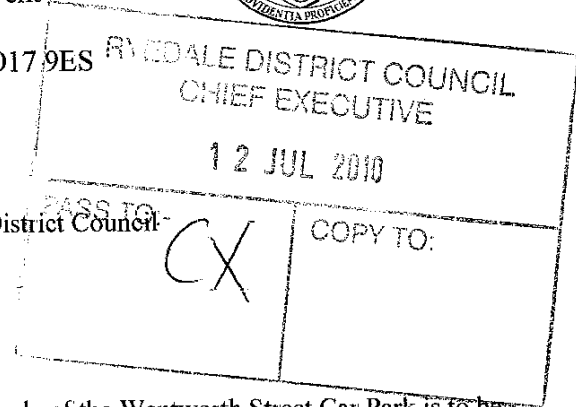


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To the Chairman, Members and Chief Executive of Ryedale District Council

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

WENTWORTH STREET CAR PARK, MALTON

It is the understanding of the Town Council that the proposed sale of the Wentworth Street Car Park is to be debated at the meeting of the full Council on Thursday 29 July 2010, and we therefore request that the views of Norton-on-Derwent Town Council as expressed in this letter be considered as part of that debate.

The Town Council, with the exception of two members who abstained from the resolution made by this Council, as they are Ryedale District Councillors, wholeheartedly support the sentiments expressed by Malton Town Council in it's letter regarding this issue and is against the sale of the car park. Members would also like to state the following;

It would seem that with the expected growth of both Malton and Norton over the coming years that logically, easily available public parking would be of vital importance, in order that a vibrant and economically sound town centre can be maintained. If as we are led to believe a significant retailer purchased the site could any definite guarantees be given that public parking would be maintained?

This vital asset, which for a nominal sum was transferred into public ownership in order that it could serve the needs of the residents of Malton as well as visitors, shoppers, and the local farming community, is as important today as it has always been and should be safeguarded from any development which would limit its capacity in serving the needs of the town, now and in the future. Members are of the opinion that this amenity was intended for the benefit of the people of Malton and its surrounding area and as such should be retained for their benefit in the future.

It is the belief of the members of Norton-on-Derwent Town Council as representatives of the town, that the vast majority of the local population would not wish to see Wentworth Street Car Park sold for development and as such ask that you reject any recommendation put forward that seeks to remove it from public ownership.

On behalf of the Town Council.

Ros Tierney
Town Clerk