

On-Street Response - Reference Number 1

I object to the proposed changes.

We pay more than enough to park in our own road, why do you need to increase the charge? You used to give free visitors permits, but no longer and still the price went up. You give no reason other than provision of services, what services do you mean? With the cost of living crisis, I think you will be pricing people out of being able to park near their home.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 2

I object to the proposed changes.

There is a cost of living crisis. We need to support our shops and high streets. People are out off going to the shops due to the high cost of parking. It is much cheaper to order items online and the look and appeal of the town suffers as a result. This is not in the best interest of the town.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 4

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 5

I object to the proposed changes.

Permit prices continually go up but we do not see any improvement or benefit for the additional fees

On-Street Response - Reference Number 6

I object to the proposed changes.

It's already expensive. Or if you do increase costs, give residents more free visitor permits per year, because otherwise the residents will suffer having to pay out more money.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 7

I object to the proposed changes.

Any increase at the moment isn't wanted due to the cost of living

On-Street Response - Reference Number 13

I support the proposed changes.

Again so long as the use of on street parking charges are equitable across whole borough and not penalising Tonbridge.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 18

I object to the proposed changes.

Again I think this will have a negative impact on the local shops and the amount of trade that visits them.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 24

I object to the proposed changes.

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The charges are already very high for a small market town. If you increase the charges further you are merely making West Malling a less attractive place to visit. People coming into the town and spending money is essential for the local independent businesses, if these businesses cannot thrive then they will shut and all that will be left are chain/franchise and empty retail spaces which will make West Malling lose its character and rich history in being a thriving market town.

Unless this is the long term plan to discourage people from visiting the town, the car parks therefore not being used as much and then applications for the high street car park to be built upon.

Stop trying to make our town less attractive to visit!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 34

I object to the proposed changes.

You have already raised this twice in the 2 years, and as I resident I would expect you to allocate greater parking before increasing charges. I would be paying an increased fee, and still have nowhere to park.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 37

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking should be charged per minute on an app as I have seen in many other countries..... click when you start parking and click to stop. It is simply unfair to park for 80 minutes and have to pay for 2 hours and encourages people to "try and get away with it".

On-Street Response - Reference Number 41

I object to the proposed changes.

We had a significant increase to residential parking permits last year. I object to another increase to 1st, 2nd, 3rd 4th and visitor voucher payment increases.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 42

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 45

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 47

I object to the proposed changes.

There is a cost of living crisis. Please don't increase prices. Keep parking cost low to attract visitors to Tonbridge and for locals. If you do do this you'll kill the town centres and more shops will close. We need to continue to make our Borough as appealing as possible to visitors from places like Tunbridge Wells.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 53

I object to the proposed changes.

Enough already

On-Street Response - Reference Number 54

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 57

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 61

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 65

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 68

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 70

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 72

I object to the proposed changes.

I, and hundreds of others will simply not be able to use West Malling High Street as quickly and as easily as so many of us do now. Businesses will lose so much business from this appalling suggestion. This thriving market town will not thrive after this introduction of parking charges.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 74

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 75

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 76

I object to the proposed changes.

I object to the principle of paying for a parking space on a street that my road fund licence already pays for.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 77

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 78

I object to the proposed changes.

As per my answer above

On-Street Response - Reference Number 79

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 80

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 82

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 83

I support the proposed changes.

Make them pay!! Make them all pay!! I've very seldom seen the loading bay actually used as such. It's usually occupied by "Chelsea tractors" and other such cars, or vape-puffing, weed smoking occupants waiting to finish their spliff before entering Tesco for their munchie-driven shop...

On-Street Response - Reference Number 85

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 89

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 93

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 95

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 98

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 100

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 102

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 104

I object to the proposed changes.

Already expensive enough. Especially as most of the time it's for short trips and the space is available within the lowest amount possible

On-Street Response - Reference Number 105

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 106

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 107

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 109

I object to the proposed changes.

Evidence from boroughs in which charges have been raised or that have high parking charges for some time shows that business is reduced by them, leading people to use out of town shopping centres, and resulting in an increase in the closure of local high street businesses, particularly small independents. It makes no positive contribution, such as

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turnover, as many people will simply not go to places where the cost of parking makes such a substantial, and increasing, difference to the cost of their shopping or leisure that they are rendered non-viable.

Most local authorities are strapped for cash and desperately trying to recoup losses made during over a year, and in some cases almost two, of limited usage of such services or no usage at all. However, local independent businesses have suffered the same or worse, and residents are already struggling with the current economic situation and the already introduced rises in the cost of local authority services. It is not the responsibility of local residents and business owners to subsidise the results of financial mismanagement by local governments and ill-advised decisions by central government.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 110

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 112

I object to the proposed changes.

The public already pay enough taxes without paying for parking, we need thriving town shopping centres, bringing money to local businesses,

On-Street Response - Reference Number 113

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 116

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 119

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 121

I object to the proposed changes.

This is not acceptable in the current climate - again it is just another way to screw motorists. This is absolutely unwelcome for the retention of small shops who already pay exorbitant business rates for very little service. If the council managed funds effectively they would not need to alienate potential shoppers. We will just go elsewhere.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 123

I object to the proposed changes.

I think increasing parking charges will take away customers from businesses in a time where cost of living is already high enough.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 124

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 126

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 127

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 133

I object to the proposed changes.

Again brainless thinking at a time when everyone is struggling. Will only make small towns suffer and people will go to big centres where parking is free. It is a cop out for the council struggling to manage their accounts.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 135

I object to the proposed changes.

During a real squeeze on costs meaning we all have less in our pockets surely it isn't wise to be putting up parking tariffs. This will only do more to isolate those who cannot afford to pay and deny them access to the high streets

On-Street Response - Reference Number 139

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 141

I support the proposed changes.

Payment must be possible by cash at all locations.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 143

I object to the proposed changes.

There needs to be some low-cost, short-term parking or the town centre will die.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 147

I object to the proposed changes.

You will kill the high street if you do this!

I urge you to leave the high street as it is. Shop owners and local residents have lobbied you, you need to listen!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 148

I object to the proposed changes.

Town is already getting a kicking because of parking people just go to bluewater and shop

On-Street Response - Reference Number 150

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 151

I object to the proposed changes.

As above: It will hamper businesses by people NOT coming into West Malling if they have to pay.

In addition, and to raise the money you require, have more wardens, including early evenings, where they will catch many people and you will have more money that way!

Please do not penalise businesses and what it a charming village/small town with independent shops - you should be supporting this rather than penalising it. Just look at other towns that have had their high streets decimated over the years as the online giants take more and more share of businesses. Please do not go down this shortsighted route.

Thank you,

On-Street Response - Reference Number 152

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 161

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 162

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 164

I object to the proposed changes.

This is coming when everyone is having a cost of living problem, although you believe that the people of West Malling area are wealthy there are more people who are not and are struggling. you are now adding to this by increasing the charges in the village.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 170

I object to the proposed changes.

