

Off-street response – Reference number 1

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I totally object to the above proposals as it will affect all the small business in martins square who are finding it hard as it is this will be the nail in the coffin should this proposal goes ahead

Off-street response – Reference number 2

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There is not enough parking in that area already, charges would simply create more problems and make it harder for residents and visitors. It would also have a negative impact on the business's there.

Off-street response – Reference number 6

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Introducing charges will destroy the local businesses based in the Square. Stop being greedy and support the local business and communities.

Off-street response – Reference number 7

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 8

I object to parking charges.

Why can't you do free charges like you do in southborough instead of complicating things? First hour free then have to pay??

Off-street response – Reference number 10

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

As long as the fees are in line with what tmhc charge elsewhere, the extra hours income generated could go some way to reducing the increases elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 16

I both support and object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 17

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will impact local businesses with customers potentially going elsewhere. It will also affect nearby roads with shop customers parking outside the square to avoid charges

I am not against charges for longer term parking and would suggest that the first half an hour parking was free with a charge for longer term parking. This would enable us to support the local shops and businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 19

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

Parking charges should be equitable across borough. One area should not be subsidising another.

Off-street response – Reference number 20

I support parking charges.

Parking charges should be in place 24*7*365 to encourage shoppers to look out for alternate transportation modes and to help environment. Also, parking charges should be increased every 6 months.

Off-street response – Reference number 22

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 25

I object to parking charges.

Martin Square is well used I agree but it is close to Thornhills Doctor Durgery which has only a small car park . If charges are introduced people will use Thornhills car park preventing patients from parking. A better solution would be to provide free parking for 2 hours with exemptions for legitimate customers / staff. This works at Waitrose in Allington where if I have a long hairdressing appointment they can enter my car registration and I am exempt from charges. This will prevent long term parking and allow Thornhills patients and customers of the local shop to continue to have free parking. I'm sure charges would have a negative effect on the local shops and surely we should be encouraging people to shop locally.

Off-street response – Reference number 27

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have lived here for 7 years and use the square regularly. Not once have I found it difficult to find a space in the car park. The businesses in the square are very well used and to introduce charges under a three hour period would most certainly have a detrimental impact especially in these times where financially people are struggling. The car park is used by parents dropping their children at school which relieves the pressure on local roads. If car parking charges are introduced for short stay users, two things will happen. Firstly people will not use the businesses in the square as much. Secondly cars will park in the residential streets, making an already hazardous kingfisher road very dangerous. The car park is virtually empty at night.

I drive past the square daily and have never seen it completely full. The new butchers has been a great asset to the square and it would be a shame to see them suffer a loss in trade for the sake of 60 p to the council.

Off-street response – Reference number 28

I object to parking charges.

Unnecessary; people won't pay to use the shops and shops/businesses will lose money

Off-street response – Reference number 30

I object to parking charges.

I've lived here 30 years & had no issues with parking & this will have a bad impact on all shops in Martin Square...

Off-street response – Reference number 31

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 33

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 34

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

I feel that the first hour should be free... on the occasions I park there I'm rarely there for a few minutes.... If charges are immediately upon arrival I would use amenities elsewhere

Off-street response – Reference number 35

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Short sighted - residents yes but business, no.

You will prevent visitors

Off-street response – Reference number 36

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 38

I object to parking charges.

Parking should be free for the first 2 hours then chargeable.

Off-street response – Reference number 39

I object to parking charges.

Limit the parking time to 4 hours and it will solve the long stay problem. Charging for parking will reduce footfall at the shops and make people who find it expensive to clog up the roads nearby looking for free parking spots

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I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 45

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 47

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 48

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 53

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I object to the introduction of parking charges. If TMBC ignore that objection then season tickets will need to be introduced.

1. I see no evidence of long term parking. I have gone to the shops often in the car during the day time and while the car park is busy there is always an opportunity for a space. Further, I walk my dog regularly at different times of the day. The car park is often virtually empty in the evening. That suggests there is no long term parking (like you see in Snodland where there are residents who park permanently in the car park).

2. Why did TMBC give grant money to parish Councils just a couple of years back so they could improve the look of the town centres to make them more appealing and inviting, to now introduce parking charges which will deter customers from local shops.

3. As shops close down through lack of business I would want to know what TMBC will do in order to deter anti social behaviour.

4. As shops close down through lack of money will TMBC revisit their parking charges and revert?

5. As shops close down through lack of money what will TMBC do to make up the reduction in business rates that they receive?

6. For elderly, disabled, those with mobility issues, those with hidden disabilities, the parking at the shops is a necessity. Council should note that not all are eligible for blue badges, and there are also often delays in obtaining a blue badge. What provision will Council make for these people who have a need, but not necessarily the means to keep paying for parking.

7. We have a gentleman who has been living in his van in the Larkfield car park for around six months now. For him he has access to toilet facilities. I also do a food drop with excess food from supermarkets there once a week so he has access to some fresh food. I also take him additional food during the week when I am able. Where would you suggest he park if he is unable to park there? (And maybe you should take this issue up with your housing officers as he has made several applications for housing and multiple have been lost by TMBC - an appalling situation).

8. I collect excess food from supermarkets and distribute it out in the Martin Square car park every week. Are you going to charge me for my charitable work so I have to pay do to this?

9. Are you going to charge those who are in need of additional food for coming to my food drop when they are already struggling themselves?

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I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If you charge then people won't use the shops, or park in residential spaces.

Off-street response – Reference number 59

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 61

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 63

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Being charged to park in Martin Square will stop me shopping there! Why pay to park here when you can park for free at Morrisons just around the corner, and Tesco a few extra minutes drive away.

The small independent traders in the square will lose business. In turn, they will either raise their prices or just close altogether. Impacting the shoppers who don't drive and park in the square as well as those who do.

This is just another hair brained money-making scheme thought up by someone with a comb-over, wearing a tweed jacket, whose top 3 internet search history all include the word "tractor" and who doesn't have to worry about the cost of living crisis!

Off-street response – Reference number 64

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 72

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 73

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 76

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 77

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This parking charge is going to affect all the surrounding roads. People will thoughtlessly park on Kingfisher, Heron, and Swallow Roads, making it impossible for residents to get through it, park their own cars. The buses will definitely have trouble getting through. Unless you double yellow all the surrounding roads. Many people want to just pop to the chemist, the butcher, or the post office and they will be met with a charge of 60p or more. Businesses will suffer, I'll go to Bluewater where the parking is free. Martin Square car park has been free since 1965, why should we have to pay now?

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I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

As long as season tickets are free of cost. Not even nominal charges.

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I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 81

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 82

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 83

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

All car parks in the borough should be charged to users. Parking should not be free on council property.

Off-street response – Reference number 84

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 86

I support parking charges.

To encourage short term parking and use of the shops, the first hour should be free. Otherwise what will happen is that everyone will start using the Morrisons supermarket car park.

Off-street response – Reference number 87

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 88

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Free parking is a rarity in our area, and a privilege enjoyed often times by the less well off and venerable of our society. Adding to the huge financial burden we face at this time is currently not appropriate .

I do note the funding challenges but would ask for TMBC to consider other options, such as increasing charges to the larger and more affluent businesses who are based in our area.

Off-street response – Reference number 92

I object to parking charges.

Whilst I appreciate the need to cover cost involved in running car parks,

I think that charging for a short time say 30 minutes is to say the least a bad idea. Many people stop at Martin Square simply to buy a local paper or post a letter adding 60 pence to the cost of these small purchases is to my mind objectionable. A far better idea is to make the first 30 minutes free. Also when visiting the medical centre one doesn't know how long you will be there. Do you buy a ticket for 30 minutes, one hour or two who knows?

This needs a lot more thought before implementation.

Off-street response – Reference number 93

I object to parking charges.

Huge impact to business. I also think if council do go ahead then the first 30 mins should be FREE.
Enabling those more elderly and disabled to still park and collect prescriptions etc.

Off-street response – Reference number 94

I object to parking charges.

as a oap who uses the shops in martin square i think the charges should be scrapped as many people like us cannot afford to pay for parking . if you are going to charge to park how are the staff who work in the shops going to be able to afford to work as many are on minium wages ,don,t you think you make enough out of the council tax . so no to the parking charges .

Off-street response – Reference number 96

I object to parking charges.

As an overflow for surgery and access for library, I find that charges discriminate against the elderly and infirm. The car park is never full so charges are unnecessary to creation of space. Martin Square has numerous small businesses that will suffer as a result and resultant parking on the main road will add to local congestion and bottlenecks and probable accidents

Off-street response – Reference number 98

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 99

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 101

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 103

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The businesses around this car park are mostly small independent shops, the introduction of parking charges will increase their business costs in addition to increasing the costs for their staff and customers. I use this car park weekly when I shop and have never had a problem parking there. The introduction of charges for what will be a 10-15 minute stay will deter me from shopping there.

Off-street response – Reference number 104

I support parking charges.

I think parking should be free for all or all should pay across the borough. I think it is unfair on local businesses where customers and staff have to pay to park.

Off-street response – Reference number 105

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

People will simply just park in Morrisons and cut through the alley, or park in the surgery carpark or the library carpark. I've lived here for over 20 years and have never had an issue finding a place to park. There is no need to start charging people, they will go elsewhere. The Plaza Cafe and the Charity shop will suffer in particular if people stop going there.

Off-street response – Reference number 107

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Manage how long people are parking there, and issue fines if required. There is not a lot of free stuff in this world any more, what real harm does a bit of free parking do. It will turn into yet another money making scheme for the Council.

Off-street response – Reference number 108

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 112

I support parking charges.

Agree but only for long stay & a max free 3hrs should be given to allow free access to local shops & library.

Off-street response – Reference number 114

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 115

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 116

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Even though this carpark is well used the introduction for parking charges I feel has little effect in regard to the said long stay issues etc. Charges will have a knock on effect to the schools in the very near vicinity which to this day has awful issues with illegal parking in swallow Road and kingfisher Road just by the fire station on the school run times! This I feel will push the situation even further to dangerous parking and making crossing this road even worse. The carpark has a lot of traffic but I feel

to introduce charging will push people to not park and pay to and avoid altogether and use the surrounding roads causing more issues! The shops are a life line to people and have doctors, post office and pharmacy which is important to access without requiring a fee to pop in! I find this highly unfair and will create more issues for the people if this area!

The parking is not of that full capacity that people really need to pay to park! A quick loop round and someone would have moved off after a quick drop into a local shop! This I feel just makes no sense to do, it will in time ruin the businesses that reside here! If anything its a quick way to make more money to an area that the demographic cannot sustain due to the given climate!

Off-street response – Reference number 117

I support parking charges and I object to season tickets.

You should allow 1h free

Off-street response – Reference number 119

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 120

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 121

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 122

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 123

I object to parking charges.

First hour free to encourage school drop off parking and to support local shops and Gp surgeries .

No there is not a lack of space ever .

Off-street response – Reference number 125

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 129

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 130

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 134

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 135

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There is not enough there to warrant parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 136

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I object to the parking charges in larkfield, due to the fact the amount that people will be charged is just to much , plus if it was implemented there should be charges starting at half an hour charge to a 4 hour charge IE- 50p per half an hour, £1per hour, £1.80p, per 2 hours, £2.60p, per 3 hours, then £3.40p, per 4 hours, then I would most probably agree to this proposal.

I live in may street snodland and have lived here for 12 years, and since the over charge for parking at snodland train station, resident parking in may street has been a total nightmare due to commuters parking in may street to avoid paying very high cost station parking tickets, I personally would be in an agreement to buy a yearly residents only parking ticket IE- £50 to £60 per year for 2 yearly parking tickets, then 1 guest parking ticket costing IE- £25 to £30 as an option to buy, this would generate a very lucrative yearly amount for our local council coffers and help towards to rebuild a healthy council yearly budget.

I hope that my one small voice may be listened to as a resident and voter.

Off-street response – Reference number 142

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

You'll find that these car parks are not always full. You could just implement a camera which distributes tickets if people are parked there for too long.

Off-street response – Reference number 144

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

Suitable provision must also be made for the local workers who need long term parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 146

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

When small businesses are trying to stay afloat you make it harder & drive more people to shop online which makes towns empty & areas become a no go place .

Off-street response – Reference number 152

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 153

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

You do not do what people ask of the car park so WHAT do you plan to use all this money yu are going to make on?? - i am disabled and you MUST put ALL disabled bays in front of the shops it is no use having them at the top end when people like myself can hardly walk AND the 3 bays in front are continually used by NON disabled people. This will only be a great loss for the shops people will go elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 156

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 157

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Support Business, keep parking free

Off-street response – Reference number 158

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is a bad idea, it will encourage motorists to park on adjacent roads for free parking. I can see this will in turn:-

Create difficult traffic conditions for larger vehicles like Buses that use Kingfisher Road as it could become single file navigating past parked cars that have created heavier congestion points.

Create more risk for families taking children to school as they could have limited visibility if there are more parked cars when crossing the road.

Increase the number of cars more likely to park on the pavement (trying to cram into a free space) hence blocking routes for pedestrians. I've seen this happen already where parents with buggies are forced into the road to pass a parked car.

Off-street response – Reference number 159

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 160

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Why why just another cash making cow.

Off-street response – Reference number 162

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 163

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 164

I object to parking charges.

I reject any schemes to further charge motorists

Off-street response – Reference number 165

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 168

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 169

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 170

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

Short term parking will enable more customers to get to the shops therefore hopefully increasing the turnover at the shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 174

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will impact small businesses in the square and affect patients accessing the surgery and visitors to the library. It will cause more congestion around the primary schools and preschool if parents are pushed out of the car park and onto the surrounding residential roads

Off-street response – Reference number 175

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 176

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 177

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 178

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 179

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

It is manifestly unjust that you charge for parking in Tonbridge but not in Larkfield. You should be consistent across the Borough.

Off-street response – Reference number 183

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 186

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 187

I object to parking charges.

I use these shops on a regular basis, especially the chemist as 3 of my family have chronic illnesses which require regular medication. We will still attend but will not pay for parking - we would rather park on the main roads which will cause traffic congestion, especially for the buses. Nobody abuses the parking there and I can therefore see no reason for this introduction.

Off-street response – Reference number 191

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 196

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 197

I object to parking charges.

I think to prevent the long stay parking in Martin Square making charges would be effective but in order to not drive custom away from the retailers the first 60 or at least 30 minutes of parking should be free and charges only made after one hour.

Off-street response – Reference number 200

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 202

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Local people should be able to use their local amenities without being penalised. In the current climate it is another nail in the coffin for the small independents and the elderly and those with young children..... also, don't we pay council and road tax already?

Off-street response – Reference number 203

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

There should be equity of parking charges across the borough.

Off-street response – Reference number 204

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 206

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

With TMBC all parking should be charged or it all ought to be free. No some pay, some don't, fair for all please.

Off-street response – Reference number 207

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 208

I object to parking charges.

If charges are introduced in this car park it will only drive shoppers to park in Morrisons car park and reduce the number of spaces for genuine shopper's to the supermarket. Also patients for the doctor's surgery will park in there also.

Off-street response – Reference number 209

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Make the first half hour free, some people only use it to collect a quick prescription or use local business. This will drive out local business and drive people away. Some people have to drive and cannot walk.

Off-street response – Reference number 210

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 211

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 216

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 217

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 220

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 222

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 224

I object to parking charges.

I sometimes work at Larkfield Library and find it hard enough to park without charges. If you start charging customers the streets around the shops and library car park will be very congested. I think this is a very thoughtless and terrible idea.

Off-street response – Reference number 225

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 229

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 230

I object to parking charges.

Use this car park for quick trips to the pharmacy and supermarket. Can always find a space so not sure why anything has to change.

Off-street response – Reference number 231

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

As someone who uses the service of a business in Aylesford this would severely put me off of keeping my business. Finances are extremely tight and I would be better taking my business elsewhere where there are no parking charges.

With regards to the businesses having to pay to park - if they lose customers over this parking charge then how are they going to afford to pay for the parking.

It seems like you'll end up with a business free Aylesford so you can bulldoze it and sell off the land for flats.

Maybe you could consider adding a time limit for cars which do not display a working permit (a permit which is free for those who work in the businesses)

Off-street response – Reference number 232

I object to parking charges.

If going to introduce parking charges at least make first hour free if not I for one will stop using shops it not fair on the small traders who will lose customers

Off-street response – Reference number 234

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 236

I object to parking charges.

I use this car park to visit a number of shops in the square. I have never had a problem with finding a parking place, which goes against your reason for bringing in charges. If the issue as stated is long term parking why not only charge for parking over 3 hours. By charging for all parking you will significantly impact on people using the local shops, why do we need to pay for collecting a prescription, visiting the butchers, collecting a take away. These charges will make me think twice about using these businesses when I can go elsewhere and not have to pay extra. What will happen is people wanting to pop and pick something up from the shops will park on the surrounding streets causing chaos for local residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 237

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 238

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 240

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I am a Larkfield resident of 13 years. I use Martin Square car park a few times a week - at different times of the day - to pick up the children from school, to use the amenities, to take neighbours to the doctors and to take bags of donations to the Heart Of Kent Hospice shop. *I have never had a problem parking*.

In fact, I have just parked here now, to pick my children up from school, on my way home. I dispute the reasoning that long-term parkers are preventing others from using the car park.

One of my concerns is this - if Martin Square becomes a chargeable car park, then a large number of parents and carers will park along the local residential roads and create havoc for traffic and pedestrians alike.

In my view, there is no need to create a chargeable car park in Martin Square.

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I object to parking charges.

I park there whilst visiting the library and taking items for donations to the Heart of Kent Hospice

Off-street response – Reference number 244

I object to parking charges.

If charges have to be introduced "to help turnover" and stop long stay parking, then there should be a period of free parking. Up to 30mins for example. I would rather the council say they want to make money, rather than make it sound like they're trying to help local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 245

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Won't be able to afford the parking fees

Off-street response – Reference number 247

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

The car park in Martin Square allows for a significant number of employees from local businesses to park whilst they are at work. The car park allows for these businesses to attract employees from outside the local area and who themselves also support the shops nearby in purchases during lunch breaks and after work. The introduction of parking charges to the Martin Square car park will only lead to vehicles being parked in local roads in an effort to avoid these charges. Contact should be made with businesses in the surrounding area to gauge which of their employees use the car park on a regular basis. The council can support these businesses by issuing a limited number of permits to the staff to avoid any parking costs.

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I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 251

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 252

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

You will drive people away from supporting the village the cost of everything the value of nothing.

Off-street response – Reference number 255

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 256

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 257

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 260

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 263

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

More effort should be made to stop the long term parking in this car park. The shops, surgery and library should be accessible.

Off-street response – Reference number 266

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 269

I both support and object to parking charges.

If the intention is to prevent long-stay parking, providing season tickets is counterproductive and contrary to the stated aims.

