

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 March 2016 09:45
To: Car Parking
Subject: Car Parking Consultation

I have no objection to the principle of car park charging. However, this is subject to the following matters being addressed.

1 If you plan to introduce family or mother and toddler parking bays, you need to enforce it regularly as, along with disabled parking, it is often abused and just serves those people who have a blatant disregard to laws or services provided to the most vulnerable.

2 In order to justify car parking, the council needs to do more to encourage safer walking and cycling provision in towns to encourage all ages to avoid car use as much as possible. I live in Usk and cycling in and around the town is very hazardous and there is no cycle provision. I suggest the Council does a survey of bike use in the town as you will be shocked how few children you will see using bikes as it is dangerous. It would be interesting to compare to other towns where there is cycling provision.

I should be grateful if you would report this back to the relevant committee at the end of your consultation period.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:25
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Parking consultation

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: 16 March 2016 17:56
To: Car Parking
Subject: Parking consultation

Please can I add my comments for your consideration on proposed parking changes.

My mother has Parkinsons and my father is profoundly deaf. They use their blue badge regularly in Monmouth. It provides them with the option of easy parking without having to worry about change, walking to meters and checking they have the right time in their minds to return to the car on time. They also come into town when they need cheering up with a coffee or just a change of scenery. Their life was not one of ease my dad worked in the steelworks and that is the reason he is now deaf. After a full working life its nice to feel that people who need a little help are getting it. Introducing charges I am sure would cut down on trips making visits for essential needs only. It would also add an element of stress to their trips. This would be a real shame, is it really necessary to hit the people who need help and deserve a bit of a good turn?

Personally I would also hate to see charges at the rowing club. My children row there representing their town and school. I have to collect them regularly and they have large bags of kit. Why charge the parents who are only there to support their children and towns sporting success. Its not even that close to town its only used usually for sports access. Are we supposed to lug the kit all the way to the Rockfield car park if thats the reason you're using for new parking charges there?

Regards
[REDACTED]

nt from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad

Sent: 21 March 2016 12:19

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Changes to 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: 18 March 2016 14:20

To: Car Parking

Subject: Changes to car parking

Dear Mr Hoggins,

I am dismayed at the plans to introduce car parking charges to the Byfield Lane car park in Abergavenny. The town is competing for visitors to its shops and other amenities with nearby places like Cwmbran which has free car parking. Other nearby towns like Usk also have free parking. I think this puts us at a disadvantage, even though it is 'only' £1.00 for a day. I wish to register my objection.

I think consideration should also be given for a free 20 minute stay for those just visiting one shop or office - otherwise one has to pay for two hours.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 30 March 2016 15:04
To: ~~_____~~
Subject: RE: Objection to proposed car parking charges for Blue Badge Holders

~~_____~~
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: ~~_____~~
Sent: 24 March 2016 16:43
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Objection to proposed car parking charges for Blue Badge Holders

To whom it may concern

I wish to raise my concern and lodge an objection to the proposals for charging blue badge holders in Abergavenny car parks. As a carer for a family member who is suffering with terminal stomach cancer and who has been awarded a blue badge I feel it is very unfair to penalise people who are very ill or disabled when other towns allow blue badge holders to park without cost. An extra free hour concession over the tariff paid would be of no benefit to people who are very ill as in our case, since we would not be using a space for more than an hour during our stay in a car park.

I would further question why it remains free to park in the car park in Usk for everyone. Surely it would be fairer to introduce charges in Usk car park.

I would be grateful for a response
~~_____~~

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 30 March 2016 15:08
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: car parking

Dear [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: 26 March 2016 15:52
Subject: car parking

To whom it may concern,

Is it not bad enough that someone may be disabled in some way and then to take away some small benefit that they may have i.e. a blue badge which allows for free parking? I do not agree that blue badge holders should pay for parking - what is/will be the point in having such a badge. I do not have a blue badge, so am not showing any bias here. Just another way of fleecing people of their hard earned cash - and how much extra revenue would this really generate?