I frequently visit my family and friends in Tonbridge as this is where I was raised and having to pay for parking in evening and Sundays would mean I wouldn't visit as much

On-Street Response - Reference Number 175

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 180

I object to the proposed changes.

I know being so close to the station gives parking problems to the locals but if you brought the parking permits down to say £10 per year just for locals who provide proof of address in west Malling it would make life easier.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 184

I object to the proposed changes.

TMBC is not analysing the root cause of the issues raised. There is clearly high demand for parking in town centres. This is good for business & a thriving community.

However, the council is not properly analysing the problem. The logic seems to be to raise barriers (& council revenue) instead of providing a better service for the public.

Knee-jerk responses such as those proposed are short sighted and inadequate.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 186

I object to the proposed changes.

A small increase in council tax would be a easier option than the cost of setup and maintaining all the new pay and display meters and wardens required.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 187

I object to the proposed changes.

A small increase in council tax would be more beneficial than the huge long term upset of paying over inflated car parking charges

On-Street Response - Reference Number 189

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 195

I object to the proposed changes.

I believe the council view increased parking charges as a cash cow. It may bring more revenue for the council but damage local business and force more people away from the use of the high street. Across the country high street shopping is diminishing in favour of retail parks parking charges contribute to the demise of the high street use. I feel so sorry for the small business who are going to be the biggest losers and will undoubtedly lead to more vacant shops.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 200

I object to the proposed changes.

Contrary to what you say this will make quick stops to visit a shop less likely, reducing trade in the local economy. Abuse of existing restrictions should be dealt with by better enforcement. Wardens have been most infrequent until the last couple of weeks.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 202

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 210

I object to the proposed changes.

Let's not make local businesses suffer reduction in trade because of raised parking charges.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 211

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 213

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges are expensive enough as they are without increasing them further

On-Street Response - Reference Number 218

I object to the proposed changes.

The town will become a ghost town ...

On-Street Response - Reference Number 219

I object to the proposed changes.

Revenue revenue revenue. Where does it end? Do you not charge enough in council tax which should cover permits for locals? Again I would support if local residents are exempt otherwise it will be an additional expense and inconvenience for already cash strapped residents.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 221

I object to the proposed changes.

TMBC residents should be allowed 30min free parking (on & off street) in all areas, to encourage us to support our local shops & amenities. This has been transformational in other areas that have this policy (eg some London boroughs), leading to much better used local shops & businesses. Not only does it encourage more/better shops to open, but it also discourages parking abuses.

More retail & other community activity in local areas is also financially beneficial to Councils: it discourages anti-social behaviour as well as the more obvious advantage of increased business rates revenue.

If TMBC residents can access very short-term parking for free, they are less likely to park where they shouldn't. This also makes life easier for businesses (eg less abuse of loading bays) & other residents (less abuse of residential parking).

On-Street Response - Reference Number 222

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 223

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 224

I object to the proposed changes.

As above

On-Street Response - Reference Number 225

I object to the proposed changes.

I was expecting to find reference to parking charges in Martin Square on this website as directed by Trudy Dean. How can I make any comments re this proposal?

On-Street Response - Reference Number 228

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 230

I object to the proposed changes.

Most people who come to Westmallings thrive on the fact that you don't have to pay for parking under a certain time and are able to get what they need done in that time and bring money to the village supporting the local business.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 231

I object to the proposed changes.

Money is tight and you want to charge more! Disgraceful!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 232

I object to the proposed changes.

Yet again, hitting the motorist as an easy target. How about paying your chief executive less?

On-Street Response - Reference Number 233

I object to the proposed changes.

Money is tight for everyone. People are currently continuing to support local businesses but raising parking fees will change people's shopping habits and we will see the small businesses collapse.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 236

I object to the proposed changes.

West Mallings is a popular and busy town. This is not only because of the town's character and selection of interesting local businesses and eateries but because charges are currently at a reasonable rate or, in the case of the on-street

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parking bays, at no charge. Increasing charges and reducing the turnaround/availability of parking bays by extending time limits can only result in reduced custom for businesses.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 238

I object to the proposed changes.

It will put people off shopping locally including myself. West Malling currently has a thriving shopping community and healthy atmosphere- if parking charges are applied it will destroy the High street. Businesses will close. It is not the right move for the High street or council.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 239

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already expensive enough, I visit Tonbridge three times a week at present but would reduce this if parking charges were increased. If they are to be increased, please consider adding some parent and child parking bays in Tonbridge as parking is hard enough without having to juggle a pram and space to get children in and out of the car.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 242

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 243

I object to the proposed changes.

As above

On-Street Response - Reference Number 246

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 247

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 248

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 252

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 254

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 257

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 258

I object to the proposed changes.

If YOU want empty shops in west mailing & then less shops paying council tax, please go-ahead.

then Your employment in the council will cease as less money will be paid to you

On-Street Response - Reference Number 259

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 262

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 263

I support the proposed changes.

As this is a busy high street and shopping area, all parking should be treated equally and charged equally.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 264

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 265

I object to the proposed changes.

It's a cost of living crisis!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 266

I object to the proposed changes.

There should be NO CHARGES in areas where a car is an essential means of transport

On-Street Response - Reference Number 268

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 270

I object to the proposed changes.

Any increase in charges at this time can be a strain, and may result in a drop in footfall, and commerce.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 273

I object to the proposed changes.

This is clearly just a revenue raising initiative with no social or economic purpose beyond bailing out incompetent councillors who can't manage their funds properly. Take a hike.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 274

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 276

I object to the proposed changes.

I use West Malling High Street for my local shop. Seriously if you introduce increased parking fees this will put me off visiting these shops. In a time when the retail industry needs all the support it can get, this would be a very foolish move. Eventually with a drop in trade - the shops in West Malling will close resulting in a loss of employment, and business rates for the local authority! Don't make these changes.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 277

I object to the proposed changes.

It is already too much. Please don't put it up. People are struggling.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 278

I object to the proposed changes.

Who can afford to pay more?

On-Street Response - Reference Number 283

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 284

I object to the proposed changes.

Best way to kill small local shopping areas.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 285

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 286

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 287

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 289

I object to the proposed changes.

Were in a struggling climate already as a single mum I'm struggling more than most and small changes like this effect me massively. Please can councils and gov for once try and help the people they're here to 'serve'

On-Street Response - Reference Number 290

I object to the proposed changes.

As above

On-Street Response - Reference Number 291

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 293

I object to the proposed changes.

We need to see more enforcement of the existing rules before the law abiding citizens have to pay more to park. On a broadly related topic, that perhaps should have gone elsewhere, there seems to be a creeping introduction of cash-less parking meters and a mandatory use of parking apps. This is a terrible idea - why should people be bullied into signing up for an app that they do not want. It surely also discriminates against those that do not even have a smart phone. Paying with a credit card instead of cash is just about acceptable - but not a wretched app.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 294

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 296

I object to the proposed changes.

