

COUNCILLOR RICHARD EVERETT’S MOTION TO COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 12 – “PREDATORY PARKING COMPANIES”

“This Council wishes to put on record its disquiet at the actions of predatory parking companies in the Tendring District and organisations that are no more than apologists for them.

This Council instructs officers to:

- 1. Protest formally to the British Parking Association (BPA) about its wholly inadequate response to complaints made by this Council, and by an elected member, regarding the actions of Smart Parking and Debt Recovery Plus relating to the Ravensdale Car Park in Great Clacton.*
- 2. Resign from the British Parking Association by not renewing our membership for 2018.*
- 3. Investigate the possibility of withdrawing from the Safer Parking Scheme operated by the BPA.*
- 4. Champion the concept of Local Authorities licensing private parking companies and their activities – or at least the establishment of a single, genuinely independent regulator for the private parking sector that has no connection, financial or otherwise, with the wider parking industry – as part of the suite of regulatory measures proposed as part of a Private Members’ Bill currently progressing through Parliament.*
- 5. Research other councils in Essex and beyond, experiences over predatory parking companies activity in their locales and create a database of these experiences to help inform the committee stages of the Parking (Code of Practice) Bill currently progressing through Parliament.”*