

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:29
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Car parking/Blue badges

Thank you for your communication, your comments will be considered with other feedback received during the consultation exercise.

Regards

for Car Park Manager

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2016 11:48
To: Car Parking
Subject: Car parking/Blue badges

Dear Roger,

Re; Car parking and Blue badges Consultation.

As you are aware the above proposals have caused quite a controversy and dismay. I am supporting the CAIR Disability policy on Blue Badges. I am a past chair of CAIR and fought hard in the past for the 1970 Disability Act.

The consultation at Bridges, last year with you present. [REDACTED] suggested, and we all agreed, a concessionary first hour for charging would be sensible for older and disabled. Personally, I would like to see the Blue Badge be granted, and used in the spirit of the Disability Act and not for profit. The Welsh Gov't are consulting on Temporary Blue badges, have MCC taken this into consideration?

Have enclosed letter sent to Beacon for information.

Non Charging Car Parks.

Why Monmouth not included?

Are mother/toddlers having to pay parks ?

Regards,

[REDACTED]

Madam,

Re; Monmouthshire County Council consultation proposals on Car Parking.

Whilst I understand our economic system has let us down globally and “we are all in it together” to the extent we are in austerity and inequality grows. I would like to think our country was judged to be compassionate and helpful within past Disability Acts, now condensed into The Equality Act 2010.

Government appears to lose the intention and target of helping those most fragile and vulnerable. The

MCC consultation will give many the opportunity to air their views. I support the views of the

Disability Group CAIR, that MCC will fail its own policy and vision by charging the very people who need their help most. In an ageing society it makes sense to include and encourage people to be

independent, and care in the community should mean just that,” Living in Age Friendly

Communities”. The Blue Badge is a great help, and was never given out for profit, but on enabling, and enhancing lives, for those not as fortunate in health and strength to live as normally as possible.

Trust the interpretation of MCC endorses that aim. Our economy needs all of us consumers, especially local traders. The free car parking areas proposed for Monmouth are not necessarily helpful for

disabled. Not many will be able to take advantage of the free concessionary hour if given at the end of long or possibly short stay car parking tariffs. I hope to see The Welsh Assembly giving a temporary

Blue Badge to people who are in pain and struggling. I understand Blue Badge Temporary

Consultation now in process.

Sincerely,

A thick black horizontal bar redacting the signature of the sender.

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 30 March 2016 15:10
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Blue Badge Parking + EqIA

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your communication, your comments will be considered with other feedback received during the consultation exercise.

Regards
Amanda Perrin
Ca Park Manager

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 March 2016 07:53
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>; Hoggins, Roger <RogerHoggins@monmouthshire.gov.uk>; Burkitt, Alan <AlanBurkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Blue Badge Parking + EqIA

Dear All,

I have recently written to you on this subject, which I have done as a resident of Monmouthshire and not an employee of MCC. Following further conversations with my wife, a blue badge disabled driver, I have conducted some research which I believe needs to be taken into consideration.

Over the weekend I spent some time in Tesco's car park timing the duration of visits comparing those parked in the disabled bays, with those in the 'with children' bays and with the more general public. At the same time I asked people when they returned to the vehicle the approximate value of their shopping and the number of people in their family unit.

Given that I only managed to research 11 blue badge holders, 10 'with children' and 14 general shoppers, I in no way present my findings with any statistical reliability, but they do appear to reflect/confirm the hypothesis that I set out to test - ***"disabled blue badge holders take longer to shop and have less disposable income than the more general public"***.

1. The blue badge shoppers spent 35% less in the same time when compared with the general shoppers - they took longer to spend an equivalent amount.
2. Families with children took 24% more time than general shoppers to spend an equivalent amount
3. The blue badge holders spent 18% less per family member than the other two categories that spent roughly similar amounts per family member - perhaps confirming that the disabled have less disposable income.