The current charges have already put me off I now go to Hempstead Valley more often as parking is free.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 297

I object to the proposed changes.

You need to show us the accounts. The only significant cost involved must be maintaining the ticket machines. It would be interesting to know what profit is made. If none, then why not remove them

On-Street Response - Reference Number 298

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 299

I object to the proposed changes.

Absolute greed! The spaces are tiny, the road is appalling and you want to increase the charges. An increase will encourage me to Bluewater as it won't be worth travelling into the town to utilise the shops.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 301

I support the proposed changes.

Parking enforcement needs to be much more present in West Malling to justify further increases.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 302

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 303

I object to the proposed changes.

I only object because of my answer to question 7. If you came up with a series of charges that included two hours free parking followed by higher charges for longer stays, I would wholeheartedly support the proposals.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 304

I object to the proposed changes.

As noted above it is not so much the cost of the parking but the fact that there should be at least 1 hour's free parking on both the High Street, Swan Street and in the car park. The High Street and Swan Street should remain at 1 hour maximum to encourage turn around of vehicles and the car park can facilitate longer stays.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 305

I object to the proposed changes.

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed increase in on-street parking charges as part of the Borough Council's review of fees and charges for its services. As the Managing Director of several companies, I believe that this decision would place an unfair burden on residents, visitors, and local businesses.

While I understand that the council may face financial challenges and the need to cover the increasing costs of service provision, I believe that raising on-street parking charges is not the appropriate solution. Here are my objections to this proposal:

Impact on Local Businesses:

Increasing on-street parking charges can deter customers from visiting local businesses. In my experience as a business owner, I know that any measure that reduces foot traffic can have a detrimental effect on the success of businesses in the area.

Financial Strain on Residents:

Many residents rely on on-street parking for their daily commute or for visiting local shops and services. An increase in parking charges would place an additional financial burden on residents who are already facing rising living costs.

Negative Economic Consequences:

Higher parking charges can discourage tourism and hinder the local economy's growth. London is a vibrant city, and it's essential to maintain an environment that is welcoming to both residents and visitors.

Lack of Consideration for Alternatives:

Before increasing parking charges, I believe the council should explore other avenues to cover the increasing costs of services. This could include improving efficiency in service provision, exploring cost-saving measures, or seeking alternative sources of revenue.

I strongly urge the council to reconsider this proposal and seek a more balanced approach that does not negatively impact local businesses and residents. It is crucial to engage in open and transparent discussions with the community to find solutions that work for everyone.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and trust that you will consider the concerns raised by the residents and business owners in London. Your decision will have a significant impact on the city's livability and economic well-being.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 306

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living crisis stop!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 307

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living crisis!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 308

I object to the proposed changes.

Bad for West Malling businesses. Whatever you do don't arbitrarily introduce mobile-app meters please !

On-Street Response - Reference Number 310

I object to the proposed changes.

As previously stated, the creeping increases just keep me away these days, I now only visit when I have to visit. The use of phone apps is a pain too. Not all of us have smart mobile phones (or know how to use them). There doesn't seem to be any benefit to the user for using them as far as I can see just another premium to add to the increasing charges.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 316

I object to the proposed changes.

Constant discouragement of affordable parking will drive shoppers online or to out of town retail parks with free parking. High streets will be empty and small businesses will disappear. After all public transport is hardly reliable or affordable or convenient. Constantly penalising the motorist will kill our towns (so no rates?)

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I object to the proposed changes.

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These charges are just a way for the council to raise more money from drivers. In addition these charges will have to be patrolled by parking enforcement officers at additional cost to the council which are unlikely to be recovered from penalties imposed.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 323

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 326

I object to the proposed changes.

Nominal increases in tariffs is ok and just inflation, although I very rarely would pay for car parks choosing to shop in places where I don't need to.

It would be interesting to see how the money raised by car parks compares to business rates on the shops as what looks like a easy win with increased parking fees in an already difficult financial environment could easily advance the death of the high street.

I personally think free Sunday parking in the car parks particularly around parks should stay as they are often required for children's sport, as kids get less active day to day anything that discourages families from helping kids engage in sports is insanity.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 330

I object to the proposed changes.

How do councils come to their senseless decisions. They are destroying local High Streets and communities . Generally people will just not bother to shop in West Malling . As businesses go out of business, there will be no community charge revenue or tax revenue received from them. Please can our councils reflect the needs of the community and deliver more invocative ways of increasing their income rather than destroying local businesses and enterprises and always focusing on increasing parking fees. Surely some councillors must have better ideas than these, why do they enter politics with no imagination or fresh ideas to bring to the table?

On-Street Response - Reference Number 333

I object to the proposed changes.

Shoppers will go elsewhere or park in residential roads in west malling which are already filling up

On-Street Response - Reference Number 335

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 336

I object to the proposed changes.

You don't appear to be considering the impact on business in the high street, let alone the cost of living crisis your residents are going through. It feels like a money making wheeze at the community's expense. Have you not been observing the decline of high streets across the UK in the last few years? You should be considering how you can incentivise shopping in our high street, rather than act to disincentivise shoppers. So short-sighted....

On-Street Response - Reference Number 337

I object to the proposed changes.

See comments under 7 above, but also the council could save money by not installing parking meters.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 338

I object to the proposed changes.

These new charges are beyond comprehension, when West Malling high St is gradually becoming a ghost town, because of the type of shops we now have. TMBC have the power to stop high St shops becoming all the same, but they choose not to use it, so that can only mean one outcome, the high St dies, and when it does we know who to blame.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 340

I object to the proposed changes.

I don't think anyone should pay for parking in West Malling at all for the first 90 minutes, after that charges should be made

On-Street Response - Reference Number 341

I object to the proposed changes.

I think the costs are disproportionate for the size of West Malling high street

On-Street Response - Reference Number 343

I object to the proposed changes.

Will the increased money be given directly back to West Malling parish council to improve our High Street?

On-Street Response - Reference Number 345

I object to the proposed changes.

I don't understand the increases. Why do you need to charge more? What has got more expensive? Some of the increases are nearly 20%. You are just taxing your residents again, everything goes up, no doubt my council tax will go up as well. You need to start looking at your own operations before taking the easy route of increasing charges. Your residents are not money trees.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 348

I object to the proposed changes.

You are killing the High Street shops.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 349

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 351

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 354

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 358

I object to the proposed changes.

There is little evidence of current value for money , with arbitrary enforcement of existing measures, so why pay more for a failing service?

On-Street Response - Reference Number 359

I object to the proposed changes.

An increase in parking charges will just mean more and more people choose not to visit the high street and before to long shops will start being boarded up as yet another of this countries high streets is killed off by yet another stupid council.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 360

I object to the proposed changes.