Off-street response – Reference number 270

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Objection: The car park is rarely full. Local businesses will lose trade as people will go elsewhere, the Thornhills car park and Morrisons car park will become too busy. With Thornhills this could have a negative effect on health with people being unable to attend vital appointments or lateness for these appointments. If collecting prescriptions it can be difficult to ascertain how long you need to park for. The surrounding roads will become dangerous with cars being parked and blocking the road/view which is already a difficult road. Residents who are already living in the flats, some on low income should not have to pay for parking as a new addition to the current cost of living crisis.

Off-street response – Reference number 274

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 276

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 280

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 281

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 283

I object to parking charges.

I regularly go to Martin Square, I use the Library/Post Office, and other local businesses, I have never had trouble parking there. The main reason I choose those places is for the free parking. Many of the trips are brief, less than 20 minutes, if there was a parking charge it would actively discourage me from going and I would take my business elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 284

I object to parking charges.

The roads around Martin square will become congested with people parking to avoid charges especially around school drop off and pick up times

Off-street response – Reference number 285

I object to parking charges.

Will push cars into surrounding area and kill off Aylesford Gillian's Martin square

Off-street response – Reference number 286

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I care for my mum who lives in The Ferns, Larkfield. When well, she walks to the Square but when unwell or following chemo she needs to go by car. If she had to pay, like most people in the current economic climate, she would either park at Morrisons to access the Square or not use these local businesses at all and go elsewhere where parking is free such as large supermarkets. Putting a charge in place would increase the amount of parking on the surrounding residential roads which are already like a slalom to drive along.

Free parking is essential to keep this local hub surviving.

Off-street response – Reference number 288

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 289

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

In comparison to Tonbridge this is a small parade of shops with local businesses that need our support more in the current climate than the car park.

Residents of the square are socially housed and are the vulnerable of society i.e disabled, single parents, elderly. We need to look after these people not charge them £292 to park outside their own homes.

The surrounding streets cannot house more cars which will be the case as people will not pay to collect a prescription or visit the butchers

Off-street response – Reference number 290

I support parking charges.

I support a charge to prevent all day Parker's that are not shopping locally but to charge from the point of entry will stop me shopping locally as I will not be bothered to pay for a short stop. I think a scheme where it's free for the first hour or even two hours and then charge to stop people leaving their vehicle there and going elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 291

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 292

I object to parking charges.

By charging shoppers who are short term parkers using the chemist or shops you are going to stop us using our local shops. Why can't you allow shoppers an hours free parking. Then after one hour charge. This will stop the long term car parkers

Off-street response – Reference number 297

I object to parking charges.

This will stop people visiting short term to pop in for a take away, a newspaper , using the post office , picking up prescriptions, supporting the charity shop or using the excellent butchers. That's before longer stays for the doctor , dentist , hair appointments. It will probably be the end of the library that was fought for to stay open.

The roads around the square are terrible as it is - Kingfisher Road will be interesting! It's like a slalom run already and it's a bus route.. add to that the school runs and the roads around from the parents of 3 schools and a pre-school! I look forward to avoiding the whole area at that time...

I personally am unlikely to now visit for a takeaway when there's others in the area that I can visit for free. I've started using the butchers but that will just become an addition to my Tesco visit. I'd often go to browse in the library and pop to the charity shop but I wouldn't do that if there were charges.

I'm not even sure it's just the cost, it's the inconvenience as well if you're just popping there.

It's really disappointing that this is being considered. I feel sorry for the businesses that help make a little community for Larkfield. We'll end up with empty shops or more estate agents like West Malling, with all the community sucked out of it.

Off-street response – Reference number 298

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 300

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Introducing parking charges will push parking to other places, Morrisons or on street parking. It is an inconvenience to have to pay 60p when just popping to the Drs or Pharmacy, even when using an app (which charge and additional fee). I have never struggled to find a space in this car park, so I suggest there isn't a need to discourage long term parkers. The high street is struggling enough as it is. All parking in the Borough should be first 60 minutes free.

Off-street response – Reference number 301

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 302

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 303

I object to parking charges.

There is already enough cars parked dangerously on the school run this will

Make it worst and also working parents need to drop and get to work on time, I would not be able to do this if I had to walk.

Paying twice a day is unfair for school drop off/ collections, first 30 mins should be free

Off-street response – Reference number 304

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 307

I object to parking charges.

Should be free for Atleast 30mins so people can quickly pop to shops or get their prescriptions.
People will also park on streets near by causing more traffic on the roads.

Off-street response – Reference number 308

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 310

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Introducing parking charges in Martin Square car park will kill trade, which in turn will see a drop in parking revenue.

Parents are going to struggle finding somewhere park, as it's bad enough now.

Yellow lines will take over every road on the estates nearby and the extra traffic from the Pannetoni business site and new houses will make it impossible to drive or park anywhere.

As a side note, and obviously a concern for me, (REDACTED) Larkfield Community Group, it will mean the Light Up Larkfield at Christmas event will no longer be able to go ahead. This is a community event that brings people of all ages together, so if we have to cancel this it will be just another nail in trying to keep our fragile community together.

Apart from parents, trying to drop their children off at school, this will impact the elderly a great deal.

There is a large elderly population in Larkfield many of whom struggle to walk to their cars, let alone to the shops.

These are people most likely to need to use the doctors, pharmacy, hairdressers and newsagents.

If they have to pay to park in the square, probably by card or phone, they will not be able to access the services they need.

This means they will end up being isolated and lonely.

We already have a large number of people who are housebound in our area, and this will only increase the burden on social services.

Many people around the Square are elderly and rely on carers, a couple of times a day, who park outside their homes

Finding a parking space is already a problem for them, charging for parking round the square will create traffic chaos as they try to park in surrounding roads.

Charging for parking in Martin Square will have a huge impact on many people not just the shopkeepers. [OBJ][OBJ]

If charges are introduced, which I sincerely hope they aren't, then AT LEAST the first 30 minutes should be free.

The impact on the takeaways from charging until 8.00pm will be huge, Martin Square will become just another decaying shopping precinct, which in turn will encourage vandalism and ASB, thus impacting greatly on the residents living in and around the square. It's bad now, but it will end up being a no go zone at night.

The library will not be used as much and I expect if this happens KCC will decide to close it to save money. It's been mentioned many times before and this will just be the excuse they need.

Parking charges in Martin Square will decimate Larkfield as we know it.

Think again!

Off-street response – Reference number 311

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

I agree with the charges: car parks near crucial community amenities shouldn't be used for the storage of private vehicles.

Off-street response – Reference number 312

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 315

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 318

I object to parking charges.

Parking charges will :

1. Decimate the shopping area, which is currently thriving,
2. Discourage people on limited income from venturing to the shops, cafe, papershop etc
3. Will cause problems for patients trying to park at the surgery, as shoppers will park there
4. Will deter people attending the hairdressers, for potentially extended periods,
5. Will squeeze more cars onto side roads, and potentially cause problems for buses,
6. Will cause a problem for resident parking and school parking.

All the above will negatively be affected by parking charges in the Square. Larkfield is a busy residential area, and Martin Square needs to be readily, and freely, available to those residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 319

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I believe introducing parking charges will affect the local businesses, I am disabled and already struggling and would not be able to walk from my home to Martin Square.

Off-street response – Reference number 320

I support parking charges.

All car parks across the Borough should have the SAME parking charge system - not a higher rate in Tonbridge.

Off-street response – Reference number 323

I object to parking charges.

So many people tend to pop to the shops ie butchers, chemist, doctors etc. Charging for under an hour is an unnecessary cost. All that will happen is people will park around the local roads making residents lives a misery. Will also be dangerous at school run times, without option for parents to stop off in the mornings to drop kids

Off-street response – Reference number 325

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 326

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 327

I object to parking charges.

The car park should have charges to eliminate long term free parking but must have an initial period of free parking of half hour to one hour to allow local residents to use the shops for small shopping and prescriptions and so on.

Off-street response – Reference number 328

I support parking charges.

I support charging but not the first two hours. Charging from point of entry will prevent me from going to the butchers, post office, picking up prescriptions or getting a takeaway. It's not the cost it's the inconvenience of doing it. If parking for two hours onwards prevents long term parking where people are not shopping locally then I approve.

Off-street response – Reference number 329

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 330

I object to parking charges.

I use car park to take my elderly father to betting shop/Doctors as all he has in his life also I take my Daughter to the Dentist & they are never running on time, also go there to use the shops and take away ☹

Can't you consider if you have to the first one hour free? ☹

Off-street response – Reference number 331

I object to parking charges.

Give one hour free then charge thereafter which solves the long term parking concern

Off-street response – Reference number 332

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If parking isn't free people will just go and shop in the big tesco where parking is free and local businesses will suffer as a result

Off-street response – Reference number 335

I object to parking charges.

I will not be using the shops at Martin Square if I have to pay for parking. I only ever use the car park to use the shops and definitely no longer than 30mins. I think the first hour should be free or at the very least the first 30mins then payment after that.

Off-street response – Reference number 341

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 343

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 344

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 345

I support Season Tickets.

People register births in the library, a free stay of 30 mins or so would be good.

Off-street response – Reference number 346

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 347

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will cause shops to close because the customers just won't pay even 60p to park just to go into the post office or butcher's. It's yet another tax on drivers! I'm disabled and just can't walk to work PLUS with the charges I will be paying out 2/3 hours wages just to be there. Thought government wants disabled people to work

Off-street response – Reference number 350

I support parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 351

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 353

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Residents and businesses all ready have enough to pay out. They get very little for the exorbitant prices charged. If T&MBC carry on with these proposals people will find cheaper places to shop and live.

Off-street response – Reference number 354

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There are a number of reasons for my objection to the charges.

1. There is not enough parking available at the doctors surgery meaning I always have to park in the Martin Square car park to go to the doctor or collect prescriptions from the pharmacy. This now means I have to pay to visit my doctor, on top of the NI I already pay towards the NHS and the high prescription charges for adults in England.

2. The local businesses will loose out as I will not park there to visit the businesses, not just because of the charge but also the extra time to make the payment, when I may only be in the car park for 5 mins. What would make more sense is 20 minutes free parking, this would still then allow us to continue to support the local businesses.

3. The roads around Martin Square will without doubt become crowded with parked cars trying to avoid the charges of the car park. With two schools, a pre school and the fire station nearby, this is a real hazard along rounds that are already tight to get around.

4. Morrisons will have to start making stricter charges due to people parking there instead and walking through, so they will also end up loosing business eventually.

5. Residents and businesses should not have to buy season tickets to live and work in Martin Square. This isn't acceptable, even at a 'reduced rate'.

Off-street response – Reference number 356

I object to parking charges.

Martin Square is used by the local community. It is used by people popping into the chemist to get their prescription/medication. It is used by people getting their daily paper or using the post office. It is used by people visiting the library, the butchers, the hairdressers, the cafe, the bookies, the bike shop and the takeaway food shops and obviously the doctors as their car park is not big enough for the amount of people they serve due to you building too many houses in the area and no infrastructure. All these people are not spending huge amounts of time in the car park. Indeed I always get a space whatever time of day. People using the doctors will become anxious if their appointment is not on time as is often the case, or the queues are long in the post office or the wait is long for a prescription. People will use the Morrisons car park who offer a free two hours. People will use the local roads which will become even more difficult to drive down. I think you go round seeing where money can be made. This is nothing to do with helping the people that live in this area. I think it is disgraceful and discriminatory against people who need to use the services provided, need to use their car as the walk is too far. The bus service is expensive and not reliable. Think again TMBC. This is not necessary.

Off-street response – Reference number 358

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 359

I object to parking charges.

I think the charges will stop people just popping to the local shops,that will affect the local businesses.People will park in Kingfisher Road and surrounding roads causing conjection.

Off-street response – Reference number 361

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 363

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 368

I support Season Tickets.

Allow residents unrestricted access, but shop visitors a charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 369

I object to parking charges.

This will completely kill business to martin square and will mean people can not park to go to the doctors pick up a prescription the doctors usually run late so how much time do you pay for by all means have 1 hour free then pay but you will shut down all the businesses if you charge for any parking at all!

Off-street response – Reference number 370

I object to parking charges.

The introduction of a fee for short visits to use the local shops will reduce the footfall and people will move to the supermarkets that have free car parks. To avoid the loss of these local shops there should be a free parking period of 30 minutes to allow those that are genuinely using these important local resources to continue doing so.

Off-street response – Reference number 372

I object to parking charges.

I believe this will have a negative effect on residents and traders alike particularly those people unable to easily walk to the shops and who have to come in a car. This car park is used by people both visiting the shops, library and doctors surgery. I've never not been able to park and this is just a scheme to raise money for TMBC.

Off-street response – Reference number 378

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 380

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is a bizarre thing to do the shops will suffer cost of living is expensive enough and I can't see how you can make people pay to drop their child to school some people live here and will not be able to afford to pay for the parking the surround small roads will have a massive impact and will become

congested, buses and bin Lorrie's also use these routes and people will park anywhere even blocking roads let's not forget emergency services need to get through these roads

Off-street response – Reference number 382

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 385

I object to parking charges.

Killing retail and leisure - it will only benefit Amazon, as eventually you will lose rates from buildings also, and will just have more flats in place of shops

Off-street response – Reference number 386

I object to parking charges.

We use the car park mostly for visiting the doctors as the doctors car park is usually full and it's usually because I am taking my poorly daughter and don't want to be worrying about getting a ticket just want to get to my appointment. If there are charges then more cars will be parking on the road and there are already many accidents there now.

Off-street response – Reference number 387

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

As a local resident, I will not use the local shops at Martin Square if parking charges are introduced, opting to use other local shops that have access to free parking.

As an employee at a local school, I know that parents use this parking to reduce the traffic surrounding the local schools. If parking charges are introduced, this will stop parents being able to do this and increase the traffic and parking on both Kingfisher and Swallow Road. This in turn will create a more dangerous area for our communities children on their journey to and from school.

Off-street response – Reference number 389

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 392

I object to parking charges.

Allow the first hour to be free to keep businesses in business. I will no longer pop into the shops if you start charging, yet again council making money. Sort out your employees first and get rid of the fat cats taking our council taxes.

Off-street response – Reference number 393

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This proposal Will further impact low income households already struggling with cost of living crisis. There are essential service provided to the patriots of this car park- including the doctor's surgery, pharmacy and health centre. Where expectant mothers and mothers with new born babies have to travel from around the region to see the midwife, as local provisions have been removed (lose of contracts in gp surgeries, resulting in midwife's being unable to see them in their named gp practice, so a central hub as been set up at larkfield medical centre) , So reduced access to alternative health care for these services, then an increase in travel costs plus added parking charges- could results is disengagement to some already 'hard to reach' families. So impacting on the key aims of the healthy child programme initiative of the government.

Also many local parents of school children that use this car park for 10-15 mins twice per day, would have to either find the money to drop and collect their children from school. Alternatively it will result in chaos in surrounding roads, as finding an additional £1:20 a day (£6 a week, £36 a term) for dropping children to school will increase the likelihood of dangerous, irresponsible parking in surrounding area. So unless resident parking is imposed and policed, it's going to lead to complaints and endanger the children in local community. So is a safeguarding risk to our children.

Off-street response – Reference number 395

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will stop people using the local shops and they will go to Tesco or Morrisons instead. This is purely a cash grab and nothing to do with freeing up spaces used by long term parking. I have been to the car park for several years at every single time of day every day of the week and never not been able to get a space. If you want to stop people over staying then patrol the car park with CEOs to enforce the 23hr stay rule already in place.

Off-street response – Reference number 396

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It is unfair to place parking tariffs in a parade of shops that serves a local community. It would have a negative impact on those who live in the flats above the shops. The charity shop that is there would be negatively affected as people can go to other ones which you do not get charged for. This affects not only the older population but also those who can only shop in charity shops. It has a negative impact on all businesses in and around the parade of shops that serves the local community.

Off-street response – Reference number 397

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 400

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 402

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will cause unnecessary issues for visitors to the area. Most are only visiting for a short period (post office, pharmacy, collection of food) so there is a high turnover of spaces. Even at peak times (school run) there are spaces. Introduction of charges will unfairly penalise people for a brief stay and it will not encourage use of alternative transport but just push the parking to side roads and other areas causing congestion and problems for other residents. Consideration should be given to having the first hour of parking free, and a minimal charge for the next hour.

Off-street response – Reference number 404

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 405

I object to parking charges.

I think free parking encourages people to use the businesses in the area. They will suffer. I personally will choose to go where there are no charges, i.e out of town shopping, retail parks with free parking or shop online.

Off-street response – Reference number 406

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is a crazy idea that will impact all the businesses but more importantly the ability for people to collect medicine and attend health appointments. You will create carnage in the surrounding area. I cannot see it working practically. If you are bothered by long term parking find out who that is. And deal with it.

Off-street response – Reference number 407

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 408

(no comment supplied)

No interest

Off-street response – Reference number 411

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I accept you will charge but the first 30 mins being 60p is silly. Should be first hour is free. That means people can still shop, go to the post office or library etc without having to pay. A lot of trade will be lost by charging. Where will the residents park cars in the evenings and at night. I can't see them paying £300 almost a year. They will park cars in kingfisher or by the primary schools making other roads congested.

Off-street response – Reference number 412

I support parking charges.

I support the move on the basis that Tonbridge parking prices are not increased. I firmly believe that Tonbridge should not be subsidising the rest of the borough with free parking when we pay through the roof to park in Tonbridge.

Off-street response – Reference number 414

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Stop trying to find ways of stealing off the public

Off-street response – Reference number 417

I object to parking charges.

I have lived in the area for 30 years & believe that Martin Square is a hub for the community for all. Due to the current cost of living, some are only just keeping their heads above water introducing parking charges will be impossible to pay for some. I also believe that the surrounding roads will become parking areas which will have a huge impact on other residents, bus routes and also increase the parking for parents dropping children off to school. Think it will hugely impact the local business in the square as people will think twice before going. Morrisons main car park would also be full with people parking there instead.

Its absolutely a stupid idea to introduce charges, think again please.

Off-street response – Reference number 418

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 421

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Whilst I object to the current proposal I do agree that there should be a charge for extended parking. The current proposal of charging from minute 1 is not reasonable there should be a 30 or 60 minute grace period especially to support the local businesses as there are too many independents being squashed out the market by high rates/rents and multinational companies. As a council you should be supporting local business not putting additional barriers in their way my proposal would enable people to park and attend the local businesses, pharmacy and/or doctors and in my case be able to drop an infirm relative off without having to pay a charge. I was going to also suggest a no return policy but not sure how this would work unless you do provide a dedicated drop off and pick up location

Residents and workers should be able to purchase an annual ticket but not at inflated rates but at the cost of administrative expenses which can be no more than £50 per year. Obviously they will have to prove residency and businesses would have to evidence employment eg wage slip

Off-street response – Reference number 422

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 424

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 425

I object to parking charges.

Myself and my family love to use the local shops but will sadly end up using the supermarkets more as they have free parking. This is unfair on the local traders. I support paying after 1 or 2 hours to avoid people using the car park for other reasons than using the amenities.