Can I also bring to your attention regarding the use of the English language i.e. it is not disabled parking that is needed (I think most drivers are guilty of that at some point), but parking for the disabled. The same goes for public toilets -- no-one wants a disabled toilet, but toilets for the disabled are most welcome. I am amazed that this has not been recognised by anyone before. Anyone up for getting these signs changed?

regards,
[REDACTED]

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:23
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Car Parking Charges ETC Chepstow

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: 18 March 2016 16:49
To: Car Parking
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Car Parking Charges ETC Chepstow

Dear Mr Hoggins

At a recent meeting of the Chepstow Society the above proposal came under discussion. Members were concerned at the effects it will have upon the Drill Hall Car park. The Drill hall is presently the most used Centre for events in the Chepstow Area. It is used for events and attractions some times for short periods morning and afternoon as well as in the evenings. We would dispute any idea that it is underused. If it were to be full with Long term parking then the Drill Hall could be undermined as a centre for events, films etc.

The Welsh Street parking is we think also used by people catching trains at the Railway station and if this is reduced to a Short Term park a lot of inconvenience could arise as parking close to the Station is totally inadequate and is one of the larger factors inhibiting the expansion of Rail travel in this area. The Society holds the strong opinion that action should be taken sooner rather than later to make use of the area of vacant land to the east of the Station so that a proper start can be made on solving Chepstow's parking problems.

We hope that you will take into account these representations before making any order which will effect the parking regulations in the Chepstow Area, especially those which concern the Drill Hall Carpark.

Regards etc

[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 15 March 2016 09:38
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Draft Monmouthshire County Council Parking Places Order 2016

[REDACTED]

How are you, hope all is well with you.

Apologies that's a mistake and will be amended within the new order. It will be free.

Kind regards
Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 14 March 2016 15:44
To: Perrin, Amanda <AmandaPerrin@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: Draft Monmouthshire County Council Parking Places Order 2016

Hi Amanda,

Thanks for the information received regarding the Draft MCC Parking Places Order 2016, and I just wanted clarification on one point please.

With my Monmouth Off Street Project hat on, am I right in thinking that the new Car Park on Rockfield Road which is being constructed as we speak, is now being a charged Car Park? The reason I ask is that I was led to believe it was due to be a Free Car Park, but perhaps I have told the Skatepark lads wrongly?

If you could let me which is correct, I would be most grateful.

Kind regards
[REDACTED]

From: Perrin, Amanda [<mailto:AmandaPerrin@monmouthshire.gov.uk>]
Sent: 09 March 2016 17:15
To: Abergavenny Town Council (clerk@abergavennytowncouncil.gov.uk) <clerk@abergavennytowncouncil.gov.uk>;
Caerwent Community Council (clerk@caerwentcc.com) <clerk@caerwentcc.com>; Caldicot Town Council
(towncouncil@caldicottc.org.uk) <towncouncil@caldicottc.org.uk>; Chepstow Town Council (clerk@chepstow.co.uk)
<clerk@chepstow.co.uk>; Crucorney Community Council (gerald@geraldcooper.wanadoo.co.uk)
<gerald@geraldcooper.wanadoo.co.uk>; Devauden Community Council (james@willowbarn.eclipse.co.uk)
<james@willowbarn.eclipse.co.uk>; Goetre Fawr Community Council (theclerk@goytre.gov.uk)
<theclerk@goytre.gov.uk>; Grosmont Community Council (thatwoman@hotmail.co.uk)

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 30 March 2016 15:06
To:
Subject: RE: Carp parking proposal objections (OFFICIAL)

Dear Sir

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: 25 March 2016 19:40
Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Carp parking proposal objections (OFFICIAL)

This email has been classified as OFFICIAL

Roger,

Can I please provide a representation of objection to the proposed car parking order revision regarding off street parking places 2016 on behalf of local officers of Gwent Police in Monmouthshire.