This will prevent people from coming to the high street and significantly impact the small businesses there.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 362

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges should remain as they are.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 363

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 364

I object to the proposed changes.

There should be NO CHARGE to park at Martins Square Car Park, Larkfield, at least for the first 2 hours to allow regular shoppers to get there shopping, pick up prescriptions, donate their charity goods and use other shops etc. Please do not incur a parking fee for this carpark

On-Street Response - Reference Number 366

I object to the proposed changes.

Are you trying to drive away customers to other towns where the parking prices are much more reasonable, what is your ultimate aim? To have a thriving business community with a repeat loyal customer base that is not driven away to towns to shop

On-Street Response - Reference Number 367

I object to the proposed changes.

Just not the right time with the cost of living. Local business will suffer. TMBC need to look closer to home and make cuts and savings within their own admin areas.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 369

I object to the proposed changes.

I object to the introduction, raising and extension of parking charges in West Malling. I see this as a move to increase revenue and not stop inconsiderate parking and believe it will be detrimental to the High Street by driving visitors away.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 371

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 374

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing charges will only drive customers away from the area who will look to shop and socialise in locations with free parking particularly on Sundays and Bank Holidays

On-Street Response - Reference Number 375

I object to the proposed changes.

Depends on the rate of increase, but understand prices rise.

Don't see that you need to change the times at all, just raise prices with inflation and be done with it.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 378

(no comment supplied).

This question cannot be answered without further information: By how much? Longer term evaluation/increases?

On-Street Response - Reference Number 379

I object to the proposed changes.

In a cost of living crisis an increase in charges is inappropriate at this time. Besides, it seems that TMBC is planning to extract yet more revenue from its extension to the chargeable parking areas

On-Street Response - Reference Number 380

I object to the proposed changes.

See above

On-Street Response - Reference Number 386

I object to the proposed changes.

In a time of cost of living crises and huge inflation we need to support local businesses as much as possible and encourage people to shop local!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 388

I object to the proposed changes.

I will object to all this stupid council will try to In force on the hard working people of West Malling. Almost a communist state of Kent .

On-Street Response - Reference Number 389

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 391

I object to the proposed changes.

Bad for local businesses and local people living in West Malling with no home parking.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 392

I object to the proposed changes.

I have already detailed our objections

On-Street Response - Reference Number 395

I object to the proposed changes.

It will kill trade in West Malling, keep visitors away and lead to yet more hair dressers and nail bars!

Also the car drivers will just move into the smaller streets to park leaving residents blocked in or out of their properties.

There are concerts, weddings and funerals in St. Mary's church attended by people from outside the village - there is no car park in the Churchyard, so where will these people park if you start charging what will become huge amounts in the future.

All in all, it seems a very narrow vision on behalf of the Council

On-Street Response - Reference Number 397

I object to the proposed changes.

Exactly the same as my reasons above!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 399

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 400

I object to the proposed changes.

No. if you don't increase (or implement) the charges then you won't have to meet "the increasing costs".

On-Street Response - Reference Number 401

I object to the proposed changes.

60p on the app for half hour is already too expensive to use just for those quick pick up drop off tasks. Could you reduce half hour parking to free, and increase parking rates for anything half hour plus.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 403

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 404

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 406

I object to the proposed changes.

Will reduce visits to small business

On-Street Response - Reference Number 407

I object to the proposed changes.

In a cost of living crisis this is a ridiculous suggestion.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 408

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 410

I object to the proposed changes.

Utter nonsense as its pure profit for the council, it's definitely making a lot of money from the present scheme.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 413

I object to the proposed changes.

Having ticket wardens to enforce this through the whole day will also cost a significant amount

On-Street Response - Reference Number 416

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 417

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 418

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 421

I object to the proposed changes.

There is no reason to increase parking charges

On-Street Response - Reference Number 424

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 425

I object to the proposed changes.

See answer 7

On-Street Response - Reference Number 426

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 428

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 431

I object to the proposed changes.

This change will have a detrimental affect on the viability of the high street reducing the footfall to the shops a services during the day and hospitality sector in the evening. In addition these changes will require parking enforcement officers the cost of which is unlikely to be recovered from parking charges or enforcement penalties

On-Street Response - Reference Number 432

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 435

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 437

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 438

I object to the proposed changes.

It is not easy to find your rationale for increasing the charges, therefore I object. I think you need to be more transparent with your rationale.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 439

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 441

I object to the proposed changes.

What services are you providing? Because you're not providing much with the current revenue and if you are it's not reflected in the maintenance of the high streets. You need to prove the increase is worth these so called "services."

On-Street Response - Reference Number 442

I object to the proposed changes.

Will deter anyone from using towns and high streets for shopping / eating out using the local areas facilities. When they can go out of town and park for free at big retail outlets

On-Street Response - Reference Number 445

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 446

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 447

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 448

I object to the proposed changes.

already there is an increase in parking charges when paying using the Ring Go app, compared to the charges when paying in cash. When parking machines are not working the only option is to pay with the app. Why are motorists

On Street Parking Proposals – Annex 9.4 (Parking Charges redacted responses) being targeted again. If you want local businesses to survive and not become a ghost town of empty premises surely the focus should be on encouraging visitors and not 'stinging' them for increased parking fees. Everyone is feeling the economic slump with the increase in the cost of living and increased parking fees always seem to be the answer, not. in fact deters people from visiting.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 454

I object to the proposed changes.

Just penalise the motorist! We pay enough already so I object to higher costs

On-Street Response - Reference Number 455

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 456

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 457

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 458

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 460

I object to the proposed changes.

Nonsense

On-Street Response - Reference Number 462

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 463

I object to the proposed changes.

I strongly oppose the introduction of on-street parking charges in West Malling Highstreet and Swan Street.

When driving through West Malling I will often stop when there is a parking space on the road to quickly pop into one of the small independent shops, the post office, charity shops or to grab a quick coffee. If I had to spend the time to do the meter, especially if I didn't have much time, didn't have any change on me or the app wasn't working (the 3G/4G phone signal in the Highstreet is extremely poor), I and many others would choose to go somewhere else

more convenient instead. I have absolutely no doubt that the shops, cafes, restaurants and pubs will suffer significantly as a result of this and eventually we will lose another one of our highstreets, which already has numerous empty shop spaces. This is why I am strongly opposing these on-street parking charges.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 464

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 465

I object to the proposed changes.

As above.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 467

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 470

I support the proposed changes.

I suggest that the fee for residential parking permits increase for each additional vehicle per property starting at the first additional vehicle, not the second. I also suggest that the increase be much greater, perhaps doubling for each additional permit. I also suggest that the increase not stop at the 4th vehicle but continue to increase with every additional vehicle. I also suggest that all parking permits be subject to a maximum vehicle length and width - no larger than a standard parking bay because oversized vehicles should be deterred from regularly using on-street parking.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 471

I support the proposed changes.