Off-street response – Reference number 426

I object to parking charges.

People accessing the doctors , chemist and local shops which include elderly , disabled and young families will suffer along with local businesses if charges apply. It's another tax on the people which will not only be a financial burden but a physical one to the vast majority This car park should as it services the hub of Larkfield remain free to all .

Off-street response – Reference number 427

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 429

I object to parking charges.

The danger is that introducing car parking charges at Martin Square could be the last straw for the small shops there. The manager of the charity shop thought not only would customers be deterred, but this proposal would severely impact people making donations. If you are going to introduce charges, make the first hour FREE, as most people just pop into the shops for a few minutes. Then go ahead with charges to deter long term parking if you must.

Off-street response – Reference number 430

(no comment supplied)

I don't live close to, or use, this car park

Off-street response – Reference number 433

I object to parking charges.

I feel that if charges need to be brought in to use the car park they should only target long stay customers NOT working at the local stores and residents. To introduce parking for anyone using the car park for less than 3 hours would dramatically affect the number of people using the shops and

library at the square which would be negative for the local area. With cost of living affecting so many, it will push people from using the square and push them towards Tesco, Morrisons etc where parking is free.

Off-street response – Reference number 434

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use this car park for post office pharmacy or take away. The type of shops are ones where a 20min visit is usually sufficient. I object to parking charges for first 30 mins but accept it may be necessary for charges for those staying 30mins or more.

Off-street response – Reference number 436

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 437

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 438

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object to these charges for many reasons. Firstly, people that rely on using the local shops, doctors surgery or library will struggle to use the services if they have to pay to park. So many people are already on the breadline and having to pay a charge just to go to the doctors or pick up a loaf of bread will be unreachable for them. The shops will also suffer and, long term, this will end up with empty units increasing the risk of anti social behaviour in the area.

Many parents also have no choice but to use the car park for the school run each day. An extra £1.20 a day will be unrealistic for some which will, no doubt, lead to more absences from school for children. On top of that, the local community will be unsafe during school times where people will have no choice but to park on the surrounding roads causing danger and chaos.

Off-street response – Reference number 440

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 441

I object to parking charges.

1) As a former teacher at a local school, I have witnessed the chaos created by parents/carers dropping off and picking up their children by car. Many parents use Martin Square car park at each end of the school day to help limit this. Introducing a parking charge (£1.20/day) will, without doubt, deter people from using this sensible solution to a potentially dangerous situation. This in turn will increase the number of cars using the roads immediately surrounding the local schools, therefore

increasing the potential for a serious accident. A possible solution would be to allow free parking for the first 30 minutes.

2) “Evidence that some car parks are frequently full with cars parked for long periods which makes it harder for shoppers and visitors to find spaces”

This is surely not an argument that can be used for Martin Square! As a regular visitor, I have NEVER had difficulty parking, even at peak school times. Solution: introduce a limit (2 hours?).

Off-street response – Reference number 445

I object to parking charges.

I have always found space to park. It also serves the clinic and GP surgery.

Off-street response – Reference number 446

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 447

I object to parking charges.

As a resident of the area and (REDACTED) Thornhills Medical Practice Patient Participation Group, I object to these charges being imposed.

The practice parking area is for patients only and will not be subject to these charges. Therefore, people will park in the practice spaces meaning that patients will be forced to pay for appointments. Should a patient become unwell or as so unwell that they need an ambulance to be transferred to hospital (whilst attending the practice), there is no provision for their vehicle being left without an appropriately paid for ticket.

The car park is rarely, if ever, at full capacity and most people park for less than 20 mins to attend either the pharmacy or the post office.

Parents park here AM and PM to avoid parking off street on the road near the two primary schools and the nursery. Having to pay to park at this location will mean these cars will park off street on the nearby roads, causing issues and opening up potential incidents of harm to children attempting to cross roads without clear visual sight of the traffic using the roads around the parked cars.

The impact this proposal will have on the local commercial and retail spaces will be detrimental to their business. Customers will simply go elsewhere and this will impact revenue.

There is no mention in this proposal for the digitally excluded, people with no access to a smart phone and would be unable to pay.

Nor is there any details about how the parking fees will be regulated, which will cost the council more in the long run.

With the exception of a season ticket, which during a cost of living crisis may have a detrimental impact on their take home pay. Thereby meaning staff will be lost from both the GP practice and the retailers.

Therefore, I sincerely object to this proposal on the above basis.

Off-street response – Reference number 448

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Free parking and parking availability is ALWAYS a reason why shops local to the parking do so well. When people want to "quickly pop to the shops" they do not want to have to pay on top of their shopping costs. It will only deter shopping there and send them to the FREE car parks at the large supermarkets, causing the demise of the local shops. EXTREMELY short sighted. If parking charges are REALLY only to prevent long term parking (which I extremely doubt!) then give, say, two hours free parking before charging.

Off-street response – Reference number 451

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Having volunteered at the Heart of Kent Hospice Charity Shop for the last 10 years, it would cost almost £5 to do a shift at the shop if parking charges were introduced. It would also mean that donors would have to pay for the privilege of giving goods to the Charity and prospective purchasers will be unlikely to visit the shop if they had to pay to park whilst doing so. It will also affect Blue Badge holders who need to use the Post Office, quite often these might be people who cannot afford parking charges. In my opinion, people who need to come by car will be more likely to shop elsewhere if they have to pay to park and these businesses will suffer.

Off-street response – Reference number 452

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

It will help to find a parking space as they won't all be used by commuters

Off-street response – Reference number 453

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 458

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 459

I object to parking charges.

There is no reasonable public transport alternative, we are in a cost of living crisis, it will discourage people from coming into the area to visit local businesses and penalise the people that work and live here. The cost of maintaining a car park is surely lower than running a functional, consistent, and frequent bus service which you do not. Also, this is going to cause people to find other places to park, potentially blocking roads and views of junction, leading to increased congestion and a safety risk in an area that is severely lacking in on street parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 462

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

A small number of spaces are currently used by residents of the Square which allows businesses to park at the rear of their shops. If charges were introduced then residents will take over this limited space by the garages thus forcing businesses to have to pay for daily parking. This will have a knock on effect by probably causing employees to resign as these costs would not be viable for them to pay out of their wages especially given the economic climate. It will also impact on the numbers of shoppers attending the Square which will have a major impact on smaller businesses such as the Heart of Kent Hospice Shop, Larkfield Cycles and the newly opened Butchers.

Off-street response – Reference number 464

I object to parking charges.

Why not do a similar scheme to the carpark in Paddock Wood where the first hour (or 2) is free with a ticket and then charge for longer stay. Then the shops and local businesses won't lose out on custom.

Off-street response – Reference number 465

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object to both proposals (the second of which is irrelevant without the introduction of the first).

Evidence from boroughs in which these measures have been introduced or have been in operation 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 closures of local high street businesses, particularly small independents. It makes no positive contribution, such as turnover, as many people will simply not go to those places if they have to pay.

Where these measures have been introduced near parks and similar open recreational facilities, use of those facilities has dropped and, in several cases, to the extent that they have been sold for redevelopment.

By all means introduce reasonable free parking time limits based around the time that it would reasonably take people to shop in the (already very limited) stores in a local high street and/or stop for a drink or a meal - the principle of free out of town centre and supermarket parking - but charging for parking, unless the cost can be redeemed against that of using a local outlet, is almost invariably to the detriment of local businesses. A free, reasonable time limit is what is more often than not actually evidenced to increase turnover.

As for the very idea that these measures are intended to make the cost of parking fairer across the borough and avoid users of already paid-for car parks and on-road spaces carrying the burden for those that are free, that would insinuate that costs for parking in those existing areas would be reduced by the amount of revenue from any new paid-for parking areas that may be introduced, in order to make the share fairer. Instead, the plan is to increase the charges for parking in these.

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.

Off-street response – Reference number 469

I object to parking charges.

As a frequent user of the car park at St Martins square for short visits to the shops there I object to the introduction of parking charges. I personally have never had an issue finding a parking place and believe the introduction would have the following negative consequences. 1- significant impact to the neighbouring roads to St Martins square which will see an increase to people parking in the roads to avoid the charge. 2- local businesses (already struggling) will see a reduction in food fall and push more customers to supermarkets where parking is free. 3 - local roads will become more congested and have a higher risk of accidents as cars and buses will have to navigate around an increase of parked cars on the roads. 4- to penalise local residents by making them pay for parking and who already pay a significant amount in council tax with very little to show for that money in the way of services is morally reprehensible. I fail to see what these apparent high costs of running these car parks are. They are already established! As far as I'm concerned this is simply another example of greed from our out of touch council.

Off-street response – Reference number 471

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 472

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 475

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 478

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 479

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

More shops & Business will close. Parking charges are killing the high street.

Doesn't the council get enough out of the residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 483

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I work in Betfred at Martin square from last 4 years. I live far so that's why I drive to work. I can't afford paying £8 day for parking. I do inform the company so they even refuse to pay for the parking. Which means if I work here it's gonna be too expensive for me to come to work. Which is roundly £290 a year. When on the other hand I got kids and family to feed and pay my all monthly bills and mortgage so I totally disagree with the decision of making Martin square as a parking paid zone.

I hope you will understand my appeal because then I have to leave this job and look for some other job.

Regards

Umair Anjum

Off-street response – Reference number 484

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I work within Martin square and use the car park daily, the introduction of parking charges would affect me massively. I work between 8-14 hours 5 days a week and paying for the parking charges would cost a large sum of pay. Also most of the customer that visit our shop are retired and they see the shop as a place to socialise and get out of the house some of these people live alone, the introduction of parking charges will deter them from leaving there house.

Off-street response – Reference number 486

I object to Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 488

(no comment supplied)

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Off-street response – Reference number 489

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 490

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 492

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 494

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will destroy business in Martin Square, who thrive on mobile/ car owner shoppers. It will spell closures of Shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 496

I support parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Talk to your planning department who consistently build new properties with not enough car parking spaces. People should be actively discouraged from owning cars, not enabled further by their council.

Off-street response – Reference number 497

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 498

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 504

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

6 pounds to park on a Sunday is ridiculous.

Off-street response – Reference number 505

I object to parking charges.

I think it will reduce the number of people shopping at Martin Square

Off-street response – Reference number 506

I object to parking charges.

If the issue is long stay parking, then why charge for the first 30, 60 or 90 minutes? Keeping a 90 minute period free would protect the cafe and other small businesses from their customers going elsewhere (eg to Castle Road Allington which has 90 minutes free parking) but deter long stay parking just as effectively as current proposals.

Can the charity shop buy a season ticket which can be used by different volunteers on different days?
The introduction of parking charges will otherwise drive volunteers (many of whom are retired) away and another useful business / charity will be scuppered.

Using consistency across the borough is a poor argument. Different locations have different needs and conditions and these should be taken into consideration when planning parking policies.

Off-street response – Reference number 508

I object to parking charges.

Historically, parking has been free, fostering community engagement with local businesses such as butchers and hairdressers. However, the prospect of implementing parking fees may deter individuals from supporting these small enterprises.

Moreover, considering the presence of medical facilities in the vicinity, the imposition of parking charges poses an inconvenience, particularly for those with scheduled appointments. Additionally, the proximity of Morrisons, with its free parking, raises concerns that increased demand for free spaces may lead to heightened congestion in their parking area.

Off-street response – Reference number 509

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I feel that charging for parking will impact the retailers in the square. It will also affect people when they need to go the Drs or chemist- if there has to be a charge it should be free for the first hour and then 60p for the 2nd increasing from there to stop people using it as a long stay car park.

Off-street response – Reference number 513

I object to parking charges.

Never have a problem parking in this car park which I use to support the local businesses. Parking charges will lead me to shop elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 515

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 516

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Charging for the Car Park would stop people going there!

Off-street response – Reference number 517

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

The introduction of parking costs would effect the usage of the shops as people would not be prepared to incur this charge. Many people use the shops here to quickly shop for convenient items,

use the pharmacy or cafe. I would propose that parking for up to 1 hour is free as this will enable people to use the shops and not cause parking spaces to be used long term.

Charges after the free hour should incur a charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 519

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 520

I object to parking charges.

Will destroy local shop customers!

Schools nearby use car park so more hazardous parking by the schools

If you need the chemist having to pay also to see the GP outrageous

Off-street response – Reference number 521

I object to parking charges.

People work up in Martin square. Earning money,there's hardship as it is with people this is taking money away straight away. Older people that go to the newsagents that get there paper and milk for in and out. It's going to cost them more. This will affect people's businesses and employees. And for those who have lived in the premises above for years it's now going to cost more to live. People come to Martin square to support the local and friendly businesses. People will go elsewhere, which means businesses will bo longer be able to carry on. Business rates get higher and higher. This is a bad move for a local constituency. Councils should be supporting to keep these local business open to give jobs not to take them away. Wrong move. !!

Off-street response – Reference number 523

I both support and object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 525

I object to parking charges.

People won't use the shops etc

Off-street response – Reference number 527

I object to parking charges.

Pensioner and have to park for post office and chemist.

Off-street response – Reference number 528

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 529

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is not London Martin Square car park has worked well since the early 70s and the parking can only be a cash cow for you to fleece the residents more than you already do.

Off-street response – Reference number 531

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 533

I object to parking charges.

I work long hours in the NHS, at the health centre in Larkfield. If charges are introduced for the car park at the shops, it is likely that cars will migrate to the health centre car park which has no charge. If I am unable to park in the health centre car park, my income, which is low, will be severely affected by having to pay an all-day charge - to the extent where I will have to seek alternative employment.

Off-street response – Reference number 534

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 535

I object to parking charges.

I think no charge should be made for the first half an hour to allow people to pop into the shops. To prevent long term parkers I am not against charges and I think a season ticket for residents is fair. Lots of residents have to pay for parking permits now

Off-street response – Reference number 536

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 539

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 540

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 541

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 542

I object to parking charges.

Normally I would go just park there to go to the chemist would park about 5 mins, 10 minutes at the most at busy times at the chemist (when queuing out the door). At least if it changes maybe suggest the first 30 mins or 1 hour free - then payable - to give everyone the opportunity to go every month for a prescription.

At present it states free for 23 hours, this I should imagine only encourages residents nearby to park their car all day if no space is available outside their house or have a second car.

Off-street response – Reference number 543

I object to parking charges.

I use the car park everyday for about 20 minutes and always find a space to park.

The distance from my home is too far for me to walk with a bad leg and find this car park invaluable for my daily needs.

Off-street response – Reference number 547

I object to parking charges.

Will badly affect businesses.

Local roads are gridlocked enough already without car drivers being forced to further congest the roads - which will happen if charges enforced.

I will only shop where I DO NOT have to pay for parking.

I no longer visit or shop in Maidstone due to charges.

I no longer shop west Malling due to charges in what was a free car park.

Enforced parking charges = more shop closures!

More failed businesses!

If charges are enforced I will no longer visit Martin Square.

Would be great if the Council actually supported the local businesses by permitting free parking to local shoppers. Generating more income so they remain in business.

Enforced charges will result in yet more empty shops.

Rather than driving remaining customers to abandon them due to being held to ransom for parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 551

I object to parking charges.

I believe that there should be a short period of free parking and then charge if stay is over that time.

Off-street response – Reference number 552

I object to parking charges.

This is just another step to the War on drivers, If you wish to raise capital without increasing Residents Council Tax, I suggest the council takes a strategic look at the corporate directors team who really run the council, Highly paid unelected individuals

Off-street response – Reference number 553

I object to parking charges.

You state the car park suffers from long stay parking yet the charges are being applied to short stay visitors?

If this was truly the case you would add a limit of 6 hours similar to shopping areas and residents could apply for permits.

Most people go for half hour to post a parcel, collect a take away, buy some meat, place a bet, or donate to the charity shop. These people will go to Snodland or Allington instead where it's free.

It is too far to walk from the poets estate, I only visit spontaneously to look in the charity shop when driving past as it's free.

Off-street response – Reference number 554

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 555

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is daylight robbery which only serves to line the pockets of the council and will end businesses and create charges for residents who are already struggling to get by. Use the money from the excessive council tax rates you charge to maintain the car parks.

Off-street response – Reference number 558

I object to parking charges.

Business will suffer.

Off-street response – Reference number 559

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This just seems like another way to raise income. Putting a charge for parking will definitely affect the local trade, I for one will never use the shops in the square again if I have to pay for parking there. I will just use the big supermarkets that have free parking. Parents park here to take their kids to the local schools because it's safer than blocking the roads outside the schools BUT obviously kids safety doesn't matter when there money to be made !

If you really want to stop the "long stay" Parking, then the best idea to put in place is 2 hours free parking. This can be controlled by cameras set up as you enter and leave the carp park. Anyone parked over the 2 hours, has to pay. The money raised, will pay for for the cameras eventually. So, council will get their money back.

This will help the local shops maintain a good trade.

It will help the people that use the carpark to visit the doctor's surgery, because you can't always find a space in their carpark.

It will keep the kids safer on the school runs

Shop workers and people that live in the flats above the shops, they should be issued with a free "ticket to park"

Off-street response – Reference number 560

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I visit the car park regularly to visit the post office, chemist and charity shop. I never have a problem parking and I do not believe the introduction of charging is necessary. It is just a money making exercise. I don't visit West Malling anymore because of the charging there, not having change etc. By introducing these charges you will cause congestion in Kingfisher Road etc and the shops in Martin Square will lose customers which isn't fair on them in the current financial situation. It will make people go further afield to find shops with free parking. A better solution would be to make it free for first 3 hours (as Tesco does) allowing customers to have haircuts, beauty treatments, visit the library etc.

Off-street response – Reference number 561

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will have a detrimental effect on the local businesses. I for one would take my business elsewhere. I would ask GP to change my chemist. I would use post office elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 563

I object to parking charges.

It will cause too many cars to park on the roads nearby, but more importantly trade will be affected in the shops, library will loose customers too and that might lead to it being closed

Off-street response – Reference number 565

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 566

I support parking charges.

Parking is atrocious in Tonbridge and the Sainsbury's is an example of how bad it can get

Off-street response – Reference number 567

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If the objective of the parking charges is to reduce long-term parking, why are you charging for short-term parking? The first hour should be free to allow shoppers to use the local shops. Charging for short-term customers will impact the local businesses as customers will simply go elsewhere where parking is free.

The local food outlets will see a decline in trade as well. Due to cost of living crisis and the country's economic meltdown, all their prices have gone up. Customers will not therefore pay additional prices for parking to go to the local food outlets.

Common sense would suggest that to meet the objective of reducing long-term low turnover parking then charge for that!!! Don't charge for short-term local business related parking. First hour FREE.

