

QUESTION NO 16

By Councillor McVey for answer by the Convener of the Transport and Environment Committee at a meeting of the Council on 22 June 2023

On June 1st the Transport Convener replied to the below question with the following:

Question (1) How many car parking spaces (based on average use on available bays) have been reduced through the rollout of the CPZ in June 2023?

Answer (1) No marked car parking spaces have been removed due to the rollout of Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ). The layout of all parking places and yellow lines reflects the Council's legal obligations, and the need for the layout of parking places to avoid negative impacts on vehicle movement or access to property, including private or off-street parking places. Parking places have been located, following consultation, where it is considered safe and appropriate for vehicles to park.

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| Question | (1) Does the Convener understand that the information given to Council on June 1 st above is inaccurate? As exemplified by stretches of double yellow lines on streets like Lindsay Street, Nichollfield and many other locations across the new CPZ areas that serve no purpose in terms of improved connectivity, accessibility, access to local services or improved safety. |
| Answer | (1) |
| Question | (2) Will the Convener apologise for misleading Council? |
| Answer | (2) |
| Question | (3) Can the Convener confirm that the Council knows and has tracked how much space has been lost for resident parking, either for legitimate reasons (such as improve line of sight at junctions, improved access to bin hubs etc)? |
| Answer | (3) |

Question (4) Does the Convenor understand that the arbitrarily constrained approach which has been implemented will cause issues for local residents accessing their properties which didn't need to be the case?

Answer (4)

Question (5) Can the Convenor now answer the questions tabled on June 1st honestly:

- a) How many car parking spaces (based on average use on available bays) have been reduced through the rollout of the CPZ in June 2023?
- b) How many of these reductions were due to:
 - i) improving connectivity by reducing double parking on narrow streets blocking general vehicle and service vehicle access?
 - ii) improving access to local bin hubs and other serviced amenities?
 - iii) improving visibility at junctions?
 - iv) another reason?

Answer (5)