The purpose of this research was trying to understand the degree of mitigation necessary to ensure that ***the cost of a shopping trip (where parking is chargeable) is fair and equitable***. You will note that this is a

different fair access/equality challenge to that present in the EqIA you sent me. The mitigation needs to ensure that although blue badge holders will need to pay for parking, they either should pay less per hour, or as suggested, get the first hour free - which given the rough statistics above, seems a reasonable allowance.

I don't believe that the disabled take longer to shop can be contested. Indeed, when I previously wrote complaining about the blue badge parking in Chepstow that is only for 1 hour, MCC's response did at that time accept that the disabled took longer.

Lastly, the disposable income of the disabled has to be given consideration, especially as the research above does seem to confirm this. It still surprises me that in the EqIA there is reliance on CAIR to raise this as an issue, when this feature was covered in one of the examples presented in the EA 2010 training/awareness sessions that I presented to members and officers in 20011/12.

So the proposals as presented potentially represent a double disadvantage to blue badge holders. On my wife's behalf, on the basis of the differential in times needed for shopping, I would challenge that insufficient consideration has been given to this protected characteristic and therefore any decisions are unsound.

Could I also draw your attention to families with children, as it may well be that their situation has to be taken into consideration as well?

I hope you find my comments of interest and that they do suggest a way that the EqIA could be populated with statistical information that would enabled reasonable and considered decisions to be made - the current EqIA being strong on opinion but weak in terms of evidenced facts.

Yours sincerely

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Perrin, Amanda

From: Hoggins, Roger
Sent: 30 March 2016 10:10
To: [REDACTED] Perkins, Pat M.; Burkitt, Alan; Car Parking
Cc: #CE.Members - All Councillors
Subject: RE: CAIR Formal consultation on Car Parking

[REDACTED]

Thanks for the response. This will be considered as CAIR's formal response and provided to members as part of the consultation feedback.

Regards
Roger

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 March 2016 13:59
To: Hoggins, Roger <RogerHoggins@monmouthshire.gov.uk>; Perkins, Pat M. <PatPerkins@monmouthshire.gov.uk>; Burkitt, Alan <AlanBurkitt@monmouthshire.gov.uk>; Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Cc: #CE.Members - All Councillors <CE.LocalDemoc.Members-AllStaff@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: CAIR Formal consultation on Car Parking

CONTACT MONMOUTHSHIRE DISABLEMENT ASSOCIATION
ACTION *Working to remove the remaining barriers to access for all*
INFORM
REPRESENT **Charity Commission Registered No. - 1114001**

Dear Mr Hoggins,

This is the formal response by CAIR, agreed at the last meeting of CAIR, on Monmouthshire's proposals to charge disabled people for parking in M.C.C.'s car parks, in Monmouthshire's towns. We were last consulted on this issue in November 2014 when we opposed the proposals and the council asked for more consultation on the matter. Please can you send this to the Economic and Development Select Committee, and the cabinet, if they take the final decision. We wish to oppose these proposals again.

1) We do not feel that things have improved for disabled people to warrant charging them to park. Since our last meeting Ian Duncanson MP has resigned from his government post because the budget penalised disabled people and made the wealthy better off. Basically he said the budget was unfair. Since then the government has dropped proposals to further cut disabled people's incomes and altered the budget. We think that these Monmouthshire proposals have the same effect. They are unfair to some of the poorest people in our community.

Transport provision is reduced and services for the most disabled young people have been cut. Many disabled people have had their benefit already cut in reviews. They appear to be being punished for not being able to work. Having a disability is not a life style choice. Disabled people need all the help they can get. People like me without a blue Disability Badge will be paying less for parking. This is unfair.

The orders are not fair, as the council is penalising the poorest section of the community. (We know that some disabled people are financially able and willing to pay for their parking) But the councils own figures, and those of the Welsh Assembly, see disabled people as poor and the Council Priority has deemed that they will be protected from falling further behind. It is the first of the councils stated Outcomes.