Everything is going up, so why not parking charges.....

On-Street Response - Reference Number 472

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 473

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 474

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 475

I object to the proposed changes.

Not the way to help businesses during a cost of living crisis.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 480

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 481

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 482

I object to the proposed changes.

Answer already given.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 483

I object to the proposed changes.

Instead of placing yet more pressure on motorists and high street businesses, as well as local residents, the council should consider making efficiencies elsewhere as opposed to raising more revenue through parking - particularly as parking fee revenue should only be used to maintain and improve the parking offer.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 484

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 485

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 486

I object to the proposed changes.

The proposals are just a money-making exercise to try and get more money out of the people of West Malling as the Council is hard-up. If they go ahead they will really damage the high st which would be an awful pity just for the Council's greed. If you talk to people you do not hear at all that they want increased on-road parking charges. In fact they want lower charges for this. They are also not bothered about the Tesco loading bay parking situation and like it the way it is. The proposals are a very thinly veiled attempt to siphon off more money from the people of West Malling that is just not needed.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 487

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 489

I object to the proposed changes.

Stop increasing parking charges, not everyone can afford it.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 491

I object to the proposed changes.

Charges are high enough as it is. Council are ruining the business flow and prosperity of West Malling Town by introducing any further increases

On-Street Response - Reference Number 492

I object to the proposed changes.

See Above

On-Street Response - Reference Number 494

I object to the proposed changes.

Most businesses in West Malling are reliant upon passing traffic. Increase parking charges is likely to be detrimental for local traders.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 495

I object to the proposed changes.

I object to any increase in parking charges given the very concerning cost-of-living crisis and the problems that individuals and businesses are facing.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 497

I object to the proposed changes.

A 10% increase in parking permit charges is significant in the current climate and whilst preventing commuter parking, is a penalty to pay to park on your own street.

Originally, 10 visitor permit tickets were offered with every annual renewal, but was withdrawn several years ago and now visitor permits have to be purchased separately. If there is going to be a significant increase in resident permits, then to include visitor permits would soften the blow - even if it was 5 instead of 10 permits.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 498

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 500

I object to the proposed changes.

This is a disproportionate increase. I have personally lived at same address for over 22 years. I have paid for a residents permit and there is no way administration of the scheme would have increased this much over this time period....I understand...I worked government for 18 years as qualified chartered accountant with planning team for

London....the increases are unjustified.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 505

I object to the proposed changes.

In the current climate it is hard for businesses & shops to survive. Parking charges will deter people from using current facilities. Plus this also discriminates against those on tight budgets, those with children or disabilities not able to claim for the blue badge.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 506

I object to the proposed changes.

Please don't do this for the sake of the public and businesses

On-Street Response - Reference Number 507

I object to the proposed changes.

MONEY IS TIGHT ENOUGH WITHOUT COUNCILS TAKING MORE

On-Street Response - Reference Number 508

I support the proposed changes.

I accept that from time to time some adjustment needs to be made to parking charges, and the change in regime may become more acceptable if you recognise that there are many short-term callers to the High Street- particularly those attending church services.

I believe that a more strict supervision of the parking would have been more helpful in enforcing compliance in the past!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 510

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 513

I support the proposed changes.

I accept that inflationary increases are necessary

On-Street Response - Reference Number 514

(no comment supplied).

We presume that the on street parking bays will be suspended within the Road Closure area on Farmers Market days

On-Street Response - Reference Number 515

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 516

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 522

I object to the proposed changes.

Seriously just to line the council pockets? Parking fees are high enough and this is driving small businesses and residents to move away from a quaint village to bigger towns with free parking

On-Street Response - Reference Number 525

I object to the proposed changes.

at present there is no charge for on street parking in West Malling and I think that imposing a charge would be bad for the towns economy.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 526

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 527

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 528

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 531

I object to the proposed changes.

The high street is already struggling & increased charges would prevent me from visiting in favour of Bluewater or hempstead valley benefiting from free parking.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 532

I object to the proposed changes.

Shoppers won't pay they will go elsewhere

On-Street Response - Reference Number 534

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 535

(no comment supplied).

On Street Parking Proposals – Annex 9.4 (Parking Charges redacted responses)

I prefer not to answer this question directly as answering “I support” would have a tremendous impact on surrounding roads outside of the present restricted parking area and car parks. Yet I understand in part TMBC wanting to increase charges and bring WM in line with other areas in the borough. I still think the first period both on street and in the car park should be free. I agree with the email sent by the Vicar (REDACTED) dated 8/12/23 (REDACTED). This is underlined in the views of St Mary’s Parochial Church Council, which you too have received. I see no reason also to change the hours of charging the the Car park behind Tesco’s as it enables parents at present to park there and walk down West Street to the primary school before the start of charging. Introducing an earlier start to charging will exacerbate the rather chaotic way that parents park in Norman and Offham roads when driving their children to school.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 536

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 538

I object to the proposed changes.

Don't we want to encourage people to the village and the high street to support local businesses? If you keep charging them more and more for access they will just go elsewhere and our village centre will die.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 540

I object to the proposed changes.

Please see above.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 541

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 542

I object to the proposed changes.

I believe we pay councils a lot of money already

On-Street Response - Reference Number 543

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 545

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 546

I object to the proposed changes.

On Street Parking Proposals – Annex 9.4 (Parking Charges redacted responses)

When people no longer visit a thriving high street due to parking charges the community suffers, the shops close, you dont get your business rates and shoppers are forced into their cars to drive to Maidstone thus creating more pollution.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 547

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 548

I object to the proposed changes.

See above

On-Street Response - Reference Number 550

I object to the proposed changes.

People are so stretched as it is. If local parking goes up anymore the impact will just push people to use the Internet for shopping more, or to travel to larger shopping complexes where the parking is free and there is a far greater selection of shops.

It's the ease of local shopping that is a large part of the appeal. You would be taking away the appeal.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 551

I object to the proposed changes.

For the reasons as above I object to the revised charges.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 552

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 553

I object to the proposed changes.

Our Council Tax has increased so why should there be this additional levy. You have consistently increased the cost of residents permits and visitors permits whilst access to spaces reduces due to town centre house building. I understand new residents are not allowed to be added to the residents permit scheme but they bring with them visitors, services and vehicles which all use existing limited spaces. Residents are being made to pay more for less. We used to get ten free visitors permits.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 554

I support the proposed changes.

Where there is already parking charges in place I have no problem with a small increase - in line with general inflation. However I do think that Sundays and Bank Holidays should remain free.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 556

I object to the proposed changes.

I object but can understand why the council are proposing the measures.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 558

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 565

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 566

I object to the proposed changes.

By introducing these increased charges, current local residents and visitors will be driven away to other facilities such as Bluewater where parking is free. Please do not destroy our local community.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 568

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 569

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is expensive as it is - you are going to drive away customers to local shops and restaurants

On-Street Response - Reference Number 570

I object to the proposed changes.

