

Belper Town Council notes the decision of Amber Valley Borough Council at their meeting on [30th September 2020](#) to develop the Field Lane car park extension at a cost of £437,000. Although we welcome investment in the Town and its facilities, we request that the Town Clerk write to Amber Valley Borough Council to inform them that Belper Town Council does not agree with this decision on the following grounds:

- There has been no consultation with the Town Council, despite a Working Group having been recently set up to consider, 'a whole system review of parking and traffic management in the Town Centre'.
- There has been no attempt at public consultation or engagement.
- There is no new evidence regarding the need for additional parking in the centre of town.
- It is in direct conflict with our aims in relation to the declaration of a climate emergency.
- It undermines Belper's Neighbourhood Plan which was fully supported in our election manifesto.
- The repair of AVBC Green Lane car park would provide better value for money and reinstate 20+ parking spaces .
- There are numerous other projects within the town and throughout Amber Valley which we consider to be significantly more important, particularly in the Covid-19 environment we are now managing to live within.