Off-street response – Reference number 569

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 571

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I never have a problem finding a space. To bring parking charges is absurd, the local shops rely on people popping in for bits, if you have to pay for parking to pop to a local shop you're better off driving 30 seconds down the road to another shop with free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 572

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Employees of the pharmacy (myself included) are all on minimum wage and cannot afford to pay that amount in order to work. jobs will be lost/ people will have to leave which will make it harder than it already is to hire workers

Off-street response – Reference number 575

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking chargers will reduce the amount of people who use the local shops and retail businesses reducing rates being paid as businesses close.

Off-street response – Reference number 577

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The money you receive in the local precept should be enough for you to provide parking services for "free". Are you totally hell bent on killing businesses that operate in Martin Square with increased lack of footfall due to imposition of fees on already struggling households that will result in fewer people visiting the local shops???

There is currently free parking outside Thornhills Surgery which is not included in the proposals. Will this mean that it's a free for all to use the limited parking available at the Doctors to use the shops resulting in nobody being able to park to see their GP?

This has not been thought through carefully enough and is single mindedly focused on revenue generation at the expense of the public and the local businesses!

Off-street response – Reference number 578

I object to parking charges.

I am a volunteer at the hospice shop in Martin Square and as a pensioner will not be able to afford to park whilst helping out in the shop, I fear this will apply to other volunteers and will deter people bringing their donations, this is a valuable service to both the charity and the community and would be a travesty if it has to close due to lack of staff and donors. This is just one shop, all of the businesses will suffer at a time when we are all struggling financially. Pensioners and others who are unable to walk to the square will be punished as many rely on being able to park close to the Post Office and Pharmacy facilities, both who's queuing time will mean that 30 minutes will not be sufficient. I believe imposing parking charges at Martin Square, Larkfield will kill the trade and take away a valuable and much needed asset from the community. I'm extremely sad and upset at the prospect of what it will become if these proposals go ahead. Listen to the people who need this shopping parade PLEASE !!!!!!!

Off-street response – Reference number 580

I object to parking charges.

I think the impact on the community will be huge. Where are they expecting the people to park when they go to collect their children from school. Three schools and a nursery local! Not everyone is in walking distance or they maybe coming directly from work. What about the small doctors car park, that will be used instead. What about the ultra long queues in the chemist and doctors. Always more than 30min unless your seeing a nurse. Your expecting people to pay to collect take aways?

You are taking away business from the new

Butchers. Why go to a butchers and pay parking when you can go to the supermarket. The small businesses in Martin square will be impacted hugely and I think this is a complete mistake.

Off-street response – Reference number 583

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The car parks are for the benefit for thr local people not a cash cow for TMBC

Off-street response – Reference number 584

I support parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Should have 1 hour free parking all across all TMBC car parks to encourage use of our town's shopping and recreation facilities.

Off-street response – Reference number 585

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 586

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 587

I object to parking charges.

THIS CAR PARK IS OFTEN USED FOR PATIENTS ATTENDING THE DOCTORS SURGERY WHO WILL NOT KNOW IN ADVANCE HOW LONG THEY WILL NEED TO PARK FOR.

Off-street response – Reference number 588

I object to parking charges.

I use the car park when I need to pop to the post office and the lovely butchers shop. I object to paying to 'park' for less than five minutes. People will simply park in Morrisons and walk through the alley, or perhaps even get what they need in Morrisons!

Off-street response – Reference number 592

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 595

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

How about first hour free

50p next hour then say £5 or more to stop people who park in the car park and catch the bus

Off-street response – Reference number 597

I support parking charges.

Machines in car parks MUST accept cash

Off-street response – Reference number 598

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use Martin square more than twice a week ,going to Library local shopping browsing charity shop etc

I cannot believe you greedy lot ,this will destroy the lives of some shops and shoppers there is no free time offered

You will be charging us for breathing in TMBC council soon

Bailey bridge one side seems to be used by residents and can rarely get parked there but the other side is needed for mums to pick up kids etc no where to park

You waste enough money already try looking at that first. Shame on you lot elderly like me and my husband will be greatly affected

Off-street response – Reference number 599

I object to parking charges.

I park here everyday to take post into the post office. I always find a space and generally only park for five minutes. It would take me longer to mess about paying to park than it currently does to park, go in and out of the post office and leave.

Obviously this is a done deal as I know these 'consultations' are just a sham to window dress unpopular policies, but at least consider free parking for half an hour like they do at Allington shopping centre. That way people can pop into the shops without hogging spaces for a long time, otherwise you will kill the shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 600

I object to parking charges.

The car park should be segregated into a long term parking zone and a short term (30 minutes to 1 hour) parking zone close to the shops. If not everyone will park in Morrisons.

Off-street response – Reference number 601

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 602

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I use this car park regularly but only for short periods, 1 hour max. If charges are going to be necessary why not introduce a system currently in use at the Chatham Dockside Outlet Centre.

Off-street response – Reference number 603

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The car park services important local amenities including doctor's surgery and pharmacy. Parking charges will make it more difficult for people to attend appointments and collect prescription as they will be worrying about additional costs. If there's a queue for prescription or Dr is running late it is just an excuse to fine people. The car park always has spaces when I visit so using the lack of space as an excuse is ridiculous.

Parents of the local school children use the car park for drop off and pick up to avoid blocking local streets - 60p for 30 mins twice a day for 190 school days drop off and pick up is £228 a year! How is that justified to get a child to school! It is a money grabbing exercise in a time when we are in austerity.

Off-street response – Reference number 606

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 607

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I am District Nurse and i use this carpark several times a day to visit patients and see the Gp in Thornhills.

Off-street response – Reference number 609

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will inevitably happen but I think it's a crazy idea and will really affect the local businesses who are already struggling!!! When it does come into force then it should be free for the first half an hour.

Madness 🤪

Off-street response – Reference number 612

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking charges will discourage people from shopping at Larkfield, cause shops to lose business and probably lead to closures to the detriment of the whole community. Perhaps a maximum stay would ease the situation, allowing shopping but not long term Parking?

Off-street response – Reference number 615

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 617

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 618

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 619

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 620

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I was hoping that if car parking charges were going to be introduced then at least the first hour or half hour would be free as most people using the car park usually use one or two places, I am a pensioner and have a beauty treatments once a month which lasts half an hour, that would stop if I had to pay charges on top, infact I would park in Morrison's car park and walk through to the square. Overloading that car park! But others may not be able to do that. Shopkeepers will suffer as people won't bother using the facilities which would incur extra costs. What about the people who work in and around the square, why should they pay, delivery drivers, visitors to the doctors if you can't park in their car park, there are many reasons why there shouldn't be charges and if they are implemented there is a lot to lose!

Off-street response – Reference number 621

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 622

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Short term parking up to 4 hours should be free if you really want to stop long term parking this is the way to go . you are putting yourselves accross as a council just out to make money when all you need is money to ron the car parks. DONT BE GREEDY

Off-street response – Reference number 623

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 624

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 627

I object to parking charges.

I am disabled and often use this weekly to collect my medication from pharmacy and don't think it's fair for charging when you are literally only going to be minutes and in need of desperate medication

Off-street response – Reference number 630

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

The only concern I have is what effect this step will have on the town's retail shops and businesses . If shops close or businesses this reduces the ability of the council to collect business rates and creates more unemployment

Off-street response – Reference number 631

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 632

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 633

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 634

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 635

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 636

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 637

I object to parking charges.

Extortion. People don't have money to pay for this, they will go elsewhere, it is short-sighted gain, in the long term shops will lose money.

Off-street response – Reference number 638

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 639

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Customers have already expressed they will not be able to continue to support us with the cost of 60p for half hour they have said a free period would make sense to access the shops and leave within a short time frame and also to collect the children from the local school our children attend as there is no parking for this at the school just clogged up side roads where people park all over the place as it is (dangerous)

Off-street response – Reference number 640

I object to parking charges.

I lived in Larkfield for 25 years and now live in Maidstone. I head to Larkfield every Saturday morning to grab a butchers order. Martin Square isn't a place you spend hours. It is a place you stop for 5 minutes. If you introduce parking charges I wouldn't pay to do my butchers collection and would find an alternative butchers. It will only affect the businesses there and close them down

Off-street response – Reference number 641

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Introduction of parking charges in Martin square will cause congestion on surrounding roads during peak times. Many people that use the car park for school drop off also use the local shops. In addition local schools do not have the infrastructure for a drop off or collect service.

Off-street response – Reference number 642

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Most of the people are just quickly popping in and out of the shops. Local businesses will suffer loss of customers

Off-street response – Reference number 643

I object to parking charges.

This will be devastating to the small businesses in the area. Absolutely shocking.

Off-street response – Reference number 644

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 645

I object to parking charges.

You will drive local people away from smaller local and independent stores. Leave the parking as it is and stop ruining the area.

Off-street response – Reference number 646

I object to parking charges.

parking charges will adversely affect small local businesses at a time when things are hard enough anyway.

Off-street response – Reference number 647

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 648

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We use the shops in the square frequently. We live some distance but choose to travel due to the quality of the shops. If parking was introduced we would reconsider where we shop as the free parking is a bonus to us and allows us to spend more money in the independent shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 649

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking fees will affect the local businesses to the point where they will have to close. It should not be allowed

Off-street response – Reference number 650

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 651

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It's hard enough for small businesses to continue in this current economic climate, but you are now making it even harder for them if you are going to charge patrons to park, even for a short in and out visit to the shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 652

I object to parking charges.

Why are the tick boxes asked as questions? There is no need to bring in charges here, it will have an adverse effect on the local businesses,

Off-street response – Reference number 653

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I used to live in martin sqq and it is unfair t9 expect residents to pay to park there and also it will cause chaos in morrisons car park as people will park there in stead. There are alot of elderly people that use the car park and that puts extra pressure on them money wise and worrying about how to get a ticket. This would be anextra amount of money to calculate into an already increasingly expensive cost of living environment.

Off-street response – Reference number 655

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If no grace period to use the small local shops was available then I would shop elsewhere. I also object on the grounds that shoppers will park in local side streets causing parking difficulties for reaidents

Off-street response – Reference number 656

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 657

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

You are gradually stopping people from shopping locally by introducing charges or moving parking problems to nearby residential streets. If I'm just popping quickly to get fish and chips or go to the butcher's I'm not going to choose somewhere I also have to pay to park

Off-street response – Reference number 658

I object to parking charges.

Parking charges will only cause damage to local businesses. These businesses need support particularly in the current economic climate. People are already struggling to make ends meet, parking charges will just make it worse.

Regarding your comments concerning long term parking and reduced availability, I have never struggled to find a parking space at Martin Square and I only ever visit at peak times (weekends).

Off-street response – Reference number 659

I object to parking charges.

Although I have no objections to a charge being make I feel that a there should be a period of free charge as I frequently pop into both the butchers and chemists to pick things up and no charge for the first hour would be beneficial to a lot of people.

Off-street response – Reference number 660

I object to parking charges.

I use this car park regularly for dropping in To the post office, picking up some meat in the butchers, picking up a chinese takeaway and sometimes dropping off the kids at school.

If you start adding a charge for each time I do this, I won't use these local facilities.

I'll park on the road for drop offs, I'll get my butchers meat from tescos and I'll go into town to use the post office to avoid paying.

I think you should get up to 30 minutes free parking at least so as to help the local traders keep their customers and to make the roads safer at school drop off and collection times.

Off-street response – Reference number 661

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Shops will end up closing as people will go elsewhere and that's a fact. I've seen it before

Off-street response – Reference number 662

I object to parking charges.

This will simply deter me from shopping on Martin Square, when big shops like Morrisons or Tesco provide free parking, surely we should be making it easier to support local business not harder.

Off-street response – Reference number 663

I support Season Tickets.

I object to there being charges with no allowance for a free 30 minutes or such period to allow people drop off or collection to shops

Off-street response – Reference number 664

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 665

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 666

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 667

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 668

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 669

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 670

I object to parking charges.

This would effect all the businesses round Martin square also it can take more than 30 minutes in the chemist and doctors

Off-street response – Reference number 671

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

People use this carpark to use Doctors. To pay is just not on! And the shops in martins square will suffer too.

Off-street response – Reference number 672

I object to parking charges.

It will stop me using the local shops

Off-street response – Reference number 673

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 674

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 675

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I often use this car park to pop to the chemist and take aways. I have had to park here for the doctors. There needs to be some free time say an hour for public and free parking for the businesses staff and residents. Council making easy money from motorists.

Off-street response – Reference number 676

I object to parking charges.

The first 30 minutes should be free, or it will put people off which will have huge impact to the business's in the square.

Off-street response – Reference number 677

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 678

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Small business are closing because of parking charges everywhere. I know so many elderly people who think of these shops as a lifeline, then you start charging, and putting the silly machines in where you have to download an “app” ... elderly people don't know how to do all that. These charges will ruin business for another group of shops, just like it's slowly ruining West Malling businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 679

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 680

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 681

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 682

I object to parking charges.

I feel strongly that this will have a negative impact on residents and shops in this area. Could you look at first 60mins free.

Off-street response – Reference number 683

I object to parking charges.

I believe this will make business loose customers. I am only ever there for 20mins.

Off-street response – Reference number 684

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 685

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 686

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 687

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 688

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 689

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

This will be the death of the little shops in Martins Square. I use the carpark for no longer than 20mins if I am collecting something, picking up a portion of chips, dropping donations off at the charity shop. Getting meds and visiting the doctors takes a lot longer.

It's such a shame that the council want to start charging to use this popular car park. Shops will close because of this. In the 20 years I have lived in the area I use Martin square weekly and it is always busy.

If the dr doesn't run on time you'll end up going in and out topping up tickets

If it is payment via apps only then some will struggle to use this and deter them from visiting

The roads around Martin Square will become a nightmare, people will abandons their cars to quickly dive in the shops making it a safety issue for the nearby nursery and schools.

Off-street response – Reference number 690

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 691

I object to parking charges.

Charging for parking will seriously affect all businesses in the square,

A more sensible idea would to have two hours free parking and then charge after that apart from people who run the businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 692

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

30 mins free parking like at paddock wood

Off-street response – Reference number 693

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have lived in larkfield/aylesford all my life and the parking has always been free.

The yearly Christmas light switch on is also under threat of being cancelled because of this and cos many people are not happy about it

Off-street response – Reference number 694

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 695

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Theses are small business trying to make a living. Also the doctors..... in turn Morrisons will apply fees for parking. This is outrageous! How are family run businesses meant to cope. You will cripple them & they will close down more empty units.....

Off-street response – Reference number 696

I object to parking charges.

It will discourage locals to pop into the shops and push people to the side streets.

What about having free 2 hour on collection of a ticket then charge for longer stays - works well in Southborough.

Off-street response – Reference number 697

I object to parking charges.

Should be some free parking, say an hour

Off-street response – Reference number 698

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking charges are unnecessary in small village shops. It is creating barriers to shop locally and is unfair to shop owners. This drives people to shop online and this is why we have empty shops and half the high streets have charity shops and pubs that have been there for years as there is no incentive for businesses to open. If it is necessary to reduce non shoppers parking then introduce ANPR and have at least 1-2hrs free.

Off-street response – Reference number 699

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 700

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will be such a huge negative impact on absolutely everyone using Martin square and those with businesses. Most people use this car park daily and at a short amount of time each use. The chemist, the post office, the butcher's, dropping off charity shop items. The list is endless. By adding hourly charges you will be hindering the business as most will stop using the carpark entirely. I think a compromise would be the first 2 hours free. This would mean people cannot just park up for the day for free and walk away. And those who just need to get their errands done can do without the stress.

Off-street response – Reference number 701

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 702

I object to parking charges.

There needs to be a 30 mins free parking element to allow for post office and charity shop drop offs

Off-street response – Reference number 703

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 704

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Life is hard enough as it is for businesses and families this would drive people away from the local shops and businesses will shut and families will go without. This is a terrible idea my family have lived in larkfield for 55 years i think this is outrageous martin square is a community people need it

and this will take it away it will break everything martin square has been for a very long time

Off-street response – Reference number 705

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Roads are busy already with parents dropping children off to school for two schools next to each other. If a payment comes into place more people will have to park in near by roads due to the crisis at the moment it will become more dangerous for the children. It's an accident waiting to happen. Keep Martin square Free Parking please.

Off-street response – Reference number 706

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There is a good collection of shops on Martin Square, that I fear will suffer if customers have to pay to park. For example, Arthur's Butchers already has to compete with Tesco and Morrisons close by, both of which have free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 707

I object to parking charges.

Small shops would suddenly there should be a small grace period- sometimes you only want to nip into one of the shops to pick something up or drop something off to have to pay for day 20 mins each time would mean I would go elsewhere. Also I know school run users use it where will all these cars go? Probably parked all along the road leading to the school making it dangerous for pedestrians on the paths and crossing due to blocked pavements and poor visibility

Off-street response – Reference number 708

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Support the business their n put parking charges in I won't go how can charge when people that live around use it as carpark as hardly any space to park

Off-street response – Reference number 709

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 710

I object to parking charges.

Martins square has always been an easily accessible place for the post office, pharmacy, butchers, beauticians- it is one of the last local places with a community feel. There is no valid reason to introduce parking charges apart from the councils own gain. It will impact the local businesses and the staff that work there and would be a terrible shame to loose these

Off-street response – Reference number 711

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Trying to kill off local businesses. Paying just to collect a takeaway, prescription. Etc.

Off-street response – Reference number 712

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I would support only if the Thornhills Medical Practice patients were given per visit exemptions that would null parking charges for long waits. I feel it's not fair to charge for people to park for a doctor's and if that part weren't chargeable those shopping the square would just park at the doctor's.

Off-street response – Reference number 713

I object to parking charges.

We're in a cost of living crisis and you want to do this, totally out of order.

Off-street response – Reference number 714

I object to parking charges.

This car park needs to be free to support the local businesses that are around the square and also it's a safe spot for mums to park to drop/pick up their children from the school and nursery.

If charges are made then there will be a knock-on effect and it will be difficult to park at the Doctors surgery, which I use a lot having 3 disabled people who go there frequently. Parking to access the library will be difficult too. There are so many reasons why this should not be introduced.

Also it will have an impact on all the local roads, possibly disrupt the bus services and people will park in Morrisons which will end up causing problems there.

For such a small "Community" carpark I deeply feel that charges are totally unnecessary and will cause distress and inconvenience to so many people who regularly use it. Not to mention that it could be dangerous to pedestrians as the surrounding roads will have more parking than usual if there is a charge.

Please rethink this decision, surely there are other alternatives to bringing money into the council funds without targetting a small community.

Off-street response – Reference number 715

I object to parking charges.

I use the doctors, chemist, butchers and shop.

I also feel for the girls in tapers who will have to pay to work. It's always been free it should remain.

Off-street response – Reference number 716

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 717

I object to parking charges.

No one will pay to visit the small shops like Arthur's, charity shop, bike shop etc that you may just pop into if you have to pay.

If wanting to post one parcel at post office or pop into the pharmacy to collect a prescription people won't pay to do that!! Instead people will go to Morrisons and block their car park! (Or the doctors one!) totally pointless idea.

