



Proposals affecting parking on some roads in Tonbridge and West Malling

This consultation runs from 24 November 2023 to 07 January 2024.

You do not need to answer all questions, but you will need to provide your name and address.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is consulting on changes to on-street parking at locations across the borough.

More details on the changes to charges are included in the Review of of Car Parking Fees and Charges item in the Cabinet report 8th November, 2023

<https://democracy.tmbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=146&MIId=5550&Ver=4>

More details on other proposals are included in Car Parking Proposals Item in the Cabinet report 3rd October 2023 <https://democracy.tmbc.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CIId=146&MID=5544#A138640>

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We welcome your comments on the changes being proposed and all feedback will be considered. This process is not a vote on the proposals, rather an opportunity to gather constructive feedback from residents and businesses. We are keen, therefore, to hear alternative suggestions or proposals which can be provided in the comments section which accompanies each set of questions.

All responses (except duplicated responses), received before the deadline, will be redacted and included in the reports to Members and will also be publicly available online.

There are also proposals effecting parking in our car parks. This is a separate consultation and can be viewed here <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/parking-transport/off-street-parking-consultation>

Whilst we appreciate comments on other issues, this consultation relates to these specific proposals. If you want to report other parking matters please do so via www.tmbc.gov.uk/parking

To report other road matters www.kent.gov.uk/roads-and-travel/report-a-problem

1. Name *

2. Address *

3. Post Code *

4. **Change of use of parking bays in Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge**

Parking in Avebury Avenue has always been contested between those wanting short-stay parking near to the town centre, and residents who wish for parking close to their homes.

The existing parking bays in Avebury Avenue allow both permit and Pay & Display parking, and this causes problems for the differing users to find appropriate spaces and the Pay & Display facilities are significantly underused.

The Council is proposing the reducing the number of Pay & Display spaces in Avebury Avenue to provide more resident permit parking opportunities.

We are also proposing the conversion of 3 hour parking bays east of Holford Street to 2 hour parking bays to allow more short-stay parking opportunities for shoppers closer to the town centre.

The changes are detailed here

<https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/downloads/download/559/on-street-parking-consultation-2023-documents>

I support the revision of the Council's on-street parking bays in Avebury Avenue?

I object to revision of the Council's on-street parking bays in Avebury Avenue?

5. If you want, provide comments related to your support or objection.

6. 1 hour free parking to become pay and display in West Malling – High Street and Swan Street

West Malling High Street and Swan Street has 93 on-street shared-use parking bays that currently provide 1 hour free parking, as well as unlimited resident permit parking.

However these 1 hour parking bays are often abused by all-day parking, reducing the opportunities for shoppers visiting the town centre.

The Council is proposing introducing Pay & Display parking charges for on-street parking, allowing parking for up to 4 hours, to concur with the parking charges in the nearby High Street car park. The charges are detailed here <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/downloads/download/559/on-street-parking-consultation-2023-documents>

It is also proposed to extend the times of operation of the parking bay restrictions to extend to 8pm every day, including Sunday and Bank Holidays, to reflect the changing on-street parking demand.

The Council also has proposals for changes to charges in the High Street car park and the loading bay outside Tesco <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/parking-transport/off-street-parking-consultation>

Do you support or object to the introduction of on-street parking charges in West Malling High Street and Swan Street?

- I support the introduction of on-street parking charges in West Malling High Street and Swan Street?
- I object to the introduction of on-street parking charges in West Malling High Street and Swan Street?

7. If you want, provide comments related to your support or objection.

8. Alteration to loading bay outside Tesco in West Malling High Street

The existing loading bay outside Tesco in West Malling High Street currently operates as a loading bay until noon, Monday to Saturday. However, this has caused significant problems with obstructive parking, as drivers frequently chose to park across the loading bay and obstruct the neighbouring bus stop, and ignored the loading times which prevents deliveries and collections.

We are proposing that the loading bay become a loading bay that operates from 6:30am until 8pm every day, and be restricted to goods vehicles over 3.5 tonnes.

Do you support or object to the alterations to the loading bay to improve access for goods vehicles?

- I support the alterations to the loading bay to improve access for goods vehicles?
- I object to the alterations to the loading bay to improve access for goods vehicles?

9. If you want, provide comments related to your support or objection.

10. Increase in on-street parking charges

The Council is revising its tariff of charges for on-street parking.

As part of the Borough Council's review of fees and charges for its services, the Council is proposing to increase on-street parking charges, to reflect the increasing costs of the provision of services.

The charges are detailed here <https://www.tmbc.gov.uk/downloads/download/559/on-street-parking-consultation-2023-documents>

Do you support or object the revision of the Council's on-street parking charges?

- I support the revision of the Council's on-street parking charges
- I object to the revision of the Council's on-street parking charges

11. If you want, provide comments related to your support or objection.

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