Statistics taken from the Equality and Human Rights Commission Annual Conference 2013
23% of the population in Wales are living in Poverty

23% of the population are disabled

46% of Disabled people in Wales are living in Poverty

60% of disabled people are digitally excluded

23% of the general population and 63% of Pensioners are digitally excluded

Charging for car parking is therefore against the council's own policy. Some councillors may want to see a blue badge means tested, but this is a national benefit given on need, not money, and many see a means test as intrusive and demeaning and would not apply to have a badge. It would also cost a fortune to implement.

2) We were promised, last time this issue was raised, that car parks and machines would be made accessible before disabled people would be asked to pay. Who will monitor this? We have not seen a pay machine that is disabled friendly. What is the time line for this? It is not just a matter of new machines they need to be accessible. Who will decide when they are accessible.? Not the manufactures selling them to the council surely?

3) This will increase congestion in our towns as disabled people are already legally able to park on roads, where others may not, if they are not causing an obstruction. More people will do so. Policing of this has been cut.

4) The council has tried to mitigate the hardship for people by significant tinkering with the orders. Every town is treated differently, but all people with a disability badge are treated the same. they are to pay! A free hour here or another there. You cannot mitigate if the hardship is taking money away from the poorest section of the population, by giving more time.

5) Disabled people need to go to the nearest car park to where they want to shop. They can not be encouraged to walk from their homes by charging to park. They have therefore have to move around the towns to different car parks, Walking and carrying shopping is not an option. The tickets would need to be transferable.

Disabled people spend money locally, if they can. Local businesses need them. Many tourists are disabled too.

6) Where are the figures.? How much money is the council expecting to save by doing this. Where is the Equality Impact Assessment.? How much will it cost for better machines and all the car park alterations needed? How much of this cost will be paid for by disabled people paying to park. We have not seen any figures for this. It was not isolated in the MCC Budget changes decided, and consulted on before Christmas.

Yours sincerely

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2016 12:08
To: Car Parking
Subject: Fwd: Post Bag ,New parking charges & The effects on Blue Badge Holders

Dear Roger ,
I am sending you this letter objecting to charges to the Blue Badge Holders in Abergavenny ,my main concern is for the severely disabled effected by these changes ,
Regards
Sara chicken

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 14 March 2016 11:01:21 GMT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fwd: Post Bag ,New parking charges & The effects on Blue Badge Holders

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 13 March 2016 22:56:16 GMT
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Post Bag ,New parking charges & The effects on Blue Badge Holders

Dear Editor ,
Monmouthshire County Council ,new Parking Charges and the Effects on Blue Badge Holders ,

I would like to Highlight through post bag the intention to make a permanent order of introducing new parking charges by Monmouthshire County Council

After reading the chronicle dated March 10th ,2016 I was surprised to see under public notices what the intentions were of our council to introduce new charges ,especially on Blue Badge Holders ,after campaigning two years ago along side other groups effected the MCC intentions were withdrawn .Abergavenny seems to have been targeted again as we will no longer have a non charging car park in the town ,charges will be introduced mon/sat in Byefield lane @£1 per day ,which will be detrimental to many working in the town centre .

My priority for writing is to make representation for All our severely disabled people in our community who hold a Blue Badge ,young & old for medical reasons and who cannot express opinion ,I have to be the voice for my daughter .

The notice states All Blue Badge holders will have to pay in All charging car parks with a concession of an additional free hour over the tariff paid ,it also states subject to new pay machines being installed ,may I add,at what cost will this be to MCC?? It is the principal,a severely disabled person has enough to deal,without these charges bestowed on them ,at this point I would like to ask ,why are so many of the pay machines out of order in the Fairfield car park last week it took my sister-in-law fifteen mins to purchase a ticket,surely machines need to be maintained regularly .

My concern is severely disabled people effected by these new introductions cannot air their views ,having a family member with a disability can have a huge strain on daily life ,parking is never easy when you have a person in a wheelchair it creates so many unnecessary problems,I feel so passionate and have developed strong views for this group of vulnerable people in our society,I don't believe I am alone with my thoughts ,it's the principal,many services have been withdrawn in our area for vulnerable members of our society,it is extremely hard to deliver a quality of life they deserve,without resources available to them, implementing charges,is the lowest of the low,surely the council can recoup the money from other areas,I strive along with other parents&professionals to do what our council is taking away from our most vulnerable in Monmouthshire,I am sure there are many who will back me .

