



Councillors explore car park scheme

A CAR park in Kirkbymoorside is not for sale, the town council has been told.

Ryedale District Council said it does not want to sell Town Farm car park, but town councillors are now planning to explore the possibility of leasing it from council chiefs.

The move follows calls by Kirkbymoorside traders about the lack of parking and the need for free parking for businesses to enable visitors and shoppers to use street parking areas.

A meeting was held earlier this month between councillors and Phil Long, the district council's head of streetscene, when it was revealed that Ryedale House gets an income of £12,500 a year from the car park.

He suggested that to increase turnover and frequency of cars parking in the town centre, two-hour parking limits could be introduced.

In addition, cycling and walking could be promoted as an alternative

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to driving, as well as "green" travel plans devised for businesses to encourage fitness, health and reduction in CO2 emissions. The district council is also looking at improving signage to the car park.

Coun Stuart Brown said the district council needed to save £1 million.

Coun Gaynor de Barr believed Ryedale House could consider leasing the car park and was awaiting reaction from the council.

Mayor Coun Joe Coughlin said: "It seems that Ryedale council is not interested in selling the park."

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