

Perrin, Amanda

To:

Subject:

[REDACTED]
RE: Objection to Welsh Street Car Park, Chepstow being turned into a Short Stay Car Park

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

Regards

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From:

Sent: 18 March 2016 10:01

Hoggins, Roger <RogerHoggins@monmouthshire.gov.uk>; Perrin, Amanda
<amandaPerrin@monmouthshire.gov.uk>

Subject: Objection to Welsh Street Car Park, Chepstow being turned into a Short Stay Car Park

Hi Roger

I am e-mailing you regarding the propositions for the Welsh Street car Park being turned in to a Short Stay car park as I am wishing to object against this and feel very strongly about this being changed.

I work in Chepstow and pay to park here which is currently £100 per quarter but if they make the changes to Welsh Street Car Park as proposed above this means that the cost of the permit is going to increase which will therefore cost us more in parking charges. The permit is going to increase from £100 which I currently pay to £125.00 costing me an extra £25 a quarter (£100 a year) this is a large sum to be paying for parking. I think this is very unfair as we here in Chepstow are in the minority of employees who have to actually pay for park. Most other MCC buildings do not have to pay for parking.

I do feel very strongly regarding this as MCC employees we are not offered any type of concession for parking charges which I think personally we should be as other offices do not even have to pay for parking. There is free parking in Chepstow Leisure Centre but this is not practical especially in the bad weather and winter as this is a 10-15 minute walk away also we do have to take home bulky folders and laptops to and from the office.

If these proposals do go ahead can we as MCC staff have a discount on the parking permit charges?

I trust you will take these comments on board

Thanks

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 March 2016 08:00
To: Car Parking
Subject: Byefield Lane Car parking

Good morning,

I would like to object to the council's plan to scrap the free carpark in favor of a daily charge of £1. This will hit the pockets of the low paid shop workers, retailers and has the potential to affect trade in the town, damaging businesses. I urge you not to go ahead with the plan.

Thank you

Regards

[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: Contact
Sent: 14 March 2016 15:19
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Car Parking
Subject: RE: Byefield Car Parking Charges.

Thank you for contacting Monmouthshire County Council. Your e-mail has been forwarded to Car Parking dept.

Monmouthshire County Council / Cyngor Sir Fynwy

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Telephone: 01633 644644

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 March 2016 17:38
To: Contact <Contact@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Byefield Car Parking Charges.

ar Sir

I note that you now intend to charge for parking at the above car park. This will now mean every car park in Abergavenny incurs a charge. I can understand for those car parks within ease access of the shops, but not ly is this a fair distance from the shopping centre but also has a steep hill and is not only used by shoppers but people using the park , river walk and visiting the castle.

I am not a resident of Abergavenny but currently visit 4 or 5 times a month as I like the town, shops and market and spend money within the town. I can park for free in Cwmbran and will now have to consider no longer visiting or reducing my visits to the town and therefore trade lost to the traders and to Waitrose which I also visit when coming to Abergavenny.

[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: Hoggins, Roger
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:26
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Car Parks Order

Hope you are well and thanks for the comments.
I'll pass these on for attention.

Regards
Roger

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 March 2016 18:06
: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Cc: Hoggins, Roger <RogerHoggins@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Car Parks Order

Hi

I wish to make representations and objections to the recently advertised car parking order.

I attach the draft order with some corrections which are required (this is not an objection). The corrections are shown as "comments". I have not done a complete check but the corrections I have noted indicate that perhaps a more detailed check is necessary.

I believe that the Blestium Street Car Park (at the entrance to the sports ground) *may* be part of Chippenham Village Green. If so, then probably that proposal is unlawful.

I seem to recall that the land at Rockfield Road was part of "exchange land" in relation to certain proposals relation to Chippenham Village Green. If so, then there were restrictions placed on the land at Rockfield Road which would preclude the use of the land for a car park. Whether or not the land was "exchange land", the land at Rockfield Road is open space and there should have been an appropriation of the land under section 122 of the Local Government Act 1972.

The land at Wyebridge Street is also open land. There should have been a formal appropriation as mentioned above.

Regards

[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 March 2016 10:40
To: Car Parking
Cc: Dovey, David L. S.
Subject: Proposed charges to The Station Car Park, Chepstow

Hello

I have read your consultation plans to introduce a £1.00 per day car park charge at the Station Car Park in Chepstow.

I work in Gloucester and commute to work every day using the train which costs £13.50 per day. Having an additional £20.00 per month attached to my travel expenses will now make this journey prohibitive and I will be forced to drive. If I am in this position I expect many other commuters will also make the same decision.

whilst I appreciate that the council needs to raise revenue during this time of austerity, it is a great pity that the council is not supporting sustainable means of transport.

