

Opposition Business Item – 3.2: Councillor Alan Schneiderman

Christmas parking boost for Barnet's town centres

Amendment in the name of Councillor Pauline Coakley Webb

Add at the end:

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Substantive Business Item to read:

Council notes the eye-watering parking charge increases that have been introduced in Barnet, and the introduction of cashless parking which has resulted in fewer people shopping in our town centres and more and more local traders and businesses suffering as a consequence.

Council believes we need to be doing all we can to support our town centres and our local traders and businesses, especially during the Christmas and New Year sales period, and so Council asks Cabinet to introduce a “Free after 3 and all day weekends” Christmas and New Year parking sale in our town centres to run from 1 December 2012 until 7 January 2013.

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