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 31 March 2016 13:30
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Car Parking Orders

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your communication, the comments will be considered with other feedback received during the consultation exercise.

Kind regards
Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 31 March 2016 08:47
Perrin, Amanda <AmandaPerrin@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
subject: Car Parking Orders

Dear Amanda,
Abergavenny Town Council have considered the orders and have the following comments to make:

4.1. Byefield Lane Car Park

The majority of Members were opposed to any change in charging there. Putting on a charge every day will encourage more people to look for on-street parking in residential areas which then makes it difficult for residents.

4.3. Blue Badge holders charge.

Members did not see in principle why car owning disabled people should avoid car parking charges, but again the view was expressed that unless there is rigorous monitoring of on-street parking by Traffic Wardens, there will simply be an increase in that. Also, it was understood that Blue Badge holders are able to park on double yellow lines so long as they do not cause an obstruction.. On balance it was therefore decided not to support a charge on blue badge holders.

.7. The suggestion of free parking after 4pm was considered and it was pointed out that it would be more logical to allow it from 3:30pm as schools finish at about that time and those coming to town directly after school would then be encouraged to do so.

4.12. No comments.

4.15. The progression to a penalty charge directly from 2 hours without the overstay charge was considered to be quite restrictive. It was suggested that short stay should be increased to three hours if that was to happen. A question was raised about how much was outstanding on penalty notices. It has been quite high in the past.

There was discussion about the better outcome for car park users of pay on exit systems with barriers. It was agreed to question again why this was not being considered.

There was also concern about why charges are not being levied in Caldicot and Usk. It seems grossly unfair that the other towns take the burden when some still park free.

Finally, it was questioned how much the new parking equipment would cost.

I was instructed to make these representations to the County Council.

Best wishes,
[REDACTED]

carparking@abergavenny.gov.uk

--Forwarded Message Attachment--

From: [REDACTED]
To: carparking@abergavenny.gov.uk
Subject: Proposed charges for car parking in Abergavenny
Date: Wed, 9 Mar 2016 21:23:50 +0000

Dear Sir/Madam.

I am writing to oppose any further car parking charges in Abergavenny Borough, wherever and however they are intended to be applied.

I am a regular visitor to Abergavenny where I have family, and where I was brought up. I use the town facilities and shops on a daily basis, and I am a regular visitor to the general and flea markets in Abergavenny.

It is a sad fact that since the closure of the cattle market the soul of the town has deadened somewhat. What is needed in the town are initiatives to bring people permanently back to the shops and cafes of the borough. It has been proved (often where car parking restrictions are lifted, or the pay machines are out of order) that car parking charges are a deterrent to people spending time in any town where they are applied. This impacts on the profitability of traders as shoppers will then go to out of town supermarkets and shopping centres where usually parking is free and plentiful.

someone with close links to the town, I would not wish to see Abergavenny fall into further decay through, what I believe, is short sighted opportunism by the county authorities..

Yours faithfully,

[REDACTED]

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:21
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Chepstow Car Parking

Thank you for your communication, your comments will be considered with other feedback received during the consultation exercise.