I would urge the council to reconsider this proposal to help the citizens of Monmouthshire continue to work and support the rail network in our county.

[REDACTED]

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 March 2016 14:39
To: Car Parking
Subject: Notice of Intention to make a permanent order

Dear Mr Hoggins,

I have read your notice in today's Beacon. I am a resident of Monmouth and was surprised to see that the new Rockfield Road car park has been listed under "long stay charging car parks", when all reports until now have said that it will be a free car park. Further down the Order, under point 2, you say that the car park in Rockfield Road is a "proposed free car park". Which is it to be?

In addition, can you please explain why there are never any charges at the car parks in Usk, when Monmouth and Abergavenny both seem to have their free car parks taken away? This is hardly a democratic situation.

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 04 April 2016 08:54
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Abergavenny parking

[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: 02 April 2016 10:39
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Abergavenny parking

I think £4 to park all day is far too much. Is Fairfield going to be cheaper as this is where workers tend to park now?

When will these charges come into effect?

If I just want to park briefly could there please be a 20p for 30 min charge? This would probably stop people parking illegally if they only want to stop to pick something up eg. From Argos or the post office.

Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 31 March 2016 14:54
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Changes to parking fees in Abergavenny

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: 31 March 2016 14:50
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Changes to parking fees in Abergavenny

Dear Mr Hoggins,

I was disappointed to read on the council's website that there are plans to charge £1 every day for parking at the Byefield car park in Abergavenny. I am a shopper and not a shop-owner but I believe free parking really helps local businesses, and this is the car park I always choose to use even for short visits. With these changes, I will have to pay even if I just want to pop into the bank, go to a doctor's appointment, and will probably spend time trawling around the smaller (more convenient) car parks where it will be the same price to park, leading to unnecessary congestion and frustration. What about a compromise of free for the first 2 hours, then £1 for the whole day?

I think you will find it leads to under-utilisation of this carpark on every day - and not just Tuesdays. Also, with the closure of the cattle market, I don't understand why Tuesdays are still chargeable.

Are you not worried more people looking for free parking will park in the hospital carpark?

yours sincerely


Perrin, Amanda

From: Perrin, Amanda
Sent: 30 March 2016 15:01
To: 
Subject: RE: Charging for the free car park

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: 
Sent: 24 March 2016 11:16
To: Car Parking <CarParking@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Charging for the free car park

To Roger Hoggins,

Hi i just wanted to let you know that i have started a petition against the proposal to start charging for the free car park in Abergavenny. As a business owner in Nevill street i'm very concerned about the effect that this will have on my business and my staff who have no choice but to park in town as they don't live in the surrounding area. This is a very big extra cost that they will have to find every year in order to come to work.

Please let me know when you need the petition's by.

kind regards

Perrin, Amanda

From: Hoggins, Roger
Sent: 11 March 2016 09:11
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Byefield Lane Free Car Park (excluding Tuesdays today)...

Thanks for the email offering comments on the draft car park order. The order is published for consultation and your comments will be included in the feedback to members.

regards
Roger Hoggins

From: [REDACTED]
Date: 11 March 2016 08:18
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@monmouthshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Byefield Lane Free Car Park (excluding Tuesdays today)...

Attention Roger Hoggins, Head of Operations, Monmouthshire CC

Hi,

I've just had my attention drawn to your proposals to start charging for other days outside of Tuesday (market day) at the above car park by an article in the Abergavenny Chronicle.

I want to register my objection to this change as it just seems a way of increasing taxes on the local population that will exacerbate parking in the more central car parks to the town. Not only will this discourage more physical exercise - my weight loss since moving here last year on retirement has been considerable - but removes part of the old-world charm of Abergavenny that is such a refreshing change from Surrey from where we relocated. I should point out that although I'm English my wife is 100% Welsh and I love it here!

My concern is that MCC seems to be pursuing an increasing agenda to over-regulate, precisely what the EU is appearing to do to our lives, hence my CC to my local MP (as well as that great tome the A.C.) - as once implemented, this one "free" car park will surely never return and be subject to ever increasing price rises over time.

Surely with all the new builds in our estate in Llanfoist the extra Council Tax revenue is a better and fairer way of increasing your funding rather than tax our parking yet more?

