

Off-street parking

**Evenings, Sundays & Bank Holidays**

Object to Sunday charges	Support Sunday charges	Object to Bank Holiday charges	Support Bank Holiday charges	Object to Evening Charges (until 8pm)	Support Evening Charges (until 8pm)
2180	83	2096	83	2247	17

Comment	Frequency	Rank
Deter visitors / shoppers	584	1
Impact business	368	2
Money-making	180	3
Impact village / town life	177	4
Cost of living / can't afford parking	129	5
Effect church-goers	73	6
Not specific / not relevant	62	7
Displace parking to other areas / roads	44	8
Short free parking period	29	9
No problem / no need	26	10
Staff will have to pay more	17	11
Deter car use / need to improve public transport	16	12
Already pay taxes and council tax	16	12
Limited / no evidence of issue	14	14
Evenings ok but free Sunday	11	15
P&D machines should take card payments	11	15
Ok on Sundays not evenings	6	17
Not cost-effective	4	18
Increase Council Tax rather than introduce parking charges	3	19
Free parking for Electric Vehicles	3	19
Flat £1 fee for Sunday	3	19
P&D machines are old/broken	2	22
Unfair if parking charges don't apply across the Borough	2	22
Parking costs should be included in event price	2	22
TMBC should use the same machines as Southborough	1	25
Disabled will be disadvantaged	1	25
Effort of using the machines	1	25
Should be free parking on Saturday as well	1	25
The Council should use cheaper private enforcement	1	25
Increase long-stay tariffs	1	25
Half-price parking on Sundays & Bank Holidays	1	25
RingGo needs to improve	1	25
Keep free after dark keeps it safe	1	25
Increase current charges, not charging period	1	25
Parking charges will cause drink-driving	1	25

**Revision to parking charges**

Object to proposal	Support proposal	Not specific
1942	206	8

Comment	Frequency	Rank
Cost of living / can't afford parking / too expensive	272	1
Deter visitors / shoppers	255	2
Impact business / local services	250	3
Money-making	98	4
Not specific / not relevant	69	5
There should be a short free parking period	45	6
Shoppers will go elsewhere, out of town or shop online	42	7
I support the charging proposals / seems reasonable	33	8
No problem / No need	30	9
Not evenings and Sundays	23	10
Parking will be displaced to local streets / more enforcement	22	11
Parking charges should be reduced / removed to encourage high streets	18	12
Impact village / town life	16	13
P&D machines should take card payments / work better	11	14
Limited / no evidence of issue	9	15
This will impact leisure activities e.g. Sunday football	9	15
Staff will have to pay more / staff should have permit options	9	15
Political comment	9	15
Evenings ok but free Sunday	8	19
Ok on Sundays not evenings	8	19
Visitor numbers will reduce, which will impact negatively on council revenues	8	19
Improve other transport options	8	19
Need charges across more free areas to keep overall charges lower	6	23
More flexible time / price bands for gym users	5	24
Increases should be lower for shorter time periods	5	24
Effect church goers	4	26
Shorter time bands for Haysden Country Park / cheaper parking	4	26
Retain cash option as some can't use cards / app	3	28
Remove cash option from P&D machines	2	29
Should have a 20 or 30 minute option	2	29
Parking charges at all times to encourage other transport options	2	29
Pay per minute would be fairer	2	29
EV should get free parking	2	29
Charges should be rounded to nearest £ as machines don't give change	1	34
Stop paving-over green spaces	1	34

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Rank</b>
More disabled parking needed	1	34
Less disabled parking / disabled should pay	1	34
Increase Council Tax instead	1	34
TMBC should use same machines as Southborough	1	34

**Upper Castle Field car park extension, Tonbridge**

Object to proposal	Support proposal	Not specific
866	877	19

Comment	Frequency	Rank
Climate comments/green spaces/play park/heritage site	345	1
No evidence for the need for extra parking	97	2
Non-specific / not relevant	71	3
Agree	71	3
Healthy and safety risk	52	5
Improve public transport / cycling options	33	6
Money-making	26	7
Safe footpath must be maintained and crossing	23	8
Displace vehicles to Zone J / improve enforcement in area	20	9
Economic argument, large outlay against small gain	7	10
Impact trade	5	11
Cost of living crisis	3	12
New revenue should be used instead of proposed changes	2	13
No space, leave alone	1	14
Council tax already high	1	14
Should have free 30 mins for school drop off	1	14
1hr free parking	1	14
No evening charges	1	14
Must be made of a porous substance	1	14

**Changes to Castle Grounds car park, Tonbridge**

Object to proposal	Support proposals	Not specific
620	1086	16

Comment	Frequency	Rank
Will help parking issues	69	1
Non-specific/relevant	40	2
Affecting local trade/businesses/deterrent to visit	19	3
Not enough disabled parking	16	4
Loss of play facilities / green space	16	4
Objection to charge	13	6
Should be free for those using Council services at the Castle	9	7
Money-making	8	8
There is enough parking in Tonbridge	6	9
Discourage driving / encourage public transport / cycling	6	9
Free first period of parking	5	11
Not on a Sunday / BH / evening	5	11
Improve green space	4	13
Cost of living / low incomes	4	13
More air / noise / visual pollution and congestion	4	13
Road safety concerns	3	16
Too much development	2	17
Not needed	2	17
First hour should be free	1	19
No mention of motorcycle parking	1	19
P&D must accept cash	1	19
More EV chargers	1	19
Don't extend car park	1	19
If there are more spaces, the price should be cheaper	1	19