Regards

for Car Park Manager

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 March 2016 16:25
To: Car Parking
Subject: Chepstow Car Parking

Dear Mr Hoggins

The proposals for re-designation of Car Parking in Chepstow as set out By Monmouthshire County Council are of considerable concern to myself and many other residents of Chepstow and its hinterland, and in particular the following

1. Long Stay; Drill Hall Car Park. This car park primary function is to service the Drill Hall which has regular events during the daytime and evenings. To make such a change as the council propose will have a very significant and detrimental effect on the viability of the hall, which is the towns only venue capable of hosting a myriad of functions. I would question the assertion of it being underutilize. This car park should retain its present format
2. Welsh Street Car Park. Here again it services the local shopping facilities and is constantly subject to short term usage. To make changes as proposed could adversely affect the local shops as without an easy parking solution shoppers could as easily shop elsewhere. Please retain this in its present format
3. I appreciate that with the introduction of an enhanced railway system, the need for parking to service it is required. Might it not be a more viable option to create a new car park at the rear of the station on the vacant land there

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 March 2016 09:47
To: Car Parking
Subject: Car Park Review

Dear Sir/Madam

I would like to object to the new car parking proposal relating to blue badge holders being charged to park.

I understand there is a need to maximise revenue with tighter budgets to balance; but I think this proposal as planned is unfair to disabled people. Disabled people often have no choice about the transport they use to get to a town centre and also no choice about the distance they can get about and so are more obligated to park in the main car parks.

With the limited mobility that a blue badge holder has the additional time added onto the end of any paid ticket would help but this doesn't change the fact that a disabled person doesn't have the same choices as an able bodied person has.

I would see it as a fairer way to change the 'free' time to the allowed 2 hour parking that a blue badge has elsewhere first of all and then any additional time would be charged after this time has elapsed. I realise this will not be as revenue lucrative to the council but it would be still beneficial. 2 hours would provide enough time for smaller errands but still leaves scope for additional tasks when required.

Life with limited mobility isn't easy and can be painful and difficult. Even the simplest of errands involve planning and so to add an additional burden to this is only going to dissuade disabled people to go out.

Rather than implement the full charging policy as planned I would urge you to reconsider and water down the proposal as I have outlined above.

Yours faithfully
[REDACTED]

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Carparking at Drill Hall.

Thank you for your communication, your comments will be considered with other feedback received during the consultation exercise.

Regards

for Car Park Manager

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 March 2016 12:00
To: Car Parking
Subject: Carparking at Drill Hall.

If long term parking is implemented it will spoil the viability of the Drill Hall as numerous events and meeting are held there during the day. At some events the car park is full or it is difficult to find a space especially a disabled space.

Yours faithfully.. [REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 March 2016 16:20
To: Car Parking
Subject: Car parking for disabled

I have read the notice of intention regarding car parking. Regarding blue badge holders, as in my case, I am unable to walk more than about 50 yards at one time, so that sometimes it is necessary to use more than one car park on the same visit to Abergavenny. To take a 'worst case', if I need to access, say, Rymans, Specsavers and the Post Office, I need to start at Fairfield, move on to Tiverton Place and finally to Castle Street on the same visit. This needs to be taken into account when detailing the changes in parking arrangements, and I trust this will be on the agenda. Dr. A. F. Bissell, 31 Cresta Road, Abergavenny. NP7 7AU.

Sent from my iPad

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 15 March 2016 10:15
To: Car Parking
Subject: Monmouthshire County Council(off street parking places) Order 2016

For the attention of Mr Roger Hoggins

Dear Sir,

I am contacting you concerning the proposal that Blue Badge holders pay to park in all charging car parks. I wish to object as this would cause severe financial hardship to my niece whose name is [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 20 year old daughter [REDACTED] suffers from Rett Syndrome and is very seriously disabled both mentally and physically. She needs to be transported by car both by her carers and by [REDACTED]. Also, as she is confined to a wheelchair and is unable to use her hands, it is difficult to manoeuvre her in and out of her car.

I should also point out that [REDACTED] father lives in [REDACTED] Abergavenny where there is . airfield Car Park where there is a very limited number of disabled parking spaces. Should you find that you have to introduce charges, would you consider providing more of these spaces.

Yours faithfully,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: Hoggins, Roger
Sent: 18 March 2016 14:59
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Perrin, Amanda
Subject: RE: OBJECTION TO WELSH STREET CAR PARK BEING TURNED INTO A SHORT STAY CAR PARK.

[REDACTED]
Thank you for your email.
I appreciate your input and it will be included in the feedback to the consultation exercise.

