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## Public's views sought on car park's future

Attleborough residents and visitors are being consulted on a planned change to car parking arrangements in the town.

Attleborough Town Council has requested that Breckland Council, the organisation that owns the car park, restricts parking to a maximum of three hours with no return within one hour in the Queens Square Car Park. The move aims to increase the turnover of spaces in the car park and improve people's ability to park in the town, which would boost local traders.

A parking trial has been planned for some time, however the latest plans would see a previously proposed two hour wait limit increased to three hours. If it goes ahead, drivers using the car park would have to collect a ticket from an onsite parking machine. Parking in the car park will remain free of charge, in-line with all of Breckland Council owned car parks in the district.

A Attleborough Town Council spokesperson commented "We have asked Breckland Council to introduce the car parking trial on Queens Square car park, which is expected to launch in March. After listening to early feedback from local people about the planned trial, we have asked for a public consultation on proposals to amend the time limit from a maximum of 2 hours to 3 hours per stay. The limit is necessary as longer stays reduces the availability of parking near the high street and means fewer shoppers can come into the town. By turning the car park into a short stay car park, it will increase car parking spaces for local residents looking

to use the high street and stop long term parking blocking up vital shopping car park bays. There is no intention to charge for parking as part of the proposed trial.”

To legally enforce the 3 hour limit Breckland Council, with the permission of Norfolk County Council, will need to make changes to parking orders at this site, with the consultation statement now available for the public to view on [www.breckland.gov.uk/consultations](http://www.breckland.gov.uk/consultations). The consultation will be open for comment between Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February and midnight on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March, any comments received after this date will not be considered. Comments can be sent to [Facilities@breckland.gov.uk](mailto:Facilities@breckland.gov.uk) or in writing to Breckland Council, Facilities Department, Elizabeth House, Walpole Loke, Dereham, NR19 1EE.

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