Again, on behalf of the independent small shops and businesses I object to raised parking charges which will discourage passing trade and busy shoppers . People will go to the free parking in out of town supermarkets rather than pay more for parking in West Mallings.

We need to champion the High Street shops and support these businesses. We need to reduce car car journeys out of town which contribute to air pollution and climate change.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 571

I object to the proposed changes.

If the payment period started at 10am, i would not object.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 572

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 573

I object to the proposed changes.

TMBC really wants to stop all trading in its small village and direct people to on line and mall shopping. How short sighted is that.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 575

I object to the proposed changes.

You offer no services, there are no wardens. All you do is take rates from the borough subsidise Tonbridge, not that any of that money seems to be on show based on the dump it is.

Please let us leave TMBC when West Malling leaves the parliamentary constituency of Tonbridge and Malling. You only care about Tonbridge.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 576

I object to the proposed changes.

This would be a travesty to our town and all our local business within our community. We are a service led store, running as a Mains post office for the wider local area. Our services include ones which cannot be found at other smaller branches and hence are relied upon not only the local community but of those in and around the west kent area. From operating Passport and Travel services to DVLA to business banking and all forms of postal services, they are not traditional two minute transactions, but take a much longer time to complete. This means our customers have to travel further afield and spend a longer period of time whilst using these essential services. They already find it hard to park in town, with charges introduced they will look to do these services online or at other locations and drive all the footfall from the town. Offering a service draws in customers to a town who then can shop and eat in our independent shops and eateries, with no reason to enter the town. It will dramatically not only affect our business but have an adverse effect upon all local businesses. There is already a huge outcry for banks closing in towns and now this council wants to kill the post office and all the other retail trade within our community.

The arguments against are greater than the arguments for. Surely the monies raised for business rates and economy and the needs of the people the council are meant to serve, outway the money made from parking charges. They have an adverse effect on the community, our businesses and our livelihood. We are vehemently against and will fight it all the way.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 577

I object to the proposed changes.

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On-Street Response - Reference Number 578

I object to the proposed changes.

if there is a further parking restriction in West Malling, then I would not be visiting and will use other free parkign areas in the county. This will be a big lost to the town and their trade as a whole.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 579

I object to the proposed changes.

if there is a further parking restriction in West Malling, then I would not be visiting and will use other free parkign areas in the county. This will be a big lost to the town and their trade as a whole.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 580

I object to the proposed changes.

if there is a further parking restriction in West Malling, then I would not be visiting and will use other free parkign areas in the county. This will be a big lost to the town and their trade as a whole.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 581

I object to the proposed changes.

if there is a further parking restriction in West Malling, then I would not be visiting and will use other free parkign areas in the county. This will be a big lost to the town and their trade as a whole.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 582

I object to the proposed changes.

if there is a further parking restriction in West Malling, then I would not be visiting and will use other free parking areas in the county. This will be a big loss to the town and their trade as a whole.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 585

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 586

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 587

I object to the proposed changes.

Again it will discourage people using the great variety of businesses in the town.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 588

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 589

I object to the proposed changes.

Why discourage people from going out?!! These proposals are dreadful not just for business but for thriving community including the churches and various local groups.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 591

I object to the proposed changes.

What is the money going towards????? There are pot holes galore on the roads, poor signage . Seriously what are the council planning on spending this extra money on, as paying people we certainly don't see any benefit!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 592

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 593

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 595

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 597

I object to the proposed changes.

Everything is already so expensive!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 598

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 599

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 600

I object to the proposed changes.

We are in a cost of living crisis people will just find other places to park maybe illegally.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 601

I object to the proposed changes.

Will make School run for both my kids at west malling cofe unfeasible

On-Street Response - Reference Number 602

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 603

I object to the proposed changes.

It will kill the high st

On-Street Response - Reference Number 604

I object to the proposed changes.

I feel parking is already expensive and with finances already stretched, all you will do is push people to park on narrow residential streets.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 607

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 610

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 611

I object to the proposed changes.

If the council's reasons for introducing a tariff is because people are parking for longer than one hour, then enforce the current regulations. Do not endanger the safety and wellbeing of the whole community for the actions of a few selfish people. My concerns for the consequences for the shop owners, school community and residents are given above. I also strongly believe that the retail community in West Malling would greatly suffer if these parking proposals were implemented.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 612

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 613

I object to the proposed changes.

Current arrangements appear to be working and rates are already at a high price

On-Street Response - Reference Number 615

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 618

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 619

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 620

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 621

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 623

I object to the proposed changes.

I object to the council increasing on-street parking charges as the council is just trying to make money out of people who are already struggling and don't actually put the money to good use like fixing the potholes which also impact road users.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 624

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 627

I object to the proposed changes.

Charges are high enough already

On-Street Response - Reference Number 628

I object to the proposed changes.

Charges are high enough

On-Street Response - Reference Number 630

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 631

I object to the proposed changes.

As above

On-Street Response - Reference Number 632

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 633

I object to the proposed changes.

People will go elsewhere and the town will suffer further deterioration and empty shops.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 634

I object to the proposed changes.

The only cost to the Council is installing the payment machines. If they are not introduced at no cost then everyone is happy. Please do not proceed with these changes.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 635

I object to the proposed changes.

I honestly feel the 1 hour parking bays are a financially fair option for the shoppers to West Malling who only want to pop to the shop without wasting time and money paying for a ticket for a matter of ten - fifteen minutes.

Here at the Copy Shoppe a lot of our business relies on people coming in to order and returning to collect, which does not take long. I think we would lose custom if people had to pay parking each time they visit to do this. The 1 hour free Bays work well for these visits.

I believe if people are only staying in the town for a short period they would be put off by bay parking charges and would either go elsewhere or chance parking illegally. This would not suit our business, or the Councils.

You say that the Parking Bays are being abused by all day parking stopping spaces to be free for customers, Please could you confirm how you have received this information as I have not seen any cases of this myself, and I'm sure I would notice if the same cars were parked all day. The installation of pay machines would stop this if it is actually happening but it would not then be used by customers as many do not want to pay. So you may be left with Parking Bays with nobody using at all. This again would not suit businesses or the Council.

Ryarsh Car Park is Permit Holders only for weekdays as the cost of having a Permit is really high now, many have not renewed and the car park is always half empty. Maybe an option would be to split the car park into two, half for Permit Holders and half to be a pay and display for visitors to the town. That way the Council can make money from pay and display customers then customers would have somewhere to park if longer than an hour stay. I suggest a cash machine as our society and our Internet service in West Malling is not equipped for Ringo, and many people especially the elderly will not use Apps.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 636

(no comment supplied).