Off-street response – Reference number 718

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 719

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 720

I object to parking charges.

We should get free 30 minutes to pick up a prescription or a takeaway, prices have gone up too much anyway without this and local businesses will suffer

Off-street response – Reference number 721

I object to parking charges.

I often use this car park for both the local business as well as the doctors surgery (which rarely has a free space) - I believe a better option would be to have a grace period of an hour or 2 of free parking and then payment after that. I don't disagree to paid parking for longstay but I do think this would severely impact the local businesses as I personally would be more likely to go to tesco where parking is free if I had to pay for parking in the square

Off-street response – Reference number 722

I object to parking charges.

Free parking in Martin Square is necessary for local residents and particularly local businesses. There is ample parking for shoppers and people visiting the GP surgery. There is absolutely no reason to introduce charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 723

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I think this is absolutely ludicrous. This will have a massive effect on parking in Kingfisher Road. These charges will cause mayhem and blockages to buses, emergency vehicles etc. The car park is also used for patents to drop their children off at the infants school.

Charging to park would cause an extra 50 - 60 vehicles parking on Kingfisher Road - accidents waiting to happen. It is just pure greed by TMBC

Off-street response – Reference number 724

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This proposal will kill the shops in Martins Square. While I do not completely disagree with charges for long term parking, why can it not come into force after one free hour, like in Paddock Wood. Sometimes you just need to pop to the Post Office, for a pint of milk, or to pick up something from the chemist. One free hour and then charge seems a sensible solution.

Off-street response – Reference number 725

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 726

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have a ten month old baby who has been poorly I have to visit the doctors frequently I cannot afford to pay every visit

Off-street response – Reference number 727

I object to parking charges.

If brought in there should be 1 hour free for quick visit to shops pharmacy or doctors think will be bad for business and locals

Off-street response – Reference number 728

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Small businesses will suffer if charges are introduced. We use Martin Square on a semi regular basis and will most likely not use the shops if charges are introduced.

Off-street response – Reference number 729

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 730

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 731

I object to parking charges.

This will stop all those wishing to just pop in to the shops, cannot believe there is no consideration for a short term free period

Off-street response – Reference number 732

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 733

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 734

I object to parking charges.

No free period of time to pop into Chemist to collect prescriptions or take elderly relatives for flu or covid booster

Off-street response – Reference number 735

I object to parking charges.

I will go elsewhere to use the post office and butchers if I have to start paying to park.

Off-street response – Reference number 736

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 737

I object to parking charges.

Another way to make money whilst the local businesses and taxpayers suffer and fork out more money in these difficult times. Martin's Place is so handy but we won't be using it anymore if there's a parking fee.

Off-street response – Reference number 738

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I will no longer be using the shops in Martin square If a charge is introduced. Sometimes can wait up to an hour in the chemist and charges would be an extra worry! An extra expense that cannot be afforded by many local people

Off-street response – Reference number 739

I object to parking charges.

You sure know how ruin any opportunity for small businesses in this county. Only just discovered the local butchers in the parade. Also convenient being able to park quickly outside. If anything prevent overnight parking. You will quickly see that parade empty for more convenient locations if you make

people pay for parking just like our high streets have been ruined by stupid parking charges. People go to Bluewater now. Let small business's thrive in our local community.

Off-street response – Reference number 740

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If parking charges were introduced I would no longer use the local services in martin Square but travel to the larger chain stores around the area.

Off-street response – Reference number 741

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Continuing with this proposal will possibly put some of the small business out of business as parking fees will put people off

Off-street response – Reference number 742

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 743

I object to parking charges.

Please give at least a free 30 minute time for a quick shop. It will devastate the shop businesses otherwise

Off-street response – Reference number 744

I object to parking charges.

I understand the financial pressures facing the Council but independent businesses such as Arthurs Butchers and others in Martin Square also face unprecedented pressures. If the purpose of the restrictions is to prevent long term parking clogging up spaces then there are different ways of achieving that aim. For example: limiting parking to 4 hours - effectively making it a short stay car park. In any case if restrictions are brought in there should be a free period of up to 2 hours to allow visitors to visit the different shop's, hairdresser and cafe. Another complicating factor is the knock on effect of restrictions on the Medical Centre Car Park which is already often under pressure. Drivers displaced from the Council Car Park are likely to use the Medical Centre Car Park making it difficult for users of the Medical Centre. There is likely to be displacement of parking on to nearby streets which already suffer at school times. Consideration also needs to be given to the type of meter used if restrictions are brought in. It should be possible to pay by card as well as an app due to the unreliability of signal.

Off-street response – Reference number 745

I object to parking charges.

The charity shop is run by volunteers who cannot afford to pay car parking charges and give up their time for free. It puts the shop in a precarious position.

Off-street response – Reference number 746

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If parking charges are introduced I will no longer visit the shops there. If your issue is with long stay parking introduce a time limit instead and then charges after 2 hours.

Off-street response – Reference number 747

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Small businesses will lose customers. Absolutely Disgusting!

Off-street response – Reference number 748

I object to parking charges.

I think this will damage the turnover of shops within the square. Maybe the first 1hr or 30 mins free would be a more sensible way to approach this. It would then mean customers aren't put off using the businesses in the square and the people staying there long term could perhaps get a permit

Off-street response – Reference number 749

I object to parking charges.

The reasons for introducing charges apart from making money for council are not valid: long term parking for a few residents does not impact use by others. Personally I will be impacted, picking up takeaways, delivering heavy items to charity shop ,using library, butchers and post office. The first 30 mins should always be free and a larger free space for Thornhills introduced.

Off-street response – Reference number 750

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 751

I object to parking charges.

The shops and library will really suffer

Off-street response – Reference number 752

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 753

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

So many shops here only need a quick 30 mins to do our business.. surely a 30 mins free period would be better. Obviously pay for longer. This will hit businesses very hard. Very unfair.

Off-street response – Reference number 754

I object to parking charges.

It's a shame you are not thinking about a free 30 mins so shoppers can just nip into the shops to collect their items.

Off-street response – Reference number 755

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 756

I object to parking charges.

I would support charges if the first 2 hours were free. This would support all the local shops and not affect their customers it would also increase the turnover of spaces.

Off-street response – Reference number 757

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 758

I object to parking charges.

We need to support our local shops

If u have a go appt then go to chemist u could be more then a hour so too expensive for lot of people and for people with mobility issues they need to be able to park without stress

Off-street response – Reference number 759

I object to parking charges.

We never had problems parking up here. We normally visit a number of shops over the week mostly for prescriptions in the chemist or hairdressers. I will not be doing this if I have to pay. Life is hard enough. Just trying to make more money out of us. What's to stop people parking down the side roads and surrounding roads? I will for one to not pay any parking charges

Off-street response – Reference number 760

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I would not come to Martins Square if parking charges would be applied. Such a shame for local shopping.

Off-street response – Reference number 761

I object to parking charges.

There should at least be a half hour grace to pop in and out of shops

Off-street response – Reference number 762

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 763

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 764

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 765

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 766

I object to parking charges.

Awful for the shops that are already struggling

Off-street response – Reference number 767

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 768

I object to parking charges.

Should provide 60 minutes free .it would deter me from using the facilities if I had to pay.

Off-street response – Reference number 769

I object to parking charges.

I support the shops but can not walk to them so now having to pay to park is questioning if I should carry on, if people live local they can walk

Off-street response – Reference number 770

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will be bad for the small businesses on Martin square who probably already struggle in this cost of living crisis. People will struggle to get to the GP as people will park there for the shops (assuming the GP carpark remains free). Think about the elderly who use this facility who do not have smart phones and the likes to pay for the parking. Most people that use this carpark are residents and pit stop shoppers. There is no need for parking meters here!

Off-street response – Reference number 771

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 772

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 773

I object to parking charges.

I use Martin square car park very regularly. I frequent the doctors, the chemist, Morrisons daily, the charity shop and the butchers. Usually just popping in and out but would not frequent them as much if had to pay for parking. I feel that all the businesses would suffer massively if charges were introduced.

Off-street response – Reference number 774

I object to parking charges.

Think it's disgusting that the council can keep charging people for any little thing . But can't keep our streets clean of leaves and rubbish . The poor people that work there . People just won't bother shopping there . Then it will all close

Off-street response – Reference number 775

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will just make visiting and shopping really difficult.

Off-street response – Reference number 776

I object to parking charges.

The side roads will be overcrowded, by the school

Mums who will be parking in the side streets ,the area will become congested

Off-street response – Reference number 777

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is a joke we will not tolerate this issue

Off-street response – Reference number 778

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 779

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 780

I object to parking charges.

I often use the car park to go to the library or the local shops. In the holidays I take my young grandchildren to the library to encourage them to read, learn and enjoy books. Sadly this will be taken away from me and a lot of other people if you introduce a charge, as it is too far for me to walk to from Kings Hill, and I do not have the funds to pay to park. I also try to support the local businesses, using the cafe, butchers and post office, but sadly, this support will need to cease, and I will look to go elsewhere, where I can park for free.

Off-street response – Reference number 781

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 782

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 783

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking charges will kill the local shops

Off-street response – Reference number 784

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will kill small businesses in the square and add more cars parked on the road who do not wish to pay for parking. You're adding costs to people's lives that doesn't need to be there just because you're greedy!

Off-street response – Reference number 785

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 786

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 787

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We use this carpark to shop etc and for the doctors when their carpark is full, so it's not fair to be charged for local convenience

Off-street response – Reference number 788

I object to parking charges.

As a result of the charges parking in the locality would become a nightmare for residents, pedestrians and bus drivers.

Drivers already park in the residents only car park behind the Clarion association bungalows on Kingfisher Road. Double parking along Kingfisher Rd often prevents buses from passing. Drivers parked on pavement hinder those using mobility scooters, wheelchairs and baby buggies. The knock on effect on the parking availability for patients at the medical centre would be disastrous. I am disabled do you intend to charge? Will there be a free period of time before charges kick in? Will the machines accept cash?

Off-street response – Reference number 789

I object to parking charges.

Small businesses would suffer. I shop at certain businesses and would shop elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 790

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 791

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Not only will this stop people from visiting and supporting local businesses but what about when you are stuck in the post office or chemist/drs it's just another way of tmcb taking money! Larkfield is not a wealthy area! I was born in Larkfield and have been here 56 years and you have ruined what was once a lovely place to live, not to mention the school runs and mayhem to the side roads this would cause as so many kids come from much further away now, rather than local children. Stop doing this please you're bringing us to our knees!

Off-street response – Reference number 792

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I will no longer use local facilities if I have to pay 60p to just pop to the dry cleaners/butchers/post office which takes all of 5-10mins.

Off-street response – Reference number 793

I object to parking charges.

If you do put the charges in it should be like paddock wood were you get 30 minutes free people won't go there then the shop

Off-street response – Reference number 794

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 795

I object to parking charges.

people will not use the shops, and go to main supermarkets, where parking is free.

Off-street response – Reference number 796

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 797

I object to parking charges.

I often just park to collect prescriptions or to buy some meat. Only there depending on queues . So 5 or 10 minutes. Thus shopping mall is dependant on customers popping in and out. Charges would encourage these customers to shop elsewhere

Off-street response – Reference number 798

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 799

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 800

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 801

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If you have to pay to park I will stop using local shops, and will have to pay to visit the doctors.

Off-street response – Reference number 802

I object to parking charges.

I often visit Martins Square to go to the shops or the Post Office the new Butcher Hairdressers etc normally for a short period of time but the introduction of charges with no short term free period would mean that I would now look elsewhere. I have never had a difficulty in finding a car space or when I visit the Doctors but I'm sure I will in the doctors car parking area if these charges are imposed.

Off-street response – Reference number 803

I object to parking charges.

At a time when businesses are constantly closing you will find 50% of the shops on Martins Square closed 6 months after the introduction of the charges. Pure greed on a car park that is never full anyway.

Off-street response – Reference number 804

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 805

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 806

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 807

I object to parking charges.

People will not shop in Martin Square and shops will lose their customers!

Off-street response – Reference number 808

I object to parking charges.

I think it should be free for the first 30 minutes, then chargeable thereafter.

Off-street response – Reference number 809

I object to parking charges.

It will adversely affect my use of these shops

Off-street response – Reference number 810

I object to parking charges.

The local business will be damaged because of it and the roads around Larkfield will be parked on instead to avoid paying causing more congestion

Off-street response – Reference number 811

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Will affect businesses and customers will go elsewhere. I certainly wouldn't use the square if parking charges were introduced

Off-street response – Reference number 812

I object to parking charges.

I shop here once per week , my shop is pre ordered so I am at the shops less than 15 minutes ...I shouldn't have to pay for that ??

Off-street response – Reference number 813

I object to parking charges.

What if you wanted to quickly pop in to a shop I think it's unfair to occur a parking charge . And also if the doctors surgery tiny car parks full there is no choice but to park in Martin square car park why should we be charged to see a doctor . There always running behind too and late with appointments so never no how long your be

Off-street response – Reference number 814

I object to parking charges.

Introducing charges will affect the local businesses. Residents will instead shop elsewhere. Morrison's carpark will also be affected with people parking there which will make it more difficult for those who actually want to go to the supermarket

Off-street response – Reference number 815

I object to parking charges.

With cost of living paying for season tickets will be too much strain on people who are living in martin square and where else can residents park

Off-street response – Reference number 816

I object to parking charges.

I feel the local businesses would be impacted significantly from introducing parking charges. I believe it would be better to offer a free period for shopping, up to one or two hours, and introduce charges for longer stay parking

Off-street response – Reference number 817

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 818

I object to parking charges.

I've lived here going on 23 years & the car park is essential. I have used it for various needs the school run, library, shops or doctors but no matter what time of day or time you can always find a space. The council charging is just another revenue to line their pockets I'm sorry but how much more money can they take off people. Road tax & the road down to the car park is awful & don't start saying it will be better with car park fees as its two different things. These shops are on there's knees as it is anyway add parking fees & you will make it harder for them & locals to pop out to get a few bits here & there.

Off-street response – Reference number 819

I object to parking charges.

Small businesses face enough challenges without customers being forced to shop elsewhere. We should be supporting our local shops. The impact on local roads of people parking badly, to avoid paying, will also cause addition hazard to road users a d pedestrians.

Off-street response – Reference number 820

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

A ridiculous idea . Are you trying to close all the businesses there ??

Off-street response – Reference number 821

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 822

I object to parking charges.

The shops, library & patients visiting the surgery will all suffer enormously. Drivers will park on surrounding streets causing problems.

Off-street response – Reference number 823

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

These are local services and should be free to use.

Off-street response – Reference number 824

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 825

I object to parking charges.

As a local resident of the area, I constantly try to use local businesses and support them. This scheme if introduced, again makes it extremely difficult to do so as incurring further charges in order to do so, simply prices that support out of being viable and would mean I simply wouldn't be able to afford to do so. That doesn't help these businesses and means I and I suspect many others, wouldn't be able to support them and use them as it would prove expensive

Off-street response – Reference number 826

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 827

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 828

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is going to impact so many businesses and residents, I will not be using any shops should the charges come into play. This car park is also an over flow for the doctors people should not be charged to be visiting the doctors or pharmacy!

Off-street response – Reference number 829

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Greedy let small business thrive before you just have more flats

Off-street response – Reference number 830

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

To introduce charges will impact the footfall greatly for all the small businesses in the Square which we should support

Off-street response – Reference number 831

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 832

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 833

I object to parking charges.

This car park is regularly used by sick or elderly residents who need the doctors surgery and/or the pharmacy. Charging someone to pay for parking just because they are ill seems ridiculously unfair. Sometimes the wait at the surgery can be long and it will be impossible to know how long you need to park for.

It will also affect all the small businesses around the square whose clients park in the car park. People will simply use Morrisons instead, where the parking is free. There should at the very least be a short period of free parking for those who just need to pop in and pick up an item, without a long stay.

Off-street response – Reference number 834

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

At least provide 1/2 hour free parking for those of us that simply pop into the butchers etc. This will greatly affect the independent businesses especially the butchers, this will just push people back to the supermarkets 🙄

Off-street response – Reference number 835

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 836

I object to parking charges.

There's always spaces to park. There's never no spaces. I don't believe that parking charges are needed and would cause more issues for residents near by. It will cause other to park outside houses to avoid faffing getting tickets

Off-street response – Reference number 837

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

With the cost of living crisis this is no sustainable

Off-street response – Reference number 838

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have never had trouble parking there

Off-street response – Reference number 839

I object to parking charges.

The businesses in Martin Square would be seriously effected if parking charges are introduced.

Off-street response – Reference number 840

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 841

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Most people use the car park for just popping into a shop, so are there a minimal time but will have to put money in for poss 30 min stay

Off-street response – Reference number 842

I object to parking charges.

If there is a problem with vehicles being parked for extended periods why not put in a time limit. I feel this charge will affect the business in Martin Square.

Off-street response – Reference number 843

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 844

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I've never had any trouble finding parking in Martin Square whatever time of the day or day I have visited. This will be the end of the shops there and peoples livelihoods if charges are implemented. I would certainly stop going which is a shame.

Off-street response – Reference number 845

I object to parking charges.

Larkfield is a parade of shops the same as Ditton, Snodland and Aylesford on greenacres estate who do not have car parking charges. This should remain the same for Larkfield. It also reduces school traffic and helps residents park outside their homes.

Off-street response – Reference number 846

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 847

I object to parking charges.

There needs to be a free window for popping in and out of shops otherwise people will never be able to park in the residential areas due to people parking there from the shops!!

I have family I visit often and need to park my car to visit them

Off-street response – Reference number 848

I object to parking charges.

Unfair for shoppers who just want to pop in a shop for a few minutes to pick something up and if people want to take their children to the library. This will have a big negative impact on the business's in the square

Off-street response – Reference number 849

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 850

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 851

I object to parking charges.

The carpark is used by the community for many reasons. Parents using the car park for quick school drop offs will be forced to park in the busy roads surrounding, causing danger to children walking and crossing. Elderly and people with additional needs may struggle with the machines. With the cost of living crisis lower income people may struggle and not be able to access vital services such as the doctors, chemist. Footfall may fall for the library which then puts pressure on keeping this vital service open. The local businesses are well supported and may lose trade as a result.

How about introducing parking fees but giving grace for the first hour?

Off-street response – Reference number 852

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 853

I object to parking charges.

Have to drive 3 children to school every day. On statutory maternity pay. I cannot afford to pay this.

Off-street response – Reference number 854

I object to parking charges.

This parking space is well used & the local traders, library included, need the access maintained, not restricted. Parking charges will - inevitably - force people to limit their visits here. And add to the already high cost of living.

Off-street response – Reference number 855

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 856

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Usually when visiting it would be for 10-20 mins max so should be a min hour free.

Off-street response – Reference number 857

I object to parking charges.

the council are looking to the future, introduce pay for parking, nobody will use the car park , therefore the council will close the car park and build more housing, when do the council do anything for the public? i'll tell you NEVER , just trying to line their own pockets, wonder who's in line for a big back hander

Off-street response – Reference number 858

I object to parking charges.