Sincerely

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:28
To:
Subject: RE: Blue badge holders

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: 16 March 2016 13:16
To: Car Parking
Subject: Blue badge holders

Dear sir/madam,

I feel that if you start charging blue badge holders to use car parks, you will find more and more parking on double yellow lines. This becomes inconvenient and dangerous for other road users and pedestrians trying to cross the road. I would like to hear your views on this and to know if you have had any consultations with the police or highways department as to their views. I look forward to your reply.

Sent from my iPhone

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Chepstow Drill Hall Car Park

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 09:31
To: Car Parking
Subject: Chepstow Drill Hall Car Park

I object to the use of the above car park to long term. This car park is the lifeline for the Drill Hall and it's various activities. I feel there should be more discussion. [REDACTED]

Sent from my iPad

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad
Sent: 21 March 2016 12:27
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Station Road car park

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: 19 March 2016 10:55
To: Car Parking
Subject: Station Road car park

Roger Hoggins

I am the ticket agent currently operating the ticket office at Chepstow Station. I see from your notice that you are considering the option of charging for the station car park.

The problem we have at the station is caused by people who work in Chepstow using the free car park and walking into town. The upshot is that from 08:30 most mornings it is very hard to find a space if you are travelling by train and it is not uncommon for people to miss their train because they had to unexpectedly park some distance away.

Given that we are all trying to encourage people to use public transport where possible I would like to make a suggestion which would overcome this problem. We are here six days per week from 06:00 to 16:00 Mon - Fri and 07:00 - 13:30 on Saturday. So if we could issue a free ticket to park with a train ticket, and I have it on good authority that our machine could easily be set up to do this, then you could charge whatever price you fancied to park. This would raise the extra revenue you desire while ensuring that there is a good chance of finding a parking space if you are going by train.

A lot of people already travel to Severn Tunnel Junction to get trains and bringing in charges to park for will only encourage more to do so unless they are 'encouraged'.

Take care

[REDACTED]
Chepstow Ticket Office

Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 March 2016 09:46
To: Car Parking
Subject: Proposed parking fees in Chepstow

Hello, I have noted that you are proposing to introduce parking charges to the old market and station car parks in Chepstow. I am a local resident and am writing to object to this proposal as no suitable arrangements have been made for local drivers.

I live on St Mary Street, a pedestrianised street in the town centre. There is no on-street parking in the town centre other than time-limited spaces. Both my partner and I commute to different workplaces in the Forest of Dean and work a mixture of weekdays and weekends. This means that the only economically viable place for us to park in the locality is one of the two free car parks on Station Road.

If you introduce parking charges to these car parks we will be left with two options - take money from our ready limited household budget to pay for parking near to home (a cost most households do not have to bear) or move out of the town. If we were to move, we would probably go to the Forest of Dean as this is where we work most of the time, with a consequent loss of council tax to Monmouthshire council and our patronage of Chepstow businesses.

I understand that there is a parking permit scheme available at a cost, but as you do not allow more than one vehicle per household to have a resident's permit, this would not solve the problem.

As the car parks mentioned above have been operating free of charge for many years, it seems likely to me that their maintenance costs are not particularly high. Should you proceed with the order, I will be submitting a freedom of information request for the exact costs of maintaining these car parks (not including parking attendants, as they do not currently provide a service in these car parks). You will of course be aware that it is illegal to seek a profit from the introduction of parking charges, so the information obtained will be used in any subsequent judicial review of your approach.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad**Sent:** 24 March 2016 09:11**To:****Subject:** RE: Car Park at Chepstow 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: **Sent:** 23 March 2016 12:22**To:** Car Parking**Subject:** Car Park at Chepstow Drill Hall

Dear Mr Hoggins

I understand there is a debate concerning the above car park - the suggestion being that it is underused. This car park is essential to organisations hiring the Drill Hall - daytime and evenings - and the suggestion of changing it to a long-term one would be detrimental to the hire and use of the only hall in the town.

The car park is well used and I hope it will continue to be so on a short-term basis.

Please have a re-think.



Perrin, Amanda

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 March 2016 06:58
To: Car Parking
Subject: Blue badge

Never mind trying to charge blue badge holders. stop the illegal use of badges. ie photo copied papers on dashboards, the holder not present when it's being displayed. These alone would cut the parking problem considerably. By cutting the free parking in town you will only add to the parking problems at Neville hall hospital car park. As they will park at the hospital and take the "free" bus into town. Please consider these facts before making these changes.

Sent from my iPhone

Read, Angharad

From: Read, Angharad**Sent:** 21 March 2016 12:30**To:** [REDACTED]**Subject:** RE: Objection to Car Parking 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:** 15 March 2016 16:50**To:** Car Parking**Subject:** Objection to Car Parking proposals

Good afternoon

I wish to lodge an objection to some of the car parking proposals for Chepstow.