Regards
roger

From: [REDACTED]
nt: 11 March 2016 15:51
To: Hoggins, Roger <RogerHoggins@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Cc: Perrin, Amanda <AmandaPerrin@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: OBJECTION TO WELSH STREET CAR PARK BEING TURNED INTO A SHORT STAY CAR PARK.

Hi Roger

I am emailing you about the above proposition. I feel very strongly against this.

It is totally unfair that staff working in Chepstow have to pay to park where as our MCC colleagues in other offices are provided with free parking facilities. Now they are proposing to make the Welsh Street car park into a short stay which we have been advised will increase the permit fee if we wish to continue parking there. I currently pay £100 per quarter for the benefit of parking outside my workplace – MCC do not give a concession to staff, even though free parking is provided in most other council offices. We are currently offered free parking in Chepstow leisure centre – which is a 10 minute walk away. In the winter and bad weather this is not feasible especially as we take laptops to and from the office.

I trust you will give this matter your full attention.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: Hoggins, Roger
Sent: 18 March 2016 12:16
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Car Park Chepstow

Hello [REDACTED]

Thanks for the email.

It will be considered as part of the feedback to the consultation exercise.

Regards
Roger

From: [REDACTED]
nt: 17 March 2016 14:11
To: Hoggins, Roger <RogerHoggins@monmouthshire.gov.uk>; Perrin, Amanda <AmandaPerrin@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Car Park Chepstow

Dear Both

Sorry to bother you but I have been approached by staff located in the Library in Chepstow regarding the proposed changes to 4 hours stay only.

Officers currently pay to park there anyway for the day in work and it is not unusual for them to be in and out on district throughout the day. The walk up to the leisure centre is time consuming so they would rather pay and save time (MCC benefit totally by them doing this even though colleagues in other offices don't have to pay to park close to their office).

Can there be an exemption in the proposal to enable officers to continue to park there during the working day as the benefits in doing this fall to MCC (reduced work time in walking to car at leisure centre throughout day when going out on district and payment for parking).

With losing staff it's become so important to maximise officer time "on the job". I am not asking for freebies, just the status quo for officers please.

I sincerely hope something can be arranged.
Many thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Check your Posture at your machine

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 March 2016 17:09
To: Car Parking
Subject: Car parking consultation

As there are no free parking spaces in the counties 3 main shopping towns why have free ones in other places - hardly a fair position across the county is it.

Remember free parking at Cribbs Causeway and they have maintenance costs to!

Perrin, Amanda

From: Hoggins, Roger
Sent: 18 March 2016 12:10
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: OBJECTION TO WELSH STREET CAR PARK BEING TURNED INTO A SHORT STAY CAR PARK.

Hello [REDACTED]

Thanks for the email. It will be considered with other feedback in the consultation exercise.

Thanks
Roger

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 March 2016 15:06
Hoggins, Roger <RogerHoggins@monmouthshire.gov.uk>; Perrin, Amanda <AmandaPerrin@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: OBJECTION TO WELSH STREET CAR PARK BEING TURNED INTO A SHORT STAY CAR PARK.

I've just seen the notice on the parking meters in Welsh Street car park that there is a proposal to make the car park short stay, with a maximum stay of 4 hrs. I work in the office above the library and use the car park most work days. My work involves the use of technical equipment and protective clothing which I carry with me, as well as my laptop when I have to work away from the office at meeting and so forth.

Most days I pay for parking, unlike my colleagues who are lucky enough to work in other offices in Abergavenny, Monmouth, Magor or Usk. Using the Chepstow leisure centre car park is not an option for me due to having to transport this equipment back and fore.

Limiting the time we can park there is the final straw. Surely officers who need access to cars should be able to park a reasonable distance from where they work, and not have to pay for it. We're already at a disadvantage and now it's getting worse.

Could we please have a pass to use the carpark as an employee to allow us to park all day, also a reduction as we are MCC staff.

I look forward to hearing from you both.