On Street Parking Proposals – Annex 9.4 (Parking Charges redacted responses)

Maybe increase charges within reason so not to put people off coming into West Malling BUT offer some free parking options ie 30-60 mins. Cost of living is just unbearable already and for people like myself a working single parent things like this would make a huge difference.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 637

I object to the proposed changes.

I really don't think there is a need to increase parking charges as its just another way in getting more revenue from people who wish to park for a short while

On-Street Response - Reference Number 638

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 639

I object to the proposed changes.

Drive the customers away.I moved here from the midlands and had seen our prosperous market town die due to the actions and greed of the council.

West malling is a lovely place and I would hate to see any more shops close and businesses fail.once it is lost it can never be returned.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 640

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 641

I object to the proposed changes.

See comments to item 7 above.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 642

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing parking charges will result in customers going else where.It has happened before, and we also have customers who can't get the through on the app for the parking charges or complain about the charges already in place.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 643

I object to the proposed changes.

Whilst I recognise that there are increased costs for the provision of services, if there is away to avoid increasing charges for the general public when we are in a cost of living crisis, it would be appreciated.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 646

I object to the proposed changes.

On Street Parking Proposals – Annex 9.4 (Parking Charges redacted responses)

Unlikely we will see where the money raised from the increases will go when there are so many other ways in which the council makes its money and needs to address. Reeks of council greed and using the parking as an excuse to take more money from local residents and businesses.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 647

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 648

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 651

I object to the proposed changes.

I would only support the increase in parking charges if this was done instead of, not as well as removing the free parking areas mentioned above

On-Street Response - Reference Number 652

I object to the proposed changes.

I understand the rationale that all costs are increasing however I don't agree with passing these on to the public for passive services which don't directly require increased costs.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 653

I object to the proposed changes.

The on street parking must remain free of charge

On-Street Response - Reference Number 654

I object to the proposed changes.

As above - my objections are the same and I worry for the local businesses. Customers are likely to shop elsewhere rather than pay to park in West Malling.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 655

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 656

I object to the proposed changes.

Again increasing charges needs to be balanced against negative impact on High Streets where reduced economic activity could wipe out any income from charges. It feels very risky as an approach since parking charging is quite sensitive in terms of influencing behaviour in some areas.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 657

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 659

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 660

I object to the proposed changes.

What exactly are these plans looking to achieve other than the appearance of a money making scheme with no benefit to the village. These are simply restricting already limited parking within the village. This will only serve to put people off visiting local businesses so they sadly will suffer. This will also again impact parents of the school... should parents now incur a fee and additional financial burden to drop and collect their children from school?

On-Street Response - Reference Number 661

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is hard in the high street at the best of times for us school run mums and dads I think its the wrong idea to charge. The surrounding areas will be affected.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 662

I object to the proposed changes.

You shouldn't have to pay it's ridiculous

On-Street Response - Reference Number 663

I object to the proposed changes.

My children are at West Malling School and parking is already a problem at pick up. You have a pretty empty car park that parents could use to move them off the roads but you refuse to change the permit times, you now want to make it even harder to park on the roads. What are you thinking. Do you want kids to get an education or do you want to make money? Ridiculous

On-Street Response - Reference Number 664

I object to the proposed changes.

If only there was a service to consider increasing the cost of !!!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 666

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 667

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 668

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 669

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 670

I object to the proposed changes.

Tax on community that will leave streets desolate, elderly even more isolated and will simply put people off from going to said location. Typically on street parking comes with a raft of rules and restrictions to. Unfortunately in this country people have the power of choice and will simply choose not to. No longer can councils rely on Banks and Post Office to bring in shoppers to their town centre tax traps.

Just looking at your tariff schedule is nauseating - why is it so complicated?

On-Street Response - Reference Number 671

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 672

I object to the proposed changes.

I believe that the charge is high enough when you look at neighbouring villages that have free car parks like larkfield Martin square, leybourne parade, east malling shops and also snodland shops

On-Street Response - Reference Number 674

I object to the proposed changes.

Increased charges will drive people away from West malling. The parking is already quite expensive.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 675

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 676

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 678

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living crisis

On-Street Response - Reference Number 679

I object to the proposed changes.

A small town that will now die off!! May as well go to Bluewater where it is free to park☹

On-Street Response - Reference Number 681

I object to the proposed changes.

It's just totally ruin West Malling and the years all the small business owners have put in

On-Street Response - Reference Number 685

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 689

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 691

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 693

I object to the proposed changes.

There have been several rises over the last few years. Time to stop.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 694

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 695

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 696

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 700

I object to the proposed changes.

There is no reason to raise parking charges. It will put people off from visiting the towns which will lead to independent businesses failing.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 703

I object to the proposed changes.

I already pay a huge amount of council tax, pay for my brown bin, pay for a parking permit and visitors permits so don't increase the fee of the residents permits!

The residents permits are not currently value for money as the wardens are scarecly ever seen enforcing the rules which makes it difficult to park in my road during the day.

What an easy option it is to keeping taxing the residents as we have no choice, we have to park; we can only object and I do object!

I will also be objecting further by not voting for this greedy Conservative council who are looking to wring every last bit of money out of the residents.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 704

I object to the proposed changes.

See my comments above in point 7

On-Street Response - Reference Number 705

I object to the proposed changes.

The council are being greedy and short sighted in it's attempt to get more money out of West Malling, it's residents, visitors and businesses. It is also not living up to it's responsibilities in terms of social inclusion. I greatly object to the proposal to increase the charge of residents permits. The rises are only just within inflation and we are all struggling already in the cost of living crisis.

The proposed charges will not be affordable to decent working class people, students, families on universal credit and pensioners. The rich people who can afford to pay the charges will still come; so will those who regularly abuse parking restrictions and park dangerously or illegally because 1. there is inadequate enforcement or 2. they can afford to pay the fines.

I am alarmed that the proposals will push parking away from the High Street and into the residential parking zones, which are already oversubscribed and the restrictions are under enforced. Revellers will be allowed to park for free in my road after 6pm and all day Sundays whereas as a resident I will be forced out onto the streets and car parks where I will have to pay charges up to 8pm. This will be on top of the permit charges I already pay. The council must consider the needs of it's residents in it's proposals and implications, as we have been rudely ignored in this.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 709

I object to the proposed changes.

It is money grabbing and daylight robbery at a time of rising costs. We pay our council tax, now you want us to pay to keep our own high street alive

On-Street Response - Reference Number 714

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 719

I object to the proposed changes.

Further price increased would only drive customers elsewhere where they could park for free; in Kings Hill or Lunsford Park. Therefore reducing additional trade in other independent shops too.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 722

I object to the proposed changes.

I strongly object to the proposed introduction of parking charges across the west malling area and to the increase of existing fees. We are currently in a cost of living crisis and these fees will have only a detrimental effect on everyone in the area! It will prevent the most venerable from being able to freely visit the villages! it will reduce footfall in all local businesses who are already struggling! It will cause local business to close like the introduction of fees has in many other local villages.

