

Budget Consultation Results 2018/19

Methodology

Draft budget papers were made available online from 9th January 2018 until 2nd February, for comment and consideration.

The documentation was advertised, on social media and was also sent to the Councils Viewpoint panel.

10 Responses were received.

Full Results

Please read the draft Budget Report 2018/19 and the associated appendices, if you have any comments on the draft budget, please comment....

1.	Make any planning application allow for wider roads to allow for multi car families plus visitors and delivery vehicles. We want more control over school parking, the one camera van has not been seen for months when the drive/warden was asked why he had not ticketed a vehicle parked over 20 minutes on the yellow line he claimed that he had been threatened?? Many people in Boston know off HMO's which are totally out of control, it's obvious that people sat in offices raising reports are ineffective.
2.	It seems an unfair farce that those in the town centre continue to have our council tax hiked hugely every year due to the council moving responsibility for various things to BTAC which is effectively the council in all but name only solely funded by town centre taxpayers. It is not those in the town centre alone who use the parks or benefit from path lights and use the bus station etc. This is just an example of crafty accounting and the rural councillors helping out their electors. BTAC should be scrapped.
3.	Obligated to accept the increase but Lincs CC do little to warrant any monies let alone an increase! The track outside my house looks unadopted with large holes, not potholes any more, providing to be hazardous. The local kids cannot ride their bikes because of dangers! No one seems to be interested & it is an utter disgrace to see our tract disintegrate before our very eyes!
4	All people on welfare (benefits) should pay a contribution from their Benefit . They should not be free of any payment

We are also keen to hear what you feel the town centre priorities are, please comment below: -

1.	Please remember that Boston consists of more than a town centre.
2.	Stop wasting money on useless 'enhancements' that make the town look like a ghost town and abolish car parking charges and reinstate and add public toilets then maybe people will stay in town to shop and others will come to town and shop!
3.	Cleaner streets. The scarab comes down my road twice a year only and litter is everywhere.
4.	Reinstate the full parking to enable access to shops in town, keep clean from litter and open some new toilets.
5.	Keep parking fees to an absolute minimum and make it clearer that Blue Badge Holders have to pay or not!
6.	Need to restore parking for the blue badge holders on the left side of the market place. Drivers will start to shop elsewhere otherwise. If too many people start shopping

	outside of Boston the business will suffer by extension the council as business may close.
7.	Street lighting. Getting the drinkers away from town and harsher fines for them.
8.	Introduce strict rules for shop front design more in keeping with the market place. Plastic coatings with advertising materials on them covering the majority of the window should be banned completely immediately.
9.	My biggest concern is the amount of foreign shops that now dominate Boston (town centre, West Street and beyond). This is not some sort of policy that can reduce these type of shops overflowing Boston. You already have this in place with the Market and Food trailers etc. So why not with the shops overflowing Boston. You already have this in place with the Market and Food trailers etc. So why not with the shops. Also for shopping in general. I think i have to look online for almost everything. As mentioned earlier, these shops will not employ British people. I know as I have applied for countless positions. These should combined with the ample amount of Charity shops., Hairdressers and Dentists does not leave a lot of room for options. As my only transport is a Bicycle, i fear for the future. Yours sincerely Mr XXX
10.	Better parking, to encourage more trade for local business. Get rid of the so called 'shared space' if people can not park.... they will not come. Cheaper parking may also help. Other areas charge less than Boston. Needs to be cleaner. Why not use those criminals on Community Service to daily clean the market place and the thoroughfare to the Saturday Market area? Perhaps criminals from North Sea Camp could also do this work.... Officer or OSG would have to be there to supervise.

All comments will be considered at Cabinet on 21st February 2018. The Budget will formally approved by Full Council 26th February 2018.