[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 31 March 2016 14:50
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Carparking charges in Chepstow

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your communication, your comments will be considered with other feedback received during the consultation exercise.

Regards
Amanda Perrin
Car Park Manager

-----Original Message-----

From: hazelandbarie [mailto:hazelandbarie@metronet.co.uk]
Sent: 31 March 2016 13:26
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Fwd: Carparking charges in Chepstow

Wrong email address at first.

----- Original Message -----

Subject: Carparking charges in Chepstow
Date: 31.03.2016 13:22
From: [REDACTED]
To: <carparking@monmouthshire.co.uk>

Dear Sirs,

Comments: Re - Changes to charges in Chepstow car parks.

Firstly, I think its quite good to have a free hour at Welsh St & Nelson St car parks, but not sure at only shortstay 2 hours? How about 3 hours maximum, would be better. Station rd carpark is not that big as long stay, the Castle carpark did not seem to have a mention in the list for Chepstow but presume that would be long stay for people wanting to spend time browsing the castle.

If the Town Council and Chamber of Commerce want us to shop in Chepstow then there are occasions when you may need more than 2 hours; if you are browsing for new furniture or carpets for eg, and if you want people to use cafes and restaurants. A lot of people, mainly older or disabled will not want to park down at the Castle and walk up? My thinking is that one of those, Welsh St probably as its larger, needs to remain long stay. Hopefully workers will use the Drill Hall. However, the problem I see with that is that the Drill Hall is used during the day for meetings and other activities, for eg crafts etc for children in the holidays.

Eg, U3A meet in the Drill Hall (usually fill the Drill Hall, a lot of people) once a month on a Tues afternoon, again alot of elderly who want to park nearby. But what with some parking kept separate for local residents, and then any longstay workers in the town, may not leave many spaces for general public? During the summer months the Castle car park gets quite busy!

Its good the Station car park will be kept at a £1 a day, but that still adds £5 per wk to the already extortionate rail fares for regular commuters and its not very big! With all the building planned for our side, Sedbury/ Tutshill, in the near future, plus all planned for the Mabey Bridge site, and Transport plans that assume people will use public transport to get to work in Bristol, Newport and Cardiff, as there's still not much employment in the Chepstow and surrounds, will we need far more parking areas for using trains and buses?

Yours faithfully,

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 14 March 2016 19:25
To: Car Parking; Hickman, Martin
Subject: Proposed car parking charges at Byefield Lane Abergavenny

I wish to object to the proposed charges on the following grounds; The charges will unduly penalise some of the most poorly paid employees in Abergavenny i.e those who work in the local shops.

The charges are contrary to the report to the government by Mary Portas regarding the regeneration of town centres. This found that one of the main problems was the lack of car parking especially for short periods. These charges will discourage visits to Abergavenny.

The effect of these charges will be to encourage the use of out of town supermarkets. If the effect is for shops to close the council will lose revenue overall.

It will encourage parking in all other places such as Nevill Hall Hospital.

If the charges were to go ahead I want reassurance that all revenues will be used for transport purposes only as decreed by law.

[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 30 March 2016 15:16
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Blue Badge Parking Objection

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your communication, your comments will be considered with other feedback received during the consultation exercise.

Regards
Amanda Perrin
Car Park Manager

-----Original Message-----

[REDACTED]

Sent: 30 March 2016 10:08
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Blue Badge Parking Objection

Head of Operations

Dear Mr Hoggins

I attended the meeting at Usk County Hall and expressed my views regarding Blue Badge Parking. My son Jamie Farr is Down's Syndrome and sadly 9 years ago was taken ill and is now paralysed from the waist down and completely wheelchair bound. He is 42 years old and until he was wheelchair bound did not require a Blue Badge. He attends the Studio in Monmouth where a member of care staff will drop him off stopping in the carpark for about 20minutes in the morning and returning again in the afternoon to collect him. Also Jamie has to attend the Doctors surgery where again he has to be taken in his own car which we parents provided for him. Until Jamie was wheelchair bound I did not realise how difficult it was to plan ahead where we are able to go that we can manage the wheelchair pavements shops etc. Jamie enjoys going out and about leads a full life. I feel that we have been lucky in Monmouthshire with things like My Day and My Life and would be prepared to pay if Jamie has to stay longer than just being dropped off for his day activities but feel that people using wheelchairs should be able to park close to activities free of charge.