West malling has virtually no public transport system due to the council cutting costs, meaning anyone less able bodied or elderly needs a car to visit the town. Introduction of fees will have a huge impact on these people too.

The paid car parks in the area are nearly always full, and the fees are already high. How can the council state they are loosing money when they are a cash cow with minimum upkeep and are all looked after by outside operators like ringo.

I hope the council takes a good look at itself and realises that it is supposed to make decisions in the best interests of the people and business it represents and help those people not harm them more in these trying times.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 725

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 726

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 728

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 729

I object to the proposed changes.

It is already expensive enough!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 730

I object to the proposed changes.

I am a pensioner and park on the one hour spaces regularly to shop in the High Street, I cannot afford to now pay parking charges so would not shop in West Malling anymore if charges are introduced.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 731

I object to the proposed changes.

I object as this will destroy the life of west Malling. There are many local businesses that run out of west Malling, you place the parking charges in - means less people who come to west Malling. Surely we should be increasing the people supporting local businesses, not reducing.

I am very involved in the life of the church and within the week, we have many things going on, putting these parking charges means it's more stressful for people to attend the church events/services and therefore will not happen. This includes funerals...on an already very sad day, you're increasing the pressures and strains on them.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 733

I object to the proposed changes.

This will damage local businesses.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 734

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 735

I object to the proposed changes.

Introducing on street charges will encourage existing shoppers to shop at locations elsewhere offering free parking.

Feedback from customers is that they will no longer shop in West Malling out of principle, why should they pay to visit their local high street and be inconvenienced by the whole rigmarole of fighting with the poor signal and wasting time when they are just 'popping to their local shop'.

The mobile coverage is appalling in West Malling as it is with people already struggling when they park behind Tesco's - people will not park if they have to struggle with the experience.

As a compromise could the first hour not be free and keep Sunday and Bank Holidays as free of charge.

Consider amending Ryarsh Lane car park back to open to all all hours, it is never full with permit users - discount the permit for local businesses and give users an incentive to use this parking space.

Have exemptions for the elderly that do not have smart phones, cannot get to grip with the technology. A great deal of our local customers are this demographic and we need to embrace and support them, where will they go if they cannot shop locally?

West Malling High Street is the heart of our community and is worth protecting and preserving to maintain a healthy vibrant place to visit. It is well documented introducing charges to small towns has a significant negative effect on its life and wellbeing.

The predicted revenue of £50k vs annual predicted running costs of £30k plus install costs does not equate to the long term damage removing all the free parking will do. We appreciate the council needs to have alternative income streams but there must be alternative options - speed cameras on the A20 for example, or the the bypass to Kings Hill/Station?

The disruption of installing this proposed solution, the maintenance of them and the aesthetics just don't suit our small historic market town - and still the question of reception looms.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 736

I object to the proposed changes.

Increased parking costs will reduce shoppers (which is already low since 2020) and in turn result in shops closing. So in time the greed of these increases will result in no income

On-Street Response - Reference Number 737

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 742

I object to the proposed changes.

We already pay enough for a poor service. It is often impossible to find a space on Offham Road despite the current high charges. This will get worse if charges are increased for the High Street and Swan Street.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 744

I support the proposed changes.

Provided there is a two hour free parking before charges commence

On-Street Response - Reference Number 748

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 752

I object to the proposed changes.

Current Parking charges are already high and should not be increased with the current cost of living crisis. We would like our local towns to thrive with visits to them, rather than putting people off visiting.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 753

I object to the proposed changes.

The implication of increasing parking charges will cause people to be less inclined to park and use the local shops. They will go where they can park for free.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 754

I object to the proposed changes.

Don't be ridiculous. We're on our knees as a country as it is.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 755

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 760

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 762

I object to the proposed changes.

The hourly rates you propose are inconsistent. Surely a 30 minute segment has a price and it multiplies up? The price of 30 minutes is too much to be justified. The purpose of these charges should be to keep spaces free not to raise income for the council.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 767

I object to the proposed changes.

There's enough increases everywhere else not needed on street parking too!!!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 768

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 769

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 770

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 771

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 772

I object to the proposed changes.

I fail to see how increasing the on-street charges by more than the rate of inflation can be justified especially during a cost of living crisis

On-Street Response - Reference Number 778

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 779

I object to the proposed changes.

Use your council offices properly.

Stop paying so much on a non starter of a local plan.

Get your councillors to take a pay cut.

Local business should be supported not hindered.

Will just encourage more on line shopping and the death of the high streets.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 780

I object to the proposed changes.

First hour free then charge but charge too much and people will drive where they can shop and park for free, it will work out cheaper as several shops locally have their own, free, car parks.

All these things need seriously looking at again for the benefit of the residents and visitors. A sensible decision now could be seen as fair and, I believe, will actually increase the councils income.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 782

I object to the proposed changes.

people will end up going to places where parking is free or minimal and local shops will suffer.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 787

I object to the proposed changes.

At present there's no charges so an increase can't be implemented.

English Heritage would object to the installation of parking machines on Grade2 listed high st

On-Street Response - Reference Number 789

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 790

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 791

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 793

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 795

I object to the proposed changes.

Introducing on street parking charges will encourage people to go elsewhere and shop where they can get free parking.

The mobile coverage in West Malling and surrounding areas is poor, people will become frustrated with the lack of infrastructure as they already do when parking in Tesco's.

There is a high elderly demographic in West Malling and these people do not all have smart phones or are able to use the technology, they are an important customer base to us. What will they do?

To introduce a blanket 8am to 8pm 7 days per week 365 days per year shows no understanding or empathy with West Malling. At least make Sundays and Bank Holidays free of charge.

Has enough consideration been given to adding to the income flow by an alternative manner - Ryarsh Lane car park is never full, perhaps this can be shared between permit holders and regular users at all times. It seems silly to have such an asset sitting empty. Has a study been made of this?

Alternatively speed cameras could be introduced on the A20?

Feedback from our customers is that they will no longer shop in West Malling on principal. It will become too much of a hassle as by the time they have fought with the lack of mobile signal they will lose the will to complete what they have come in for.

At least offer an hour free before charging.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 796

I object to the proposed changes.

How has the "provision of the service" cost increased?!

On-Street Response - Reference Number 797

I object to the proposed changes.

There is a cost of living crisis looming, people can not afford stealth rises, this is wrong and it makes people poorer, this will make the council lose in the long term.

On-Street Response - Reference Number 798

I object to the proposed changes.

First hour should be free with a ticket showing arrival time

On-Street Response - Reference Number 800

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

On-Street Response - Reference Number 801

I object to the proposed changes.

There is no justification for yet another increase in the price of a yearly permit which has increased above the rate of inflation. The price of the permits for the scheme is only supposed to cover administration costs not be a revenue maker.

On-Street Response - Reference Number