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Dear William

Thank you for your letter of 8 December regarding the petition on charging for parking and the relationship to high streets and their success.

I commissioned research into the impact of car parking charges on town centres as there is a range of views on the matter, and I have discussed the work on a number of occasions at my regular meetings with local authority Leaders.

Following its completion, I wrote to the Minister for Public Services and the Minister for Communities and Tackling Poverty enclosing a copy of the report. I also wrote to the Leader of the Welsh Local Government Association.

As I set out in my letter to you of 16 October, I believe that local authorities are best placed to determine the charges to be levied in their own car parks.

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