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## Research used to plan future CBD car parks

As part of developing a strategy to ensure Tamworth's Central Business District has enough parking spaces to meet demand over the next decade, Tamworth Regional Council is launching a survey to find out more about the parking needs of residents, shoppers, workers and businesses owners.

It is the first time since 2010 Council has undertaken a survey to update its data about future CBD parking needs.

Tamworth Regional Council Asset Engineer, Anna Russell – who is leading the project - said the survey aims to capture feedback from the wide range of motorists who park in the CBD including business owners, shoppers, workers, delivery service providers and visitors.

"It's important that we have the right mix of parking types to allow anyone to access the CBD when they need to," she said.

"Sometimes you come to the CBD to get in and get out quickly and at other times you need to stay for longer periods.

"With this survey, Council is seeking the information it needs to be able to plan for parking to meet future needs in the CBD."

There is currently about 4,000 car parking spaces in Tamworth's CBD which includes on-street and offstreet parking - some can be used all-day for free while some are all-day metered parking, time-limited metered parking or time-limited free parking.

Mrs Russell urges any motorists who visit the Tamworth CBD to complete the short online survey.

The findings of the survey will be made public in a report to be presented to a Council meeting before the end of June this year.

To access the online survey, go to <a href="http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/CBDCarPark">http://www.tamworth.nsw.gov.au/CBDCarPark</a> The survey is open until April 30, 2018.

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