My concerns regarding the adjustment to parking charges focuses on the charging of disabled blue badge holders and the concessions proposed.

We are cautious regarding this proposal due to disabled blue badge holders, under the local authorities traffic orders exemptions 2000 and road traffic act 1984, being provided exemptions to local traffic orders.

Ultimately our concerns will be that disabled blue badge holders will instead utilise their ability to park on double yellow lines for free instead of parking in the car parks resulting in extra pressure on the road network of Monmouthshire in our towns due to vehicles parked in areas where it has been deemed that a restriction is required.

For your consideration

Regards

[REDACTED]

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad

Sent: 21 March 2016 12:22

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Chepstow Car parking Changes

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 10:43

To: Car Parking

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Chepstow Car parking Changes

Dear Mr Hoggins,

This Society discussed your proposed car parking changes in Chepstow yesterday and are particularly concerned at two aspects.

First, your proposal to make the Welsh Street car park short term will cause considerable congestion in the town as it is used by many rail commuters. As you may know, Chepstow desperately needs an adequate station car park and, if commuters have to vacate the Welsh Street car park, we do not know where they will go.

Second, the Drill Hall is Chepstow's only events venue. It is used most days, both in the day and in the evening, and if the car park becomes long term, it will fill with commuters and the use of the Drill Hall will become very difficult. We have seen that you say that it is underutilised, with which we do not agree, but to fill it with long term parkers may well affect the viability of Chepstow's only venue.

We would appreciate your urgent consideration of these points and if there is anything you can to help create a station car park on the vacant land at the rear of the station it would solve many of Chepstow's parking problems.

Regards,

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 21 March 2016 15:12
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Disabled Parking Charges
Attachments: Equality Impact Assessment Form.pdf

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Please find attached Equality Impact Assessment as requested.

Yours sincerely
Amanda Perrin

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 March 2016 12:24
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Disabled Parking Charges
Importance: High

My wife is a Registered Disable person having suffering from a certain illness for over 40 years. I am the lawyer in all of this.

You are of course governed by the Equality Act of 2010 and need please to see the Equality Impact statement which must follow of course any decision undertaken by the Authority.

Then your process is I say flawed in that Torfaen and Blaenau Gwent do not apply such charges and you cannot discriminate against those who happen to say live in Cheptow.

I truly believe that to date your process in arriving at the decision flies both in the face of Wednesbury and the 2010 Act. I have no doubt that a Judge in the High Court would rule that there is an arguable case for a JR in respect of your decision making process.

Then of course the Chancellor had his bite of disabled persons yesterday

Overall I think you have considerable problems and within seven days I need to see please the impact statement

Yours

[REDACTED]

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:25
To:
Subject: RE: Chepstow car parking changes

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

Regards

for Car Park Manager

-----Original Message-----
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 March 2016 11:10
To: Car Parking
Subject: Chepstow car parking changes

Mr Hoggins

My wife and I attend events at the Drill Hall on average twice a week, and are concerned that the proposed changes will rule out parking in Chepstow while attending events at the Drill Hall. The proposed changes will lead to a decline and closure of the Drill Hall, which is a valuable community asset, that is well used and brings business into the town. The Drill Hall is about to become a trust, the proposed changes to the Drill Hall parking will invalidate this, as without a parking facility the Drill Hall will become financially untenable. Therefore please do not ruin this wonderful community asset.
Keith and Sallie James

Sent from my iPad

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 March 2016 22:48
To: Car Parking
Cc: Howarth, Simon G. M.; Howard, Giles
Subject: Fw: Byfield Lane car park, Abergavenny.

On Thursday, 10 March 2016, 22:45, [REDACTED] wrote:

For the attention of Mr Roger Hoggins (Resent to correct address)

Further to the public notice displayed in today's *Abergavenny Chronicle*, I note that the only remaining free parking area in Abergavenny is to become a "Long Stay Charging Car park", and wish to register my objection to this change because this is the only car park in the town where parking is not chargeable (Except on Tuesdays)

The result of this will be that people working in the town will be subjected to an **additional** cost of attending work of at least £250 per annum. To many of those working in the town, this may represent 1.3% of their wages, which will undoubtedly **not** be reflected in wage increases.

