

Audlem Parish Council **strongly opposes** the proposed introduction of charges on Audlem's only public car park. The Jacobs' review appears to have been largely a desk-top exercise, highlighted by the identification of **two non-existent** private car parks. This is just one of many errors in the Consultation Document.

No road safety assessment appears to have taken place

- the Council's Road Safety Officer, who is aware of the existing road safety issues in Audlem, wasn't consulted!
- There is limited on-street parking. There is no prospect of providing any more in the village centre. Jacobs state that there will be a 20% displacement of vehicles from the car park. That's up to 13 vehicles every hour! Vehicles already park on double yellows.

APC has commissioned a Road Safety Assessment which shows that:

- on average, 4650 vehicles go through the village centre each day
- and that parking is already a serious issue

The viability of the mainly independent shops in the village will be under serious threat. They not only rely on Audlem residents, but also those in the surrounding villages. If charges are introduced, it is likely that these residents would go to towns where there is free parking at supermarkets.

Importantly, the Medical Practice and ADCA, which provides for the elderly and infirm, will be impacted by the charges.

The Jacobs report based our car park on Chapel St, Congleton - a town centre car park near a supermarket. There are more errors in your pack. Page 72 refers to Chapel St residents. There is **no** Chapel St in Audlem. Also, on page 264 the projected revenue is still the same as the initial report, despite 'free after 3'.

We ask that you defer this item until you have been able to read our Road Safety Assessment.