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How should NCC meet the capacity gap in car parking space provision?	
By reducing the effective demand for parking spaces?	
2. By building more parking spaces?	
3. By a mixture of both?	
In order to reduce the demand for parking spaces should NCC:	
<ol> <li>Re-introduce charging?</li> <li>Reduce the overall total number of parkin spaces?</li> <li>Change the mix of short term / long term parking spaces?</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>The extent to which charging will, by itself, reduce demand is unclear, and a reduction in visitor / retail traffic will impact businesses in the town centre.</li> <li>A reduction in the number of car parking spaces may result in increased 'gaming' of the system or competition for spaces which may drive away casual visitors.</li> <li>A reduction in long term spaces may free up space for casual visitors or retail users, but only if active measures are adopted to prevent users unable to find a long term space from gaming the system.</li> </ol>
If the town council is to support the building of ne parking spaces, where should they be?	w
1. The Parade	This option will be more expensive and will require works to enable it also to be used as an events space (as it is currently used on occasion).
2. Walkergate	Currently a development site and likely to require extensive work to bring it into use which may be expensive.
3. Castlegate	Requires work on existing areas of car parking to bring it up to modern standards. Could long term permission for the current grassed extension area be obtained via a conservation scheme that creates a walkway as a buffer

	between parking and the walls, and uses grasscrete to protect the surface?
4. Quayside	May require significant site work.
5. Other	
Should the re-introduction of charging be accepted:	
<ol> <li>As part of a long-term plan to invest in Berwick car parks, or</li> <li>As part of a long term sustainable transport plan including options such as park and ride, or</li> <li>Not under any circumstances?</li> </ol>	
If council is to re-introduce charging should it charge for:	
All off street car parking?	
Off street, on street and residents car parking within the town centre?	
Long stay off street car parking only?	
If council is to change the mix of parking should it:	
Change The Parade to short stay car parking (e.g. 3 hours)?	
Change Castlegate extension to short stay (3 hour parking)?	
Look to relocate all long stay parking to the outskirts of the town via park and ride?	