour tariff at The Common, as there is adequate space in Swan Meadow, and the Common functions well as a short stay car park	Yes	Tariffs have been altered to ensure that The Common operates as a short stay car park by removing the 3 and 4 hour options.
iv) Delay any specific recommendations on Lower Street and Fairycroft until patterns of usage are known following redevelopment work	Yes	Lower Street redevelopment is still ongoing. Fairycroft redevelopment is now complete but too early to establish patterns of use
v) Allocate specific areas for season ticket holders at Swan Meadow, but allowing pay and display to have the nearest spaces to the town	Partially	Cabinet agreed in December 2015 a recommendation to allow season ticket parking spaces to be open to all users from 10am weekdays and all day at the weekend, which goes some way to meeting the aim of the Scrutiny recommendation
vi) Monitor what happens to usage of Swan Meadow following the Waitrose extension, and investigate whether there are any opportunities to build on any uplifted use	Ongoing	The Fairycroft redevelopment was only completed in September and the situation is being monitored
vii) Liaise with ECC Highways re display of “distance to/from and walking to/from” information re Swan Meadow	Yes	Cabinet report March 2014 stated additional signage directing visitors to the car parks had been erected/ordered. Cabinet report December 2015 notes new signage had been put in place in Saffron Walden and further signage, plus new signs in Great Dunmow and Stansted, will be installed.
viii) Review with NEPP the reliability and usability of tariff and sales data	Yes	Cabinet report March 2014 stated reliability of data had been reviewed with NEPP
ix) Better advertising of free parking after 5pm, and encourage shops to open an hour later at least one day per week	Ongoing	Shop opening hours fall outside the responsibility of the district council; however through the town teams and the annual meetings to discuss car parking provision agreed by Cabinet in December 2015, such matters can be explored
x) Implement “pay by phone” as soon as possible as an extra payment option	Yes	This has been implemented

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xi) Explore increased disabled space provision at the Rose and Crown in place of the less accessible disabled spaces at The Common		Not possible to progress as it required the agreement of the owners of the Rose and Crown Car park, which was not forthcoming
xii) The impact of proposed new developments on existing public car park capacity should be fully understood at the planning application stage. This impact should be quantified in transport assessments and traffic impact statements, with the proposed mitigation clearly set out if there would be a material impact	Yes	The impact of new development on car park capacity is always considered as part of the determination of planning applications. If required, Transport Assessments are requested at validation stage and are then considered by Essex Highways and comments reported in the delegated or committee report
xiii) Better promotion by the District Council and Town/Parish Councils of the airport parking hotline	Yes	Cabinet report march 2014 stated that additional promotion of the airport parking hotline has occurred. Periodic publicity for this will continue to be carried out