I use this car park many times a week to use the doctors & all the local shops. Putting this in will kill the local business in these hard times WHY!

Off-street response – Reference number 859

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 860

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 861

I object to parking charges.

I visit the square regularly to collect prescriptions for my elderly parents plus myself . I'm also a patient at Thornhills . I'm sure you are aware these are busy places and can be there an hour at a time or more . I'm already struggling with the cost of living

Off-street response – Reference number 862

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Introducing parking charges would damage the trade for local businesses in Martin Sq. There is no requirement to charge for the use of this area as people only park there to use the services in the locality.

Off-street response – Reference number 863

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 864

I object to parking charges.

It will ruin our lovely local shops for shopping, which is a godsend for the elderly and young families.

Off-street response – Reference number 865

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 866

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 867

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Introduction of parking charges will affect local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 868

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Surely if the rationale for introducing fees for vehicles parking for an extended period, the answer would be to charge the vehicles parking there for longer than say 2 hours. Make it a huge amount eg £80 to park over 2 hours. Leave the first two hours free for those popping in to the shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 869

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

No free period (even 30 mins) just to pop in to collect a prescription etc. I will no longer be using the local shops if the parking charges come into place.

Off-street response – Reference number 870

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 871

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Absolutely ridiculous. It is highly unfair to charge people to pick up medication that they need to survive. The cost of living crisis has hit us all but charging people to be able to park to use a chemist and even the doctors surgery as the parking there is so small is unlawful.

Off-street response – Reference number 872

I object to parking charges.

I feel small business will miss out as people won't park and will go to out of town shops with free parking

Off-street response – Reference number 873

I object to parking charges.

As a person who has mobility issues, I need to park close to local shops that I support regularly.

Off-street response – Reference number 874

I object to parking charges.

These charges will also impact parking for the doctors surgery and move more parking onto surrounding residential roads. The charges will affect businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 875

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have never had a problem getting a car parking space Sometimes people park there because the doctors surgery/library car park is full People use the car park mainly to just pop in and out not to stay Can't afford to pay to park as financially struggling Please don't introduce charges it is not necessary the car park flows well and spaces available throughout the day

Off-street response – Reference number 876

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There needs to be some sort of "free" period for people who are going to the shops on the Square - seems a bit ridiculous to have to pay for parking if I'm popping into the Butchers for 5min or

collecting a prescription at the Pharmacy.

Off-street response – Reference number 878

I object to parking charges.

Sometimes I am only in one shop for a few minutes so do not think it's fair to be charged.

Off-street response – Reference number 879

I object to parking charges.

It will kill the local shops if you start charging

Off-street response – Reference number 880

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 881

I object to parking charges.

This is a very important car park as it gives access to the small businesses that have always kept the Square alive.

Access to the Library, Chemist and Doctors needs to be free, so that the people who use those facilities and support the local shops.

If long term parking is really an issue then make the 1st hour free.

Cutting the local community who cannot afford parking charges, off from this access would be really.

It would definitely impact heavily on local people and make life difficult for many vulnerable residents

Off-street response – Reference number 882

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 883

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 884

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We use the businesses here regularly (pharmacy, library, charity shop, post office, dry cleaners, newsagents, butchers) and would struggle to continue supporting them if charges were introduced.

Whilst we can walk on occasion, this takes 20 minutes with small people and my mother, who is a pensioner, would not be able to walk that distance.

Therefore parking is paramount and charges are unnecessary. The parking is never so overrun that you can't find a space, so the only reason for this decision can be to generate additional income for the council at the expense of local people and local businesses at a time when everyone is feeling the pressures of the current economic climate.

You are also likely to push people on to the already busy local roads to avoid the charges, causing congestion and unsafe parking practices in an area where there are two schools and a preschool. This is an accident waiting to happen.

Off-street response – Reference number 885

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 886

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 887

I object to parking charges.

This car park supports a group of shops which rely on custom from people driving to the venue. Imposing charges will reduce their revenue from passing trade and the area will deteriorate as shops close.

Off-street response – Reference number 888

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 889

I object to parking charges.

This will kill the small business that are currently located in the square especially as Tesco and Morrisons are free. There should be a 2 hour free period allowing people to go to the cafe hairdresser shopping doctors, if you're saying it is to do with stopping long term parking why punish the shopkeepers?!

Off-street response – Reference number 890

I object to parking charges.

Free parking up to 1 hour or 90 minutes, that means people will still use the local shops, otherwise, if you have to pay for parking, you'll get people going elsewhere or to major supermarkets.

Off-street response – Reference number 891

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 892

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I'm a local hairdresser and it will incur extra charges to my clients

Off-street response – Reference number 893

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Martin square is starting to become a good hub of the community. Implementing parking charges will push away local customers who are supporting local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 894

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 896

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object to these charges as I always find a parking space, I regularly use the library to attend the free toddler group and to get books for my little boy from the library. If I need to grab something from the shops which is often having a child I know I can drive quickly to the shops. We use the local businesses such as the hairdressers and beauty salon, the butchers and sometimes get food from the takeaway shops. The local independent businesses rely on the trade and I fully support them and do not want them to lose business. Furthermore, I use to work for Thornhills Medical Practice and majority of the patients park in the local car park as the car park that has been allocated to the surgery is often used by the residents from the flats therefore the patients rely on the parking at Martin Square. If anything you need to stop the residents from the flats parking incorrectly and ruining it for everyone else. Do not introduce parking charges as the car park is used by traders customers, patients and the elderly, also for the library which is a brilliant little library that we are lucky to have.

Off-street response – Reference number 897

I object to parking charges.

The car park supports local business and provides somewhere to park when visiting the Doctors. By introducing a charge you'll be taxing poorly people and killing local business as the patrons will use supermarkets.

Off-street response – Reference number 898

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 900

I object to parking charges.

I feel a better way to go is to introduce parking free upto maybe 2 hours for shoppers. This shouldn't include people who are residents, or business holders.

Off-street response – Reference number 901

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 902

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 903

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It's not fair on business people, they will lose trade. Also it will not be fair on people who live locally.

My elderly dad lives near, it's bad enough now trying to get parked where he lives, and it's supposed to be for residents only, nobody takes any notice.

We've grown up here, please don't ruin it.

Off-street response – Reference number 904

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 905

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 906

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 907

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 908

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have never had a problem getting a parking space. I use it for short visits to go into the post office, pharmacy, butchers or to grab a takeaway order. Only time I have used a parking space for a longer period of up to an hour is when using the library or cafe. Spaces are always available and it's well used by the community and putting in parking charges would have a detrimental impact on the business in Martin Square. I would not be using the car park if I had to pay 60p to stop for ten minutes to pick up a takeaway or meat for my Sunday dinner. It may take me 30 minutes to use post office due to queues. I shall use elsewhere if there will be charges. With the cost of living constantly going up and wages not matching outgoings, parking charges are not acceptable in a small community car park!

Off-street response – Reference number 909

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 910

I object to parking charges.

Charges will put people off of using small business

Off-street response – Reference number 911

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I totally object to these parking charges, as I work in one of the shops on the square, the season tickets are a ridiculous amount of money and not guaranteed a parking space, also a possibility of losing business as people will go elsewhere for their services

Off-street response – Reference number 912

I object to parking charges.

Happy for charges for longer stays to stop people blocking spaces, but a 20 or 30 minutes free grace period if you just want to nip to the butcher/post office would be beneficial to keep trade coming to the square

Off-street response – Reference number 913

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 914

I object to parking charges.

Not only do I use this car park for the shops but also for the GP and library, whose dedicated car parks are too small. You cannot charge people who need to see a doctor or use council services like the library.

Off-street response – Reference number 915

(no comment supplied)

I do agree Martin Square has always a large number of cars not using shops. Short stay should be free but long stay should be monitored and charged. I have to use disabled spaces and these are very often used by non disabled cars and can I also point out that doctors car park is always full and I have to use Martin Square and could be gone 30 mins or more.

Off-street response – Reference number 916

I object to parking charges.

I often pop into the butchers here so am only in the car park for a maximum of 5 minutes so would begrudge having to pay for 30 mins or an hour when i won't be staying anywhere near that long

Off-street response – Reference number 917

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We need to be supporting small businesses not driving people away to the bigger outlets where you don't pay for parking

Off-street response – Reference number 918

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I believe as part of the community and use that area often this will impact the shops and amenities as people won't pay to visit them shops or chemist for the sake of a hour max

Off-street response – Reference number 919

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 920

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 921

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The reason provided for introducing these fees seems to be an excuse. The majority of people use the parking to get to drs appointments, access the library or collect prescriptions. We've been told that the fees are being introduced to stop people abusing the spaces however if this is the case you could introduce no fee for those staying under an hour. This is going to effect the businesses in the

area. I feel sorry for those who are already struggling financially, this is just another thing they will need to consider when visiting their GP.

Off-street response – Reference number 922

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will destroy local business'. I for certain, will not pay to park there.

Off-street response – Reference number 923

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Such useful set of shops, tucked out of the way, used by locals for locals and if charges are enforced it will drive regulars elsewhere, and these thriving independent businesses will lose their custom which would be a devastating shame! KEEP SUPPORTING OUR INDEPENDANT BUSINESSES!

Off-street response – Reference number 924

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 925

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 926

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 927

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 928

I object to parking charges.

A fixed free time limit to support the local businesses would be preferable-could still enforce with a ticket and charge for over an hour.

Off-street response – Reference number 929

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 930

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 931

I object to parking charges.

We pay enough council tax each year as it is and this will no doubt go up and still you want to claw every last penny out of us. This will destroy the small businesses old and new that a lot of people depend on, especially the pensioners and disabled. And will also add to the hardship of the people living above the shops. This will in the long only push the problem on to other areas with people parking in residential areas. DON'T DO IT.

Off-street response – Reference number 932

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

How to shut local businesses....parking charges!!! Encourage loneliness, more people shopping online. The list goes on.

Off-street response – Reference number 933

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 934

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

People have to use the car to go to the drs as well as the shop's as there's not enough parking, it's a liberty to pay to visit the drs, older residents can struggle with using pay machines, down loading apps etc

Off-street response – Reference number 935

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 936

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I totally object to the introduction of any form of charging for Martin Square car park.

Not only does it affect the local businesses, it will also impact massively on the Chemist and the Doctor's surgery. It could take up to an hour to go and collect or get a prescription filled. Why should people be forced to pay to collect medication.

Also It isolates the elderly.... again!

My parents don't have smartphones and would be very worried having to use 'chip and pin ' on a machine that potentially could be used to scam as I presume it would be a cashless machine to prevent vandalism and theft?

Not only that but it encourages people to park in Kingfisher Road, an already very busy road and in turn making it very difficult for the buses to get through.

On a personal level, I work at Malcolm's hair studio on the London Road

THERE IS NOWHERE ELSE FOR OUR CLIENTS TO PARK!

We are already struggling against the massive rise in stock bill's and how our income has been reduced by the Cost of living crisis as certain services are considered a luxury for many clients so to add to their costs is just totally unacceptable.

Off-street response – Reference number 937

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will just increase parking on the road

Off-street response – Reference number 938

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

By implementing these charges you will be ensuring the local family businesses who are located in martins square suffer financially with loss of business.

Our older generation also have no idea how to use parking apps.

Stop being greedy and leave the parking well alone. Your killing the local towns and villages with all this parking charge nonsense

Off-street response – Reference number 939

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 940

I object to parking charges.

I often use the parking and have never struggled to park.

Off-street response – Reference number 941

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The car park has always been free, it's highly useful with a drs, clinic, post office & library on site, all things used in the community and not to mention using local foods especially the butchers. Along with the hair dressers ,and dry cleaners etc.

If it becomes a chargeable car park people will go elsewhere?

Off-street response – Reference number 943

I object to parking charges.

I rarely struggle to park at Martin Square. There are almost always parking spaces available. Putting parking charges in place feels like a revenue earning exercise rather than a necessary arrangement. You will kill the trade of local businesses that are already struggling and the local Library (which local children, mine included, rely on) will almost certainly close. In the short term, all you will do is encourage shoppers to park on the surrounding streets making the already congested roads worse and this will likely lead to further parking restrictions on the surrounding roads making it more expensive or even impossible for local residents to simply park outside their own houses. I cannot see anything good about this proposal.

Off-street response – Reference number 944

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 945

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object against the new parking charges, I drop my parents off weekly so they can shop at the butchers and go to the library, if parking charges are brought in and not allowing at least a free period of 30 minutes then we will have no choice but to go to one of the main supermarkets, this is unfair to the local businesses who will suffer in loss of business.

Off-street response – Reference number 946

I object to parking charges.

Why should we have to pay to use the local newsagent, butcher or takeaway. The car park is never so full you cannot find a space. Please find another way to 'fleece' your residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 947

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 948

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 949

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will have a serious detrimental effect on the small business which are in the square, I'm lucky I can walk, but for people who need to pop into say the pharmacy, you are asking them to pay for an hours parking at least (because there is always a queue) on top of their prescription charge, people will park in the drs parking area causing issues for those using the surgery.

Off-street response – Reference number 950

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I regularly have to visit Paydens for the medication of my registered disabled son and I use the local business' when I am there , the doctors surgery spaces are not enough and lots of patients use this car park too

Off-street response – Reference number 951

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Will kill shops

Off-street response – Reference number 952

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

This is why towns and villages are dying off! Lack of free parking put people off of shopping locally so shop online. Then everyone blames people shopping online is killing the towns,,,,,,,,,,,,,start at the root of the problem

Off-street response – Reference number 953

I object to parking charges.

The shops will badly suffer as it mostly used for quick shopping or chemist to pick-up a prescription.

Off-street response – Reference number 954

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 955

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 956

I object to parking charges.

This would be an extremely negative decision to many of those who go to pick up prescriptions, visit the library or even use the car park to visit Thornhills GPs. As a citizen who knows people who struggle with income already and rely on the Martin's Square services without another good choice, it would affect them greatly as they can barely afford basic necessities, especially with the current rising cost of living. Furthermore, people would just end up using the Morrisons car park and walk

through, leading to the superstore becoming a more frequented location because of the closer distance and this could also harm shops such as the Premier as well as clutter the Morrisons car park.

Off-street response – Reference number 957

I object to parking charges.

I am a full time carer and these parking charges mean every time I have to go and collect medication or take my mother to an appointment I will have to pay parking charges

Off-street response – Reference number 958

I object to parking charges.

This car park is used by customers using and supporting small local businesses. People park and pop into the shop and leave. Any charge would stop this instantly. Paying to park for the 10 minutes or so needed will kill these small, and already struggling, businesses. As local residents, we need these local shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 959

I object to parking charges.

There has to be an option of free parking for an hour otherwise people will not support the local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 960

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 961

I object to parking charges.

I need to visit the pharmacy at least twice a week and am disabled

Off-street response – Reference number 962

I object to parking charges.

Most people just pop in to shop for 10-15 minutes. All this will do is make people park in Morrisons for free instead. And create more congestion here

Off-street response – Reference number 963

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 964

I object to parking charges.

Most people only stop there for a quick visit. Charge for over 1 hour or 2 if you have to, to stop others but leave people to use the businesses, pharmacy and drs! Will clog up Morrisons car park or just mean the businesses will suffer by us going elsewhere!

Off-street response – Reference number 965

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It has been free since I can remember if you start charging people will just choose somewhere else and the small shops won't get much custom

Off-street response – Reference number 966

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 967

I object to parking charges.

I personally use this particular car park for shopping in Martin Square specifically because there are no parking charges.

I am usually in and out within 30 mins, so do not expect to pay a fee for parking my car, like you've introduced in West Malling High Street. It's added expense and time/inconvenience which is not welcomed.

If you do introduce charges, to prevent local residents parking, please ensure you allow shoppers to be able to use the car park for free within a two hour period. This will prevent the local businesses from loss of trade. Lots of large supermarket stores have this arrangement so it's definitely a viable option. Thank you.

Off-street response – Reference number 968

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

All this years we never had any issues. Why the charges now.?

Off-street response – Reference number 969

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

People will park in Morrisons instead

Off-street response – Reference number 970

I object to parking charges.

Have used Martin Square for over 40 years, car park charges will only end up filling Morrisons car park if you only want to pop into the shops, would be interested to hear their opinion of introducing charges, doubt the people proposing this has even thought of consequences

Off-street response – Reference number 971

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Not needed.

Off-street response – Reference number 972

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Disgraceful idea.

Off-street response – Reference number 973

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 974

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 975

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 976

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 977

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 978

I object to parking charges.

Will have a huge impact on the local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 979

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 980

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 981

I object to parking charges.

Businesses will lose business, such a shame to introduce the charges absolutely no need at all.

Off-street response – Reference number 982

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 983

I object to parking charges.

Charges will push people to shop at the local supermarkets rather than these small independent shops, thus affecting their trade. The library is also located here and again could affect footfall for what is usually a free service which we'd hate to lose. TMBC astronomical Council tax should cover maintenance of car parks rather than parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 984

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 985

I object to parking charges.

Elderly and sick people need to attend the GP surgery and local chemist.

Off-street response – Reference number 986

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Why will people use these shops anymore if they have to pay for parking when you can go down the road and park and shop for free.

Off-street response – Reference number 987

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 988

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Martin Square is a lovely small community shopping area and Doctors surgery. The enforcement of parking charges will have a terrible affect on local businesses and it isn't fair to locals who already pay council taxes and support businesses. Stop being greedy and trying to charge for everything

Off-street response – Reference number 989

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I think it's ridiculous getting people to pay for parking considering the car park is not only used for shoppers but people who go to the medical centre aswell

Off-street response – Reference number 990

(no comment supplied)

I cannot believe that you would even consider this.

It will have a detrimental effect on all the local businesses as most parking is for an hour max. People will not pay if they are just popping to one shop for 5 to 10 mins so will go elsewhere.

And for Tapers there are other salons nearby with no charges..what would you do?

Most important of all a lot of patients at Thornhills also use this car park abd should not have to pay to see a Dr.

This total lack of foresight by the council..yet again..needs to be addressed.

This is the same council that originally gave the lease to the butchers to a sun bed salon rather than the fantastic addition to the local community that Arthur's butchers has become..and goodness knows how much trade they will lose.

Please get a grip and think what huge impact this will have to the local community

Off-street response – Reference number 991

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 992

I object to parking charges.

I am a pensioner and rely on free parking at Martin Square when I collect my prescriptions from Paydens

Off-street response – Reference number 993

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 994

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 995

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 996

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 997

(no comment supplied)

This ok if it doesn't affect shoppers who are popping in & out of shops making them pay when they might only be staying for 5 mins. Barriers & number plate search may work with free parking for first half to an hour, then long stay Parker's will have to pay.