**Extension to Aylesford Bailey Bridge (East) car park, Aylesford**

Object to proposal	Support proposals	Not specific
591	783	1

Comment	Frequency	Rank
Agree	107	1
Non-specific / not relevant	60	2
No charges	54	3
Need evidence of the need for extra parking	18	4
Climate issue	16	5
Impact businesses / visitors	15	6
Money-making	12	7
No need for it if charges introduced	10	8
Free parking for short stay (1-2) hours	10	8
Displace parking to nearby streets / private parking	5	10
No extension & no charges	4	11
No charge for parking	4	11
Visitors free parking	3	13
Car park extension should be for season tickets only	3	13
Improve safety	3	13
Free permits for staff & 2 hrs charges for others	3	13
Introduce ANPR	1	17
No change, just improve sizes of current spaces & increase charges	1	17
Free parking for residents only	1	17
Charge for parking	1	17
No charges on Sunday	1	17
No charges weekend or evenings	1	17
Agree if parking charges in Aylesford pays for it	1	17
Objects due to the costs involved	1	17
Object on grounds of fairness	1	17
Use Council Tax to pay for it	1	17
Cost of living crisis	1	17
extending the car park would be unsightly	1	17

**Charges in Aylesford Bailey Bridge car parks, Aylesford**

Object to charges	Support charges	Object to season tickets	Support season tickets	Not specific
1343	230	733	242	27

Comment	Frequency	Rank
Impact businesses and community	178	1
Non-specific / not relevant	99	2
Displace parking to other roads / private car parks	91	3
Free parking for school drop-off / school drop-off issues	77	4
Deter visitors	71	5
Needs 30 mins free parking or 1 hour parking	43	6
Money-making	42	7
2 hrs / 3hrs or 4hrs free parking (charges after?)	42	7
Cost of living crisis	38	9
Free residents & business permits	28	10
Free / cheap permit parking for those who work in Aylesford	27	11
Car park was built for residents, so residents shouldn't have to pay	25	12
No need	21	13
Pedestrian & child safety	21	13
Deter church goers	16	15
Already pay enough in Council Tax / just another tax	16	15
Parking charges should apply in all areas or in none across TMBC	14	17
Residents need allocated spaces / will penalise residents with no private parking	11	18
Expensive	11	18
Will free up short-stay spaces / charges are reasonable	10	20
No evidence	7	21
ANPR or more parking enforcement	6	22
No public transport alternative	6	22
No evening or weekend charges	4	24
Sunday charges are excessive	4	24
Not enough parking spaces / how will you guarantee a space?	3	26
Deter station parkers	3	26
Increase Council Tax	2	28
P&D machines must take card payments	2	28
Reduce costs for residents & business parking permits	2	28
1 car park residents with allocated other for visitors	2	28
Height barriers have affected businesses / displaced work vans on-street	2	28
Season tickets for businesses will prevent parking	2	28
Fixed price for station users	1	34
If pay parking, not just on App / machines must take cash	1	34
Charges at evenings and weekends only	1	34
No mention of motorcycle parking	1	34

<b>Comment</b>	<b>Frequency</b>	<b>Rank</b>
Discounted parking for elderly	1	34
More Electric Vehicle chargers needed	1	34
Charges only in west car park, keep east free	1	34
Parking charges at all times should help encourage greener transport options	1	34
Enforce overnight parking ban	1	34
Season tickets should guarantee a space	1	34
West car park should be given to Parish Council	1	34
East car park should be enforced by TMBC	1	34
School should operate a walking bus from car parks	1	34
School should have free parent spaces in car park	1	34



**Charges in Martin Square car park, Larkfield**

Object to charges	Support charges	Object to season tickets	Support season tickets	Not specific
2029	195	995	261	29

Comment	Frequency	Rank
Negative effect on local businesses / services / library	667	1
Deter customers	393	2
Should offer free short period - or reduce time limit	370	3
Displace to Morrisons / local streets	273	4
Effect local residents / increase parking on local roads	184	5
Not needed	138	6
Money-making / unnecessary	125	7
Can't afford to pay for parking / cost of living	124	8
Lack of parking at Doctors	123	9
School pick-up problem	114	10
Uncertain visit lengths at Doctors / chemists / Post office	96	11
Will affect elderly and vulnerable disproportionately	69	12
Non-specific / relevant	61	13
Residents / staff should be allowed permits	55	14
Disagree with the stated information / reasons	26	15
Agree	25	16
Why do we have to pay? / No need for charges	16	17
Parking charges should apply in all areas or in none across TMBC	13	18
Will make it difficult to go to Doctors	12	19
Season tickets cost too much	8	20
Should use ANPR	6	21
Political motivation	6	21
Charges for all or no charges	4	23
Cost of installation	2	24
Penalising NHS staff	2	24
Should prevent overnight parking	1	26
More disabled parking	1	26
Don't want hassle of parking meters	1	26
Will affect women disproportionately - hair and beauty treatments for women take longer than men	1	26
Car parks should be pay as you leave	1	26