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A Letter to the Community

Dear Residents

Management of the Croft Shoppers Car Park

The matter of the final decision on management of the car park has been debated over many years, and many times.

The expression, '*you can't please all of the people all of the time*', springs to mind, and finding a compromise to suit as many residents and visitors as practicable, has undoubtedly been responsible for the delay.

In early summer, a proposal to work with partners, Stratford District Council and car parking software designers, KERB, was established only to be thwarted by legal requirements under the Road Traffic Act 1984 which, if adopted, would have delayed the process by another 12 months.

The JPC are acutely aware that the car park is costing community ratepayers something of the order of £4,000.00 a year, just to cover business rates and upkeep. A solution **had to be found**.

The JPC are not car park managers, such controls must be handled professionally, and following a survey and costing 12 months previous, Napier Parking Limited, filled this requirement, offering flexibility and a will to tailor a scheme that met all of the JPC's criteria.

On the **5th of December next** the JPC will finally consider and, if appropriate, implement the management of the Croft, adhering to their promises to make the car park pay its way and create a revenue which will be used on other infrastructure projects in the town, provide shoppers parking at very modest charges, create TEN resident parking permits [conditions for approval to be considered and adopted], and last but not least, **free parking overnight**, between the hours of 2001 and 0759 from Monday to Sunday, 365 days per year.

If adopted on Monday the 5th, the JPC will instruct Napier Parking Limited to set up signage, ticket machines, provide enforcement and basic upkeep of the area, at no cost to Henley ratepayers. Please attend the meeting if you can.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ray Evans'.

Ray Evans
Clerk & Proper Officer to the JPC