Off-street response – Reference number 998

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I live a short walk from Martin square and frequently use the car park, due TMBC removing the parking bays opposite our home, we have no where to park with three children two of whom have special needs. I have no choice but to Park my car here over night and at points during the day. Now we potentially have no where once again to park, living on a main road is hard enough but I need my car to take my children to much needed appointments with no where to park adds extra stress on an already stressful situation. The car park have been a blessing to have and I am grateful we are able to use it. The shops need the car park to be free of they will lose custom and those shopping should be able to park their car with ease for free. Not to mention the parents whom use the car park during drop off and pick up with 2 schools and 1 pre-school close by the roads could become more dangerous for those children with cars parked wherever they can find a space. Would we be classes as residents were not directly next to the square but as mentioned you removed the bay opposite our home where we used to park. Would we be eligible for a season ticket?

Off-street response – Reference number 1001

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1002

I object to parking charges.

It's really not fair for all the shops in Martin Square, it's hard for them to make profit as it is now days.

With the introduction of parking fees you're going to add an extra burden on their customers who will not go and pay to park up there, they just go to one of the big supermarkets or shops that have their own parking.

The council should really consider the impact that this will have to the local shop and the community it serves

Off-street response – Reference number 1003

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1004

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1005

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If the problem is low turnover long term periods of people parking then why can't you introduce a free 2 hour parking at the very least ?

If you introduce parking fees it will severely affect the local business as people will just go elsewhere and at a time where people have less money than ever then it will affect local people's finances and mental health even more

When I go on holiday to Spain or Greece most places are free parking it's such a small thing but it makes such a difference to day to day life !

Off-street response – Reference number 1006

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1007

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1008

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1009

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have 2 family members who require regular life saving medication from Paydens Chemist. I also have a family member who volunteers at the charity shop & wont be able to afford the parking charges, so won't be able to help out anymore if the come into force.

Off-street response – Reference number 1010

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1011

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1012

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I believe there should be a period of free parking so people who use the shops can park for 1/2 hour-1 hour for free to enable them to shop. Parking charges will kill off local shops 😊

Off-street response – Reference number 1013

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1014

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1015

I object to parking charges.

I never have a problem parking in Martin Sq. I can always find a space. The introduction of parking charges will harm the traders which when 'high street' shopping is struggling, will reduce footfall. In addition, it will increase street parking making the road more congested.

Off-street response – Reference number 1016

I object to parking charges.

This is the only place where you can pop into the post office/butchers/chemist easily - it is difficult and costly to park in West Malling so I don't use that PO - you will kill the trade at Martin Square - why not first hour free to allow for customers dropping in to these businesses?

Off-street response – Reference number 1017

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1018

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1019

I object to parking charges.

Introducing parking charges will stop me from using these local Shops, I'll go that bit further to the big Tesco and park for free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1020

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The small businesses in the square will suffer. People complain about local shops dying, so think council. We pay more than enough in council tax.

Off-street response – Reference number 1021

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1022

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Introducing parking charges will deter me from shopping there. It's currently a very handy place to pop into the shops. I never struggle to find a parking space.

Off-street response – Reference number 1024

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1025

I object to parking charges.

With the access to other shops that do not charge for parking within easy proximity (e.g. Morrison's, Sainsburys, M&S, Tesco Lunsford Park) the introduction of these charges will basically sentence these local shops and the library to a slow painful death. I understand the need for the council to raise revenue, but your income from business rates from the shops under threat will more than outweigh this and you will end up with less net revenue - I strongly urge you to re-consider this proposal.

Off-street response – Reference number 1026

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1027

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1028

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1029

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1030

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is at the detriment to local businesses and those using the doctors surgery who do not have a big enough car park for sole use.

Off-street response – Reference number 1031

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1032

I object to parking charges.

The parking charges would have a detrimental effect of residents and businesses alike. It would also push residents to larger supermarkets with free parking which would go against buying from local, chain free shops and suppliers.

If it were to go ahead for any reason, there should be some discount or exemption for people within a mile of Martin's square or those who work at businesses there.

Off-street response – Reference number 1033

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Changes will kill off shopping in the square

Off-street response – Reference number 1034

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1035

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1036

I object to parking charges.

Should at least be a 1-2 hr free parking for those using local business

Off-street response – Reference number 1037

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1038

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1039

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1040

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Putting in parking charges will seriously impact the little businesses that are around. You won't be able to just pop in and pick up medicine from pharmacy or meat from the butchers. Absolutely ridiculous idea. Little events like the light switch on that brings people together for Xmas will also be affected. You will just push the problem to surrounding areas where people can park for free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1041

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1043

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1044

I object to parking charges.

If charges have to be implemented, The first hour should be free to allow prescription to be picked up and shoppers to buy goods, this would allow genuine shoppers to use the car park and trade to continue for the businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1045

I object to parking charges.

These shops are only so we shouldnt need to get a parking ticket as only in them few minutes

Off-street response – Reference number 1046

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1047

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I am Disabled and come to marring square every week for my fish and chips and there isn't any way to predict how long this will take as they have to cook etc.

Off-street response – Reference number 1048

I object to parking charges.

I object to this proposal, Martin Square is a small community car park .

Collecting my medication would cost money that is totally unnecessary for myself to pay .

Off-street response – Reference number 1049

I object to parking charges.

With a supermarket next door I fail to see the reason for charges for people that are visiting the doctors for instance. It just means Morrisons will fill up. Just leave well alone

Off-street response – Reference number 1050

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1051

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1052

I object to parking charges.

This to me is just another nail in the coffin for local businesses who are struggling enough to offer great local services. This in my opinion will only drive people away and put more money in the pockets of the big supermarkets and Amazon. Let's also not forget that the motorist is and always will be easy pickings for council fund raising.

Local shops and businesses must be supported by local people and not only locals but councils too.

Off-street response – Reference number 1053

I object to parking charges.

To visit the square for collection of prescriptions, a newspaper or a takeaway would lead my business to go elsewhere if I had to pay for every visit and I'm sure a lot of people would feel the same

Off-street response – Reference number 1054

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1055

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1056

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1057

I object to parking charges.

We need to support our local shops and businesses!

Off-street response – Reference number 1058

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1059

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will prevent me from visiting the chemist, the dry cleaner, the butcher and the beauty salon. Each of these businesses will be affected by significant loss of income from visitors who normally come by car. The doctors surgery will be impacted by people parking in their allocated spaces. I will find alternatives for these services and products.

Off-street response – Reference number 1060

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1061

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1062

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1063

I object to parking charges.

I only use the car park for going to the doctors or chemist, I don't want to pay for car parking to visit either. I also drop off goods to the charity shop, I don't want to pay to drop things off or book a slot to drop things into them.

Off-street response – Reference number 1064

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I cant see me using Martin Sq carpark if charges are introduced. I see me by passing the place and using Lidl Tesco or Morrisons free provision.

Off-street response – Reference number 1065

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1066

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will cripple the businesses. I also don't understand how you can charge for the shops and not the dr surgery. Surely this will fill up the surgery car park leaving patients with no where to park???

Off-street response – Reference number 1067

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will have a huge impact on the elderly

And affect all the small businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1068

I object to parking charges.

There is no parking at the doctors, local businesses would be hit which would mean price increases to cover the cost. Martin square has pharmacy and other businesses which would mean people like us oap,s who now have trouble finding spaces would be hit badly. You cannot even park for at least an hour with no charge! Have you tried to get a doctor's appointment, no parking at doctors, then you have to wait sometimes for ages before you see anyone!! This is going to hit hard on people on low incomes or oap,s. Business will suffer, prices will increase and there is very little maintenance done on the parking area!! Why the charge?. Think again please!

Off-street response – Reference number 1069

I object to parking charges.

There should at least be a short period of parking for free, say up to an hour. This would allow those of us who buy from the shops here but who aren't in the immediate postcode to continue to support these local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1070

I object to parking charges.

Another money grabbing scheme. If you have to, allow for an hour free before charging. So many elderly and families use the pharmacy and library

Off-street response – Reference number 1072

I object to parking charges.

I want to shop at local shops and support their businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1073

I object to parking charges.

I use the local shops, cafe, post office and would stop if I had to pay for parking. Doing this would push customers to the big supermarkets with free parking. The car park also helps if visiting the GP.

Off-street response – Reference number 1074

I object to parking charges.

I feel the fact the doctors , pharmacy and library is in close distance they offer an essential healthcare support . Whether it's the hearing aid fixing , jabs , midwife appointments , doctors and nurses . You are adding an additional barrier to people accessing these services .

Off-street response – Reference number 1075

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1076

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1077

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1078

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Your statement is contradictory. You state it should be for the shops and suffers from long stay parking yet you offer no 30min grace period for shoppers and instead offer the long stayers season tickets. That makes absolutely no sense. If it is for shoppers and not your coffers, a good deterrent is parking charges but with a 30 minute free grace period for shoppers.

Off-street response – Reference number 1079

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1080

I object to parking charges.

Small businesses are struggling enough without implementing parking charges, that just pure greed

Off-street response – Reference number 1081

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1082

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1083

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1084

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1085

I object to parking charges.

This will affect local carers in the community, people who attend the drs surgery, school drop off and local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1086

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is a local community shopping area. It has a small supermarket, butchers, chemist and other small businesses. Charges will mean they will lose customer. Its disgraceful that local government cannot support local business.

Off-street response – Reference number 1087

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1088

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1089

I object to parking charges.

It would ruin the businesses and local amenities

Off-street response – Reference number 1090

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1091

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1092

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1093

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Paying for parking here is outrageous. It's a short stay car park for Dr's, dentist, small shops and local school. Most importantly school parking for 3 school is already chaos, removing this free parking will

cause more carnage and danger to our children.

Off-street response – Reference number 1094

I object to parking charges.

There is already limited parking around the 2 schools in the next road and most people stop to pop into the shops or as an overflow of the doctors parking. It's is unfair to penalise the people that use the car park for its intended use.

Cameras to monitor and charge/ fine vehicles that are in the car park for over 3 hours with a non return policy surely would be a much better solution to the long stayers rather than charges for all.

Off-street response – Reference number 1095

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1096

I object to parking charges.

I currently park here for the school run and often visit the local shops. If parking charges were implemented I would have to park elsewhere and the surrounding areas are already very congested around school times. I would also be less likely to visit the shops in Martin Square and the library. People also park here for GP appointments and these often overrun so it would be unfair for patients to be penalised for additional parking charges if an appointment took longer than expected.

Off-street response – Reference number 1097

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1098

I object to parking charges.

Allow 30 mins free so people can shop then go, it'll still help stop people parking indefinitely

Off-street response – Reference number 1099

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1100

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1101

I object to parking charges.

This will affect local businesses and service providers. Cars that do not want to pay will use the local roads in the surrounding area which are already crowded and it's on a bus route which will cause chaos and added danger at busy school drop off and collection times. I disagree that this is used for long stay parking, I use it for the local shops and post office (to avoid West Malling parking fees) and I worry that this will impact the wonderful small businesses and charity shop that Martin Square offers.

Off-street response – Reference number 1102

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1103

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1104

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1105

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1106

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1107

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

In a time of crisis you want to rape people for more of the money they don't have, tmhc should maybe reduce there office staff to save money.

Off-street response – Reference number 1108

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1109

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It's hard enough to park to get the kids from school I use it for parking

Off-street response – Reference number 1110

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use this car park for school run like many others and feel charges will force struggling families to park on surrounding roads causing chaos, also the butches will lose a lot of business for people just wanting to pop in, the pharmacy which I have used many times for my son has long wait times for prescriptions thus making it impossible to estimate a time parked whilst there

Off-street response – Reference number 1111

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1112

I object to parking charges.

Will kill businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1113

(no comment supplied)

I regularly use Martin Square car park to visit the hairdressers, butchers, post office and library. Most visits are for less than an hour, please do not charge for the first 60 mins. Many businesses will lose customers if charges are applied.

Off-street response – Reference number 1114

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I regularly visit Martin Square to go doctors and Chemist with my children I also park there to drop my children off to school if you start charging it will cause people to illegally park on the double yellows which will cause safety issues for school children

Off-street response – Reference number 1115

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1116

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We visit regularly to visit the library, pharmacy, butchers and cafe. If charges are introduced we would no longer visit.

Off-street response – Reference number 1117

I object to parking charges.

I use the carpark everyday for school runs then to sort medication from the pharmacy. Most of the time I have to park in Martin Square so I can go to the drs as there are no parking space over by the dr when you go. Most of the time I can be in the drs from 30min to an hour and most times getting my medication from the pharmacy is about 30mins to an hour depending on the length of the queue. It's a shame that it's had to come to this as you will find many people will now park round all the side roads just so they can get there kids to and from school.

Off-street response – Reference number 1118

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

As a business owner I feel sadden for those businesses in or around Martin Square that will be massively impacted by parking charges. As people will choose to go to large supermarkets with free parking. Surely in a world at the moment where we should be supporting local businesses this is a crazy suggestion.

I am lucky enough to be able to walk to the local school to drop my children off, however it gets crazy along Swallow Road, where maniac drivers drive to fast or park in dangerous places. Having a few near misses over the years, I would be even more worried about this situation. If you introduce parking charges I fear this is only going to make an increasingly bigger problem along Swallow & Kingfisher Road.

Maybe introduce 1 hour free parking and then charges apply?

Off-street response – Reference number 1119

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1120

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I live in the area when I have doctors to come and see my dad where will they park? When I have visitors where will they park? When I start driving where can I park? Nobody will park there they will park on the roads for free and make the area mayhem thinking about the people not the money???

Off-street response – Reference number 1121

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Charging to park with no 30 min free period will be detrimental to the shops and businesses in the area. I live near Tesco where I can park and shop without hassle or paying but I do like to support the smaller shops especially our new butcher however I do not want to pay just to nip in for 5 minutes!

I have had trouble parking on occasion so I would be happy to pay for a stay of 30 minutes or more but I will not pay for less than this.

Off-street response – Reference number 1122

I object to parking charges.

if made to pay for quick pop in visits to the local businesses at Martin Square then I will be forced to take my business else where..dont mind paying a fee for a longer period but please let there be a free of charge 1st 20mins...i use the car park at least 5 times a week..

Off-street response – Reference number 1123

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1124

I object to parking charges.

One cannot guarantee how long the wait for prescriptions, use the library, nip into butchers and post office/shop. Why should people pay to park in order to use local shops. Would the money collected go into parking pockets or local community. This is part of our council taxes!!

Off-street response – Reference number 1125

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1126

I object to parking charges.

We never have a problem with parking in Martin square and we have often used the car park at all times of days and times.

Off-street response – Reference number 1127

I object to parking charges.

As a parent of a child that attends Brookfield school these parking charges will cause havoc on the surrounding streets. I am a disabled person and Martin square is the only place I can park that is safe for me to get my wheelchair out due to cars parked all over the double yellow lines due to no spaces left in Martin square. If charges go ahead in a climate that people are pushed for 20p as it is the surrounding roads with double yellows will be grid locked. Not to mention the Neighbouring school Lunsford lane.

Off-street response – Reference number 1128

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We live in the town houses in Martin Square and the parking in the road is bad now. People park on the double yellow lines and if we have a big car in our drive they can block us getting in or out.. It will get much worse if parking charges are applied in the car park. Kingfisher road is bad now at school times so this will get much worse. Also it will stop people using the shops. Visits to the library, chemist, post office and doctors surgery will be expensive and pensioners won't be able to afford to visit. It won't be fair on the people volunteering in the charity shop or the workers in the shops or the residents in the flats above the shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 1129

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have lived here since before shops were built. Never have we had to pay to visit shops and doctors. It will make the surrounding street ridiculous. I would like to know where any public meeting was offered for local people who support the local traders could object. Like most things the local people don't get a say. This is an outrage.

Off-street response – Reference number 1130

I object to parking charges.

I object the introduction of parking charges in Martin Square as it causes issues for our business such as having to pay a fee daily for several hours at a time as well as our delivery drivers having to pay each time they enter unless they are to pay a fine

Off-street response – Reference number 1131

I object to parking charges.

This is outrageous if you just want to pop on one shop

Off-street response – Reference number 1132

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object to the introduction of parking charges and Season tickets as the charges cause inconveniences for both business owners and residents especially in the current living cost crisis. The cost will eat at the savings and earnings of many and will make it difficult to get by as overtime it will incur a heavy sum

Off-street response – Reference number 1133

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1134

I object to parking charges.

Parking is already hard enough without this

Off-street response – Reference number 1135

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Bringing in charges will severely impact the businesses on Martin Square - at least allow half an hour free so that you can pop into the chemist or pick up a takeaway. I agree that you shouldn't be allowed to park there all day & residents/businesses should have to park in the spaces furthest from the shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 1136

I object to parking charges.

Most shoppers spend less than an hour in this car park and so therefore unfair to charge for this, this will drastically effect local businesses and customers will shop elsewhere to save on charges, the knock on effect to this will be businesses closing then the square will become just a run down area with boarded up shops so will therefore attract crime

Off-street response – Reference number 1137

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1138

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1139

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will cost people money to park just to pop in to local shops. For many, myself included money is already tight. Also I am a widowed sole parent to a child at Brookfield and I rely on help from older family members to drop off and collect my child some days every week. They need to be able to park there to do this.

Off-street response – Reference number 1140

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1141

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Pay to collect a prescription or go for breakfast and support the local small business owners. Greedy.

Off-street response – Reference number 1142

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1143

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This would be totally unfair

We need someone to park for the local shops and schools

Businesses will begin to fail if we need to pay to pop into them.

Off-street response – Reference number 1144

I object to parking charges.

An hour free parking would be good to use local facilities but I certainly wouldnt come to Martin square and pay to park, most would park at Morrisons and walk through or use doctors which then wont be available for those needing the surgery.

I think you will loose businesses and customers if you put pay to park.

Silly idea especially as people do several things when visiting Martin square.

Off-street response – Reference number 1145

I object to parking charges.

Putting charges in for the car park will only increase the amount of cars parked on the road and kingfisher road is bad enough at the moment.

Off-street response – Reference number 1146

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1147

I object to parking charges.

This will impact heavily on local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1148

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1149

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will decrease revenue at the local shops. It will cause the residents to struggle to afford their own homes and a number of disabled people live in this estate

Off-street response – Reference number 1150

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Many people are struggling financially and this will only add to their burden. It will ruin our local shops does the council really want this to happen ! You don't have to pay when you visit Morrisons to do your shopping so why should they pay when visiting the shops in Martin Square.

Off-street response – Reference number 1151

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Will effect the businesses and people coming, Martin squares been there years and parking has never been a problem that needed changing. It will effect customers as I won't be paying a parking charge to quickly run in and out a shop, bakery or the local cafe.

Off-street response – Reference number 1152

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1153

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1154

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have lived here 40 yrs & free parking on tbe square is a key resource for our community. Parents park there for the school run,patients park for the doctors, dentists & Health visitors people park when using the shops,library & hairdressers along with the other shops .its also used by residents whoblive over the shops & out on the london rd above those shops

If parking charges apply then business will dwindle in the shops & people especially the elderly wont be able to afford to use the heslth centre as appointments often go over time & their income is limited.

