

## Annex 2 Consultation responses

No.	Object or support	Reason	Comments
1	Object	I don't feel the proposals are necessary	This just doesn't make a lot of sense to me. If you need off road parking, don't move into a place without it? All this is now going to do is make, already heavily congested, car parks busier. The only suitable car park I can think of is the one opposite where they hold the marker now. This car park isn't really that close to any residential areas to make it worth it. Ultimately, I just don't see the point.
2	Object	Other (please elaborate)	If you are going to offer this facility it should be available to all Tonbridge residents. The price is extortionate.
3	Object	Other (please elaborate)	Has the impact on parking availability for existing or future season ticket holders working in the town been assessed? This may reduce council revenue and impact on future employment growth if insufficient spaces remain. What data exists on season tickets prior to covid and was there any spare parking capacity? If capacity limits are reached are the council taxpayers expected to subsidise these places?
4	Support	Other (please elaborate)	Helps those living in non permit areas to be able to afford the parking
5	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	(No comments supplied)
6	Support	Other (please elaborate)	As a resident in Sovereign Way I do not have allocated parking for my flat. As a pensioner on a low fixed income I struggle to pay the annual parking and would therefore welcome a reduction in the annual fee
7	Support	Other (please elaborate)	As a resident in Sovereign Way I do not have allocated parking with my flat. Also, as a pensioner on a low fixed income, I would welcome a reduction of the annual long term parking permit, which is currently a struggle
8	Support	Other (please elaborate)	Because I do not have allocated parking at my flat and, as a pensioner on a limited fixed income, it would greatly take financial pressure off me
9	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	(No comments supplied)

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10	Support	The changes should improve visibility and safety	(No comments supplied)
11	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	As a resident within the town centre It would be great to have access to a car space. At the moment alot of the nearby car parks seem fairly empty so will be great to have added use for them too! Hopefully it will also help with traffic into town.
12	Support	Other (please elaborate)	I'd like to have 12 months ticket to use car park. I don't have a car park in my block of flats
13	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	The change to the car park would be really beneficial to a lot of the residents within Waterside Residents due to the cost and the amount of access they would get to there property from having this option. My flat does not come with an allocated parking space therefore it is difficult to know where to park and the reduce in the cost would help out a lot. If these changes were to be made it would encourage me to stay in the property I am in now for longer.
14	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	(No comments supplied)
15	Support	Other (please elaborate)	<p>Firstly, this change will save me money. Being jobless but to forced to pay Â£1200 a year on parking ticket is ridiculous. It is council's basic duty to provide every household with the parking. Tmbc clearly failed in doing so. When planning permission was given to redrow, tmbc did not considered giving parking to all the households. Instead people those who had 1 bed apartment they were forced to park far away from their apartment. Which is completely unfair to those. All this action of council increases the cost of living for 1 bed apartment. They are additional burden on the households.</p> <p>I strongly support this change and I would recommend council to allocate parking in Waitrose carpark. Which is in front of the apartment and will increase the safety.</p> <p>Please can you implement this ASAP as it's getting very hard for me to afford to park in costly carpark despite I live in Tonbridge and pay the high council tax. Each year it goes up and up but still can't see much of an improvement.</p>

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16	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	Although I do support this move, I am very disappointed that it does not cover ALL town centre residents. It stops at the river and does not include the area north of the bridge along the High Street. There is no on street parking available here nor any easy access to other car parks. I think the scheme should be available to all town centre residents.
17	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	I support this massively. It wont only just help with the ridiculous parking on Walter's farm road but it will help with the congestion around it too. It's much more beneficial for us as residents but the council as well.
18	Support	Other (please elaborate)	Resident that requires a permit
19	Support	Other (please elaborate)	The changes will help me out financially and allow me to enjoy other things that tonbridge has to offer
20	Support	Other (please elaborate)	This would be my only option to affordably (begrudgingly) park where I live.
21	Support	Other (please elaborate)	I support all of the statements of this proposal and look forward to the update
22	Support	Other (please elaborate)	Can I propose this being extended to business as we have no where to park unless you pay a expensive annual fee of £1200
23	Support	Other (please elaborate)	I think this is a good move and will help support people like myself who live in the town and commute daily to work but can't afford the huge parking charges to park close to home so I feel like this will really help people who live in the town
24	Support	The changes should improve visibility and safety	(No comments supplied)
25	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	I am a resident who lives within the town centre. I am a single mother who cannot afford to purchase a standard season ticket at 1200 a year just to park my car. I'd also like to participate within the trail if possible.

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26	Support	The changes should improve visibility and safety	(No comments supplied)
27	Support	Other (please elaborate)	Should make it fair on other residents in the local area who are being forced to pay extortionate rates by landlords and should ease parking on local infrastructure
28	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	This would be hugely appreciated by myself and I would assume by all at Ashby's point and the surrounding area. The parking spaces we are given are privately owned and charged an extortionate amount.
29	Support	The changes should improve traffic movements	(No comments supplied)
30	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	This is much needed especially for residents of Cannons Wharf. It will make the road safer and allow emergency vehicles better access.
31	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	We can't afford the extortionate amount our landlord charges for our allocated parking space, so we have to park on street wherever we can, it's chaos and stressful. This new permit is affordable for us, will save us stress and hopefully make the roads around us more accessible for emergency vehicles.
32	Support	Other (please elaborate)	Residents at my apartments are allocated just 1 space in spite of most flats having 2 cars. This means people park inconveniently blocking in others, parking on walkways etc. This will enable managing agents to keep traffic management on the estate safe.
33	Support	Other (please elaborate)	<p>I strongly support this change as I have had to give up my car for the last year. Before Covid I was required in the office for my job but since November 2020 I have been working from home and will be doing so for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>I have had to give up my car because the parking charges are too expensive to pay each day in the surrounding car parks and there are no other options for parking in the area.</p> <p>This change will mean more than just being able to park closer to home. I will be able to get my car back and gain back some much needed freedom. I have been relying on my partner, who is a carer, to drive me places when she is not working.</p> <p>At the moment I am not paying for parking but with this Scheme I will buy a Season Ticket at the earliest opportunity.</p>

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34	Support	Other (please elaborate)	I have lived in the high street of Tonbridge for 23 years. I have spent a huge amount on parking which has been so very unfair compared to other residents of the town having access to parking permits outside their home for several cars. I would be delighted to have a safe place to park my car.
35	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	Many people now live in flats above the shops, these residents need access to reasonably priced parking.
36	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	This has been long overdue, the lack of parking in the area for households with more than one car has been problematic for a while.
37	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	All of the reasons for supporting this. It would improve the parking situation in the vicinity, it would improve the access/road use in the area, it would help the council get more money to reroute to other areas requiring funding or improve parking needs in the area, it would lessen problem parking and improve the local people's lives, it would stop developers/housing associations charging extortionate fees or thinking about charging for parking at properties and it would make good use out of under utilised car parks and spaces.
38	Support	The changes should improve access to and from properties	Far too many local residents' cars are constantly parked illegally on the streets, making access very dangerous.