We hope that you consider this very carefully as I feel so much has been done in recent years to enhance the lives of people in wheelchairs so that they can lead as normal a life as possible.

Thanking You

Yours sincerely
[REDACTED]

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:24
To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Blue Badge proposals

Thank you for your communication, your comments will be considered with other feedback received during the consultation exercise.

Regards

for Car Park Manager

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 March 2016 19:27
To: Car Parking
Subject: Blue Badge proposals

I wish to lodge an objection to one part of your proposed changes to car-parking charges in the county. I am a Blue-Badge holder due to mobility problems. An additional aspect of my disability is peripheral neuropathy which, in practical terms, means that I have extremely limited powers of grip and am unable to use a coin-operated machine. If you implement your changes I will instantly be excluded from council-run car parks in Monmouth, my home town.

If you decide to press ahead I would ask that I am contacted so that someone can explain this regressive measure.

[REDACTED]

17 March 2016

OBJECTION TO CHANGES TO PARKING IN CHEPSTOW

Dear Roger Hoggins,

I would like to express my objection to the changes proposed to the Car Park in Chepstow, changing this from a long stay to a short stay car park, this will cause staff of Monmouthshire County Council, who use this car park to attend work – the majority of those already purchase parking permits to use the car park – this cost is not reduced for Staff of Monmouthshire County Council and as far as I know in Chepstow we are the only employees who need to pay for parking. I believe that the proposed changes would result in a large increase that we already pay for our permits, which I do not feel reflects the Fairness side of the MCC strapline as like I say at no other offices within Monmouthshire County Council do staff pay for parking. (could there be a concession for staff members which could reduce this expense?).

I myself came to Chepstow to work in the Contact Centre due to the fact that I could park near my place of work, I know there is the option to use the Leisure Centre Car Park but coming from Cwmbran and the walk then needed to and from the building would add about an hour onto my already long day, and I suffer with a heart complaint and am a diabetic so this would cause me stress and discomfort especially when we have to take our laptops back and forth with us.

I do hope that you will consider the staff of Monmouthshire County Council that are working in the Chepstow Library Building or other buildings within the Chepstow Area. I do not object to paying for a permit but do object that the price will increase to park in the car park due to the proposed changes especially when we are the only Employees who work for Monmouthshire County Council who have to pay to park near their place of work.

Kind Regards



Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 March 2016 16:52
To: Car Parking
Subject: Response to consultation

I have read the documents relating to the proposed changes to car parking in Monmouthshire.

* Why not make all car parks free of charge but still time-limited? This would encourage trade to all areas and benefit every part of the community.

* Alternative suggestion: Standardise the charges e.g. £1 per two hours across all car parks.

I realise car parks have to be maintained but failure to encourage people to use car parks sensibly is driving away trade.

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 04 April 2016 08:51
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: car parking charges

[REDACTED]

Thank you for your communication, your comments will be considered with other feedback received during the consultation exercise.

Regards
Amanda Perrin
Car Park Manager

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 April 2016 17:54
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Fw: car parking charges

-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 03/04/2016 17:49
To: <carparking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subj: car parking charges

I would like to express my anger at the proposed charges for disabled people to park in Monmouthshire car parks. My mother is 91 and has very limited mobility so relies on her blue badge to be able to shop and use facilities.

Also why oh why are some towns and villages in Monmouthshire entitled to FREE parking, whilst others are charged? We all pay our council tax to Monmouthshire so surely ALL should be entitled to the same services irrespective of our place of residence.

If parking charges were in place everywhere the cost could be reduced and the council would still have more money with which to provide our services.