If you want to make cuts then i suggest you look at the councils top executives & cut their pay to cover things for us lesser paid mortals .

Off-street response – Reference number 1155

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1156

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1157

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If it is introduced then because I'm disabled and can't possibly walk to work I will be " punished " for doing so. I'd have to pay for 4 hours twice a day 3 times a week and it would mean me rethinking

whether working is worth it. Stores will notice the lack of customers and put their future in peril

Off-street response – Reference number 1158

I object to parking charges.

I live in Kingfisher road. Putting charges in place will push residents and shop staff to park their cars in Kingfisher down on both sides of the road, which will affect those that already try and park the vehicle outside of their home and it will cause major issue major issues as Kingfisher road is a bus route.

Off-street response – Reference number 1159

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1160

I object to parking charges.

Such charges will have a detrimental effect on footfall visiting shops and doctors and disproportionateley impact poorer residents and pensioners.

Off-street response – Reference number 1161

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1162

I object to parking charges.

The businesses will suffer for example people will no longer pop to the fish and chip shop when there are 2 more on the doorstep where parking is free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1163

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1164

I object to parking charges.

This will affect all the shops in martin square if charges are brought in - people will stop supporting their local shops. People will use larger store to collect prescriptions so they do not need to pay charges. With three schools and a pre-school locally where and how are parents meant to stop and drop if their children? With the hardship everyone is facing at the moment this is just another thing to be added

Off-street response – Reference number 1165

I object to parking charges.

I object to the introduction of parking because I use Martin Square all the the time I feel like this will have an impact on the business's up there because people will not want to pay for parking just to run into the shops ect for 10 minutes or so and also hair dressers will probley see a loss of customers as people will either go somewhere else to park or they will just use the morrisons car park or the doctors or library. The crisis of living is hard as it is with out the extra cost of car parks.

Off-street response – Reference number 1166

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1167

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I think at least the first 40min should be free and after 5pm as well

Also Sundays should be free as in a lot of other carports.

Also it will block up of the roads around Larkfield.

Off-street response – Reference number 1169

I object to parking charges.

I am an owner of a business in Martin square. These new charges will affect our business. People that pick up food will have to pay a fee. This will just encourage people to go elsewhere,which affects my business and the people who I employ. The fact they come to work and have pay at least £29.00 per month is very wrong. By doing this you are not helping the small Independet businesses at all. This really should be reconsidered as alot of people are going to be affected in all matters..

Off-street response – Reference number 1170

I object to parking charges.

The small businesses there struggle to get enough passing trade as it is, this will deter even more people and they will end up going bust and we will have no local shops at all.

People should not have to pay to visit the doctor or the library, they should be free of charge to all.

Off-street response – Reference number 1171

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I understand long term parking is a problem, and maybe parking needs to be limited in some way, maybe with a no parking timeslot in the middle of the day, and robust penalties.

However both the pharmacy and the doctors surgery are extremely busy at all times, and the parking for the GP is very limited so you need to park by the shops. There are other businesses such as the hairdresser, the cafe and the library where people spend more than a couple of minutes, and these businesses will be severely affected if people have to pay. All businesses will suffer if this goes

ahead.

Off-street response – Reference number 1172

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will not support any small businesses in Martin Square!!It will drive away custom and they need it more then ever!

Off-street response – Reference number 1173

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1174

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1175

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The car park is very close to 3 school and without Martin square as a safe car park option I believe it will cause havoc around swallow road and surrounding road. I believe this will lead to people parking irresponsibly and will no doubt cause major safety issues for the school children.

Off-street response – Reference number 1176

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will just add further pressure to already strained parking on the streets surrounding the school

Off-street response – Reference number 1177

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1178

I object to parking charges.

Where are we meant to park for school pick up and drop off everyday! Or popping into the shop.

Off-street response – Reference number 1179

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1180

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1181

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1182

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1183

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1184

I object to parking charges.

Frequent user of the car park for myself and taking elderly parents to Dr appointments. Local roads would become blocked. Never not been able to park when needed.

Off-street response – Reference number 1185

I object to parking charges.

I feel it's unfair to make people pay here as we park here to use the doctors and pharmacy.

Off-street response – Reference number 1186

I object to parking charges.

Introducing parking charges to Martin square car park, is obscene, money grabbing and pure greedy.

Off-street response – Reference number 1187

I object to parking charges.

I use the local shops and hairdressers. I don't know that I will continue to do this if I have to pay, it would increase the cost of my shopping. I work in Tonbridge and also use the shops at York Parade. Why is there going to be free parking at York Parade and not at Martin Square, they are both under T&MBC.

Off-street response – Reference number 1188

I object to parking charges.

Charges will affect small businesses using this area as I personally would now avoid using amenities such as the take aways, charity shop and post office if it meant I had to pay for parking. Businesses WILL close

Off-street response – Reference number 1189

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1190

I object to parking charges.

The car park at Martin Square is an integral aspect of the community of Larkfield. Introducing parking charges will negatively impact upon business most of whom are used for short durations (take aways, newsagents) and will not warrant a 60p charge to customers thus reducing the trade. Additionally this is used as a key parking locations for local schools. This traffic will go onto local residential roads, causing a negative impact upon local residents and higheneted risk of the safety of children and adults walking to school. It is not feasible for school parents to pay at least 60p each morning and afternoon daily and so they will park on local roads. A compromise could be free 30 mins to allow people to quickly use shops and business. The local library also only has 4 parking spaces and paying to use the carpark will also impact on those that use the library.

Off-street response – Reference number 1191

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1192

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

People use Martin square to nip to the shops or pharmacy or for a doctor's appointment. If charges are introduced give people one free hour at least. My suggestion is please don't take more money off people at a time when everyone is struggling from rising mortgage costs, energy costs and fuel costs.

Off-street response – Reference number 1193

I object to parking charges.

I work round the corner from Martins Square - I regularly use the car park to go to the butchers and the post office and the cafe for lunch - Generally 12.30 and 1h30 - I have NEVER not been able to park! This is an excuse for the council to make money 😊 if you introduce charges I will stop using those local shops / I have them were I live but choose to use Martin's square because I can shop during my lunch hour - if it aient broke don't fix it !!

Off-street response – Reference number 1194

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1195

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I disagree with any charges for parking in Martin square.

Off-street response – Reference number 1196

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1197

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Absolutely ridiculous in my opinion it's just another way to make money especially as there is no free time ect 30mins the fact you're happy to charge people already struggling for the first 30min proves it all about making money!!! Nothing to do with lack of spaces never had a problem parking all this does is stop people using shops already struggling

Off-street response – Reference number 1198

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

It is fair that all users of car parks in Tonbridge and Malling share the cost burden.

Off-street response – Reference number 1199

I object to parking charges.

This will mean paying to visit the library, if charges need to be introduced there should be a set period of time when to can park for free

Off-street response – Reference number 1200

I object to parking charges.

I use Martin square frequently - The shops are generally ones you would pop in for short periods eg: butchers or dry cleaners. These are all local businesses that an introduction in parking fees would certainly have an impact

It should be considered that a regime up to 30 minutes free of charge then charge a fee over this time as that would be classed as longer term use.

I also believe introducing fees would encourage people to use morrisons car park which is free for a certain time time and people would be more likely to shop in there than the Independant shops in Martin square

Off-street response – Reference number 1201

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I am in favour of supporting local businesses even if they are a little bit more expensive than bigger store but adding parking charges may be the death of these businesses due to the extra cost to the customers.

Off-street response – Reference number 1202

I object to parking charges.

There should be a minimum of 1 hour free for a local shop - then charges thereafter

Off-street response – Reference number 1203

I object to parking charges.

Just another money making scheme when the car park serves so many people using the facilities, this will impact on the local shops and businesses there

Off-street response – Reference number 1204

I object to parking charges.

First 45 minutes free - thereafter, start charges. Parking fees are a deterrent to shoppers who want to grab a few things.

Off-street response – Reference number 1205

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will kill local businesses, the majority of car park users stay for mere minutes.

Off-street response – Reference number 1206

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Any charges will result in small businesses losing money then possibly closure.

Off-street response – Reference number 1208

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1209

I object to parking charges.

Absolutely ridiculous as ever from TMBC, first 2 hours hour free would be a good idea and stop long term. Local small businesses need our support!!!

Off-street response – Reference number 1210

I object to parking charges.

Many parents park and walk there children to school if you introduce charges this will push them to park dangerously in surrounding roads

Off-street response – Reference number 1211

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1212

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1213

I object to parking charges.

Putting charges to park at Martin Sq would be devastating to the local shops, as people would not go there for the ones that drive, I think it would be better to have half an hour free would be better as you could park there and shop in that time.

Off-street response – Reference number 1214

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Most shopper's do their shopping within 1 hour if parking in st Martins car park. They should be free of parking charge. You want to support the shops and businesses in the area. Any parking over 1 hour should pay.

Off-street response – Reference number 1215

I object to parking charges.

Fairness would be charges apply after 2hrs - pharmacy & GP surgery has been known for long delays, hair & beauty treatments can be lengthy

Off-street response – Reference number 1216

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1217

I object to parking charges.

It will effect the community as a whole as people will not use martin square for there day to day shopping and alot of people rely on the shops and will find other places to shop

Off-street response – Reference number 1218

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1219

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The ticket prices do not take in to account volunteers at the charity shop who do not earn a wage but will have to pay £5.80 to park each day. Businesses can lose trade as those that just drop in to collect prescriptions or a takeaway will now pay 60p just to stop for 5/10 mins and this will deter many people. The first 30mins should be free if charges must be introduced. Parking on side roads will increase especially around the school run times, currently many parents park at Martin Square and won't want to pay, by parking on verges and side roads this will increase the risk of accidents, make it difficult for delivery lorries, buses and the fire brigade to get passed the parked cars and make viewing difficult to see oncoming traffic when coming out of adjoining side roads. I work at Martin Square 2/3 days a week and believe this will have a detrimental effect of staff, residents and visitors. The yearly and monthly season tickets along with the daily costs are an additional expense that most people will struggle to pay in the current environment when everyday living costs have soared and income is stretch beyond the limit. This could have a knock on effect to retaining staff who cannot afford the additional parking expenses. This can also affect recruiting, especially for college/uni age students/young people who are looking for work around their studies. They will be earning a low wage and may then have parking charges to pay on top which will discourage them from taking these positions which in turn will affect businesses who will need to pay more to recruit staff of an older age. Shops rely on the younger generation to keep costs down and this age group rely on these jobs to subsidise their student loans and gain valuable experience. Martin Square is not close to a train station so it is not used as a car park for commuters, the people parking there during the day are workers at Martin Square, visitors using the shops, surgery, library, etc and residents who will be most affected by these charges. These should be strongly reconsidered as the charges are detrimental to those that need the parking the most.

Off-street response – Reference number 1220

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1221

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is going to be a nightmare for the schools. There is two schools on the plot the corner and there is very little roadside parking. Also I've never had issues parking there when popping in the local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1222

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1223

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1224

I object to parking charges.

I don't agree to charges in Martin Square, it will be detrimental to the local shops, also cause stress to the public, when visiting the doctors, if they have to wait a long time, this is a local residential area, should be able to shop locally without the council trying to extract more money out of local residents, who pay their council tax.

Off-street response – Reference number 1225

I object to parking charges.

The car park is never full so long term parking is not an issue. The local shops, doctors and library will be heavily impacted by these charges unfortunately.

Off-street response – Reference number 1226

I object to parking charges.

Having first half hour or even first hour free would allow for local residents to use the car park to pick up medicines from the pharmacy, return books to the library and pick up food from takeaways. Having to pay a charge to use the carpark for something that will take 10-15 mins is harsh and will mean people will try and park elsewhere such as kingfisher Road. This will just push the parking to the local residential roads especially at school pick up times.

Off-street response – Reference number 1227

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We should be encouraging people to use and support local businesses not put them off by introducing unnecessary parking charges !!

Off-street response – Reference number 1229

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I would support charges if the 1st hour was free. Most people don't need longer than that. If they stay over an hour there should be charged

Off-street response – Reference number 1230

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1231

I object to parking charges.

I visit the car park twice weekly to go to the pharmacy and post office. I have never not been able to park so don't agree with this reason for introducing charges. Most people that use the car park are

short stay parking so spaces become available quite quickly

Off-street response – Reference number 1232

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1233

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The free parking supports the businesses on the square

Would not use them otherwise

Off-street response – Reference number 1234

I object to parking charges.

I will not pay to pick up regular prescriptions or visit the butchers therefore these businesses will lose my custom.

My elderly mother often uses the car park to visit local shops and gp surgery. She finds it less stressful to shop here but should not have to pay for this.

Parents will not want to pay to drop off or collect at school times and will no doubt park in surrounding residential roads causing chaos.

Off-street response – Reference number 1235

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1236

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This car park serves the community as does all of the shops. Introducing car park fees will have such a detrimental impact on all the shops and the people that enjoy using them. How to kill businesses lesson here guys!

Just insider the first hour free this would then stop long stayers the people that abuse the current free parking.

So my regular hair dressing appointment which is normally 2+hrs will cost me a whole lot more now!

Off-street response – Reference number 1238

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1239

I object to parking charges.

Queues for both the chemist and the post office are ridiculously long and can result in waiting to be served around 45 minutes. Introducing parking charges will ultimately cause unnecessary financial hardship for the old and infirm. There are not enough spaces for the GP surgery either, it will make it impossible for people to keep appointments on time and it is unfair to create and impose further financial burdens on service users when service providers are efficient.

Off-street response – Reference number 1240

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1241

I object to parking charges.

The car park is vital for the library and shops surrounding Martin Square.

Off-street response – Reference number 1242

I object to parking charges.

When visiting doctors, if their car park is full I use Martin Sq, you have no idea of how long you will be waiting for that appt, once there was an emergency and I was in there 3 hours! same with queueing for the pharmacy, service in there is atrocious and just to wait for a prescription, you can be 45min plus.

Off-street response – Reference number 1243

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1244

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Grace period should be given - eg first 30 mins Free. Or Shops will and food outlets will lose income as shoppers will go where its free to park for a quick pop to the shop/takeaway

Off-street response – Reference number 1245

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1246

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I feel that all areas where there are local shops, there should be either 30 minutes or up to 1-hour free parking, otherwise local businesses will start struggle as people will avoid shopping in these local areas.

Off-street response – Reference number 1247

I object to parking charges.

No way, no charges

Off-street response – Reference number 1249

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

With half the doctors car park now not able to be used. NHS equipment. Most people use the car park on a short time basis for using the shops/doctors.

Off-street response – Reference number 1250

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1252

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have lived in Larkfield for 10 years and never had a problem finding a parking space at Martin Square. I object to the idea of charges as not only is the car park used for both shops and residents it is also the overflow car park for the doctors and library and many parents use it for school drop offs. If charges have to go through I think the first hour should be free so as to allow residents access to essential medical facilities and a quick pop to the shops. Charging after an hour will stop the long stay parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 1253

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I often use the businesses and library at Martin Square as they are accessible by car from where I live. If I have to pay for parking I simply won't use them as it takes away the convenience and appeal for me. You then risk the businesses failing and potentially yet another library closure. I also sometimes use the car park when the doctors car park is full.

Off-street response – Reference number 1254

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1255

I object to parking charges.

Just another way to make money out of people who are already paying through the nose for council tax disgusting!

Off-street response – Reference number 1256

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Bringing in charges to this local community car park will discourage the local shopper, anger patients as they have long wait times for the doctors and increase the parking on already congested nearby residential streets. I really don't see any benefit other than the local council making some £s. And quite frankly, we already pay higher than average council tax compared to other areas.

Off-street response – Reference number 1257

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1258

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

These charges will only push people to park in Morrisons car park and create a problem.

Off-street response – Reference number 1260

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1261

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1262

I object to parking charges.

Just have a time limit... just another money making scheme!

Off-street response – Reference number 1263

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1264

I object to parking charges.

I use the shops in Martin Square most days to either get a newspaper, use the post office, shop for food/ takeaways and take and collect grandchildren from school - each of these visits takes less than half an hour.

I also use the library and the doctors when needed

If charges are implemented at 60p for the first half hour, it will cost me a significant amount of money every week which as a pensioner I can ill afford.

Martin Square is not a major shopping centre, it is an LOCAL amenity for the LOCAL population of Larkfield and is the centre of our community.

The introduction of charges will lead to the lose of local businesses as a result of fewer shoppers and being unable to recruit/retain staff who will not pay the daily charges in the car park.

There is very little parking availability in surrounding streets so avoiding the car park will not always be an option - these proposed charges will cause chaos and gridlock at busy times particularly at school drop off and pick up time - as everyone tries to grab the very few parking spaces available near the THREE schools only a hundred yards from Martin Square.

It is inevitable that before long there will be a serious accident and possible loss of life

Some common sense needs to be applied please.

And finally, why are the proposed charges so severe ? - 8am -8 pm including Sundays and bank holidays Even the big town centres aren't that money grabbing !

Some common sense needs to be applied

Quality of life must win over a thoughtless money making exercise

Don't destroy our community please.

Off-street response – Reference number 1265

I object to parking charges.

To many local schools and limited free parking , parking at drop off and collection is already a issue without added parking charges , Many Elderly used car park for doctors and pharmacy,

Off-street response – Reference number 1266

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use Martin square mainly for chemist and post office. I will not pay to collect my prescriptions and post parcels so will take my business elsewhere. Charges will result in the closure of businesses. I feel the first 30 mins or even an hour should be free. This will put off the long stay users. There are not enough spaces at the doctors surgery and patients park at martin square. You can not predict how long you may be in the doctors surgery. People will start to park in residential streets which will cause obstruction and upset to local residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 1267

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Sometimes I only need 1 item of shopping so don't want to pay parking charges I will go into Morrisons where it's free

Off-street response – Reference number 1268

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1269

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use the car park to pop to the shops around the square and have never had issues finding a parking space.

Off-street response – Reference number 1270

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Introducing parking charges will just increase the number of people parking illegally at school drop off and collection time. Martin Square serves two primary schools and a pre-school. There are no parking enforcement officers covering that area, so this continues everyday. Parking charges will just increase the chaos and is likely to result in injury to young children. Local business will suffer from lose of trade as it has done in West Malling. The local library is also likely to suffer with fewer people able to access it if parking charges are introduced.

Off-street response – Reference number 1271

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1272

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I think parking charges will put people off shopping in Martin square. The local

Businesses will suffer as a result. A lot of elderly will be alienated if the charges go ahead especially if it a smart phone is needed to pay the charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 1273

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1274

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There are always spaces. If there were parking charges I would not use the shops . Pharmacy,library, post office butchers there regularly like I do know. What about people going to the GP. Absolutely ridiculous idea and a good way to kill off even more businesses .

Off-street response – Reference number 1275

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1276

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1277

I object to parking charges.

Larkfields parking is