

## **OBJECTIVE 7: TOWN CENTRE CAR PARKING**

6.66 **To work with other bodies to address the town's current and future car parking issues.**

### 6.67 **Policy 13 Car Parking**

To work with the District Council and the County Council:

1. To explore the opportunities for a Park and Ride service possibly using a greenfield site on the edge of town as a car park (e.g. Kemplay Bank adjacent to the A66) perhaps in conjunction with the Town Bus.
2. To explore the potential for the overnight parking of camper vans and cars towing caravans.
3. To work with Eden Housing Association and Eden District Council to create more parking from the demolition of existing blocks of garages that are too narrow to accommodate a modern car. This policy will ease parking on The Scaws and Pategill Estates.

### **Supporting Town Council Actions**

- To explore opportunities to improve car parking for town residents and provide low cost long-stay car parking for those commuting into the town in connection with employment.
- To provide affordable long-stay car parking for visitors and low cost car parking (£1 a day for vehicles parked before 9,00 am) for those working in the town.
- To consider utilising a car park, in a non-residential area, for overnight parking for camper vans and caravans, i.e. with power hook-up points.

### **Background/Justification**

6.68 Car parking is a major problem in Penrith, particularly in the town centre and the older residential areas close to the town centre which were not built to accommodate cars.

6.69 Policy 13 identifies a range of planning policy and Supporting Town Council Actions to address specific car parking issues. These include:

- The available mix of short-stay and long-term car parking;
- Some blocks of garages, on estates such as The Scaws, are too narrow to accommodate a modern car and, as a consequence, are used for additional storage rather than parking;
- Limited disabled car parking in the town centre;
- Lack of visitor car parking.

**Relevant District Planning Policies:**

**Core Strategy:**

CS1 Sustainable Development Principles

CS5 Transport and Accessibility

CS18 Design of New Development

**Eden Local Plan 2014-2032**

DEV3 Transport, Accessibility and Rights of Way

**Penrith Town Council Strategic Priorities:** Transport.