[REDACTED]

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Monmouthshire.

Dear Mr Hoggins

RE: Car parking charges in Abergavenny

I was very saddened to see that you are considering charging for parking in the only free car park in Abergavenny and also increasing the general fee in all car parks. In a time of austerity and economic hardship I was sad to see that instead of supporting the High Street, its workers and the shoppers you are instead making it harder for all.

It seemed to me that one free car park for people who are working in the town was very fair, after all no one wants to be taxed extra for going to work. Byefield Lane car park is not the most accessible car park for the elderly or infirm or those with young children so it was really not taking away huge amounts of people from the towns alternative fee paying car parks.

I can't help but think a forward looking council would be providing an initial free hour for parking in all its car parks, as study after study has shown how detrimental car park charging is to a town. Cwmbran is a case in point being a very thriving town with free parking. I seem to remember that when the car park machines in Cardigan broke down there was a substantial increase in footfall which would of been of great help to the businesses of the town and also to the inhabitants of the town and its neighbourhood.

I notice also how difficult it is for those with young children who have to leave their children in the car to go to the pay machine or struggle to take them to the machine and then back to the car, especially in the rain. One hour free would go a long way to making life easier for people shopping in Abergavenny. I also note how many people struggle to use the machine, I have helped many people who cannot figure out how it works or have forgotten their number plate; again very irritating in bad weather.

I remember well how enthusiastic the Abergavenny Council was about the BID and in point of fact the only thing the town needs to benefit the retailers and office based businesses and the towns' people of Abergavenny is free car parking or at least a move in that direction, allowing an initial free period.

I have shopped in Abergavenny for many many years and I can see more and more shops closing and more charity shops arriving. Please do not put the nail in the coffin for our lovely town and help the High Street to survive these tough times and furthermore do not try to extract more money from already struggling shoppers and shop workers.

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad

Sent: 24 March 2016 09:22

To:

Subject: RE: MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) Order 2016

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

Regards

for Car Park Manager

From:

Sent: 23 March 2016 13:59

To: Car Parking

Subject: MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) Order 2016

Good Afternoon,

Members of the Community Council have welcomed the creation of additional parking opposite the fire station in Monmouth. It is felt that this will benefit people living in their wards when visiting and working in Monmouth.

However, reservations were expressed as to the lack of any safe road crossing on Rockfield Road.

Regards,

24/03/2016

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 30 March 2016 15:14
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Carp parking proposal objections (OFFICIAL)

Dear Sir

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: 29 March 2016 09:51
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Carp parking proposal objections (OFFICIAL)

I will await any other response from Monmouthshire Officers before submitting the Gwent Police response to this consultation. I appreciate Jamie has a point and I believe as with currently market day with the car park opposite the station on Tudor Street, parking does hit the local on street areas when charges are raised. Disabled persons can park on double yellow lines for up to three hours which they will do if the car park is not adjacent to where they wish to go.

I will put this through as a point to note however I would not object in principle as it may mean having to go to a public meeting and show evidence why Gwent Police would wish to object to a proposal.

Can you possibly forward any other concerns and advise if this has also been forwarded to Chepstow to provide any concerns.

Regards

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 29 March 2016 08:46
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Carp parking proposal objections (OFFICIAL)

Dave,

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:24
To:
Subject: RE: Proposed Changes to MCC Car Parks

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: 18 March 2016 18:54
To: Car Parking
Subject: Proposed Changes to MCC Car Parks

Attn. Mr R Hoggins,

I understand Monmouthshire County Council is currently conducting a consultation on its car parks and is soon to decide on changes to these facilities in the County and in particular those provided in the Chepstow area.