I object most strongly to the proposals to change Welsh Street car park to a short stay car park only and to MCC trying to push people, who have to use long stay car parks, into using the two large Castle Dell and Drill Hall car parks at the bottom of town.

However, the proposal to introduce the £1 parking charge for the Drill Hall car park is a good idea as this would provide an incentive, for people who are fit and able, to use this car park. It is such a good idea perhaps you should consider extending this charge to include the Castle Dell car park too.

The Drill Hall and the Castle Dell car parks are not feasible car parks for people who are either elderly, have a disability, have a health condition, have young children or pushchairs to push to use. The steep incline one has to walk up from the bottom of town, on every footpath from these car parks, in order to get to the shops, to go to work, the dentist, the opticians etc will create great difficulty in good weather with even more difficulty in inclement wet or wintry conditions.

Many years ago I always used to use the Castle Dell or Drill Hall car parks as I was fit enough to make the walk up to the town. Over the years, as various health conditions developed, I started to find the walk uphill very difficult and painful so had to stop using these car parks.

I now work in Chepstow and I am very concerned that other people, like myself, will find parking at a premium in the smaller proposed long stay car parks nearer the town and so force us to have to park at the bottom of town. The proposal is unfair and does not take into account the needs of those residents, workers and visitors to the town who are, for whatever reason, less able.

Please give consideration to keeping the majority of the Welsh Street car park as a long stay car park whilst offering long stay at a reduced daily rate in both the Drill Hall and Castle Dell car parks.

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

21/03/2016

[REDACTED]

Roger Hoggins
Head of Operations
Monmouthshire County Council
The Ryadyr
Usk
NP15 1GA

27th March 2016

Dear Sir

Your notice dated 8th March 2016 recommending Blue Badge holders being required to pay to park at council-run car parks is contravening the rights of the disabled. This selective discrimination is against a proportion of the population which should not happen.

As Jenny Barnes, secretary of Monmouthshire based disability support group CAIR stated in her newspaper article "charging the disabled for car parking is against MCC's policy."

I totally agree.

It would appear that you are specifically discriminating against Blue Badge holders, whether from Monmouth or visitors from across the UK and Europe. I am not aware of other municipal authorities charging Blue Badge holders.

Please re-consider.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



21st March 2016

Roger Hoggins
Head of Operations
Monmouthshire County Council

Dear Roger,

As chair of both Action 50 Plus- Monmouth Area and Mobility Monmouth I have been instructed to respond to the notice of intention regarding car parking in Monmouthshire, this we consider to be a clear and concise document outlining proposed changes.

However, we are concerned about the proposal to charge disabled blue badge holders for using all paying car parks. At a time when it is proving to be an emotive issue nationally we are surprised to see M.C.C. regarding the disabled as a means of increasing revenue. It begs the question, how much cash will be raised as a result of this measure?.

If the proposal was to offer at least one hour of free parking and charge thereafter we feel it would be regarded as fairer. It should be obvious that unlike able-bodied people the disabled drive to the shops and park their cars as a necessary part of everyday living. Do they not bear enough extra costs in life without more being heaped upon them?.

We hope that M.C.C. will see this as a deeply unpopular proposal and remove Item 3 from their Notice of Intention.

Yours faithfully

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[Redacted contact information]

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Mr Roger Hoggins
Head of Operations
Monmouthshire County Council
PO Box 106
Caldicot NP26 9AN

Dear Mr Hoggins

Proposals for Car Parking Charging

I believe there are other options for raising increased revenue from car parking charges within Monmouthshire than targeting now Blue Badge Holders, not a very popular decision.

In the Republic of Ireland when the local authorities were presented with a similar situation, they introduced 'pay and display' for short term on-street parking in town centres. Monnow Street and Priory Street in Monmouth would be ideal sites for such a change. However the key to the scheme's acceptability by both car users and by local shop keepers was the charging period – there were free periods at the beginning and end of the day, i.e charging only operates between 0930-1630 hours.

I hope you would consider this initiative proposal.

I trust this helps.

[Redacted signature]

[Redacted address]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

14th March, 2016

Mr Roger Hoggins
Head of Operations
Monmouthshire CC

Dear Sir,

Car Parking
Blue Badge Holders

I refer to the proposal that Blue Badge holders pay to park in all charging car parks

I wish to make my objection to this proposal on the grounds that it would have serious consequence for my grand daughter.

She is Emily Chicken, who is severely handicapped and needs transport by wheelchair and car.

Yours faithfully,

[Signature]
[REDACTED]