

Annex 3 Objections and TMBC responses

No.	Objection reason	Objection comments	TMBC response
1	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.	The proposals are to allow the use of the Sovereign Way North and East car parks for these permits, as you suggest. There are a number of high-density housing developments nearby, in Medway Wharf Road and Botany, where residents have requested parking facilities.
2	Other (please elaborate)	If you are going to offer this facility it should be available to all Tonbridge residents. The price is extortionate.	Other areas in Tonbridge where there are significant parking pressures are assisted by on-street permit parking schemes. Unfortunately, it is not possible to introduce on-street permit parking in the town centre area. The pricing is a significant reduction compared to the normal season ticket for commuters or against the Pay & Display price.
3	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?	The car parks that would be affected by these proposals have spare capacity for long-stay parking, but the proposal is a trial, with limited numbers and the take-up will be monitored.