I have familiarised myself with the proposed changes recommended by MCC and have a number of concerns particularly related the proposal to introduce car parking charges for Blue Badge Holders.

Blue Badge Holders by the very fact they qualified to be awarded this status means they have very limited mobility. Introducing a car parking payment requirement for this category of motorists will make it a most onerous task every time they are required to use the car park facilities in Chepstow.

Under the proposed change a car parking payment will require to be made at the Pay Kiosk. Hence the first task a Disabled Driver is required to do following parking their Car is to visit the Pay Kiosk located in the Car Park, pay the necessary fee and return to their parked car in order to properly display the registered parking ticket.

This is an additional double journey a Disabled Person can do well without.

Bear in mind Disabled Drivers will require walking aid facilities, i.e., Waking Sticks or Wheeled Rollators and the like. Struggling to extradite these aids from their car, secure their car, traverse their way through the car park to the Pay Kiosk, conduct the paying process and return to unlock their car in order to display the parking ticket as required, is in my opinion, grossly unreasonable on disabled and generally frail and elderly people prior to the shopping task they wished to conduct. Many will not be prepared to go through this difficult process and will, either decide NOT to visit Chepstow Town Centre for their shopping or more adversely (as far as other motorists are concerned) park with abandon in areas where restriction to normal car parking exists, i.e., double yellow lines, etc.

In summary, the introduction car park charging for Blue Badge Holders will have a serious affect on the quality of health of Disabled Car Users whilst having a direct impact on Chepstow shops, in terms of reduced footfall and disruption to traffic flow.

This proposal of introducing car parking charges for Blue Badge Holders requires to be dropped.

Best regards.

21/03/2016

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 30 March 2016 15:03
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Chepstow car parking charges

Dear Sir/Madam

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: 24 March 2016 11:54
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Chepstow car parking charges

Chepstow needs people to stop here, even if only for a short time, to spend their money. Proposals to charge or increase cost of parking in Chepstow will deter any footfall in the town. And a bypass for Chepstow. Wayhey, no need to stop here!!! Sort out the junction by Tesco, sort out St Lawrence roundabout and have free parking for two hours.

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 31 March 2016 14:48
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Byefield lane carpark

Dear [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]
nt: 31 March 2016 12:13
ur: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Byefield lane carpark

Dear Sir,

As a daily user of byefield lane car park to use Castle Meadows to walk my dog I strongly object to non Tuesday parking charges being imposed. It will make people park on the streets around the town and make congestion worse, Look at the road side parking on Merthyr Road on a Tuesday to see the issue. I guess this is a fund raising solution rather than an parking solution.

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:25
To:
Subject: RE: Parking near Monmouth rowing club

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

Regards

for Car Park Manager

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 17 March 2016 14:43
To: Car Parking
Subject: Parking near Monmouth rowing club

Dear sir

I understand you are consulting on parking charges at subject car park I would like to understand why you are so keen to discourage visitors from coming to Monmouth by charging for parking. The funds generated are not spent on road repairs (look how many potholes remain unattended) They are not spent on new roads, look at the congestion, so they are being spent on excessive overheads and other MCC activities Towns will prosper if the motorist is encouraged to visit and stay, parking charges do the opposite [REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 01 April 2016 11:33
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Car parking

Dear [REDACTED]

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

Regards
Amanda Perrin
Car Park Manager

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

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 31 March 2016 17:13
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Car parking

Dear Mr Hoggins

As a resident of Abergavenny I find myself paying £1 every time I need to park my car - even for a short period of time. I used to live in Cwmbran where all the parking is free! As a result Cwmbran shopping is thriving whereas towns like Abergavenny are not.

I note that the Byefield car park is now going to charge a daily rate. This is currently used by many employees in Abergavenny. This will be another burden on low paid workers.

I have friends living in Malvern where residents can pay an annual fee of £25 for parking; this enables them to park for short periods of time as long as they display their parking card.

Why can't we have similar schemes in Monmouthshire?

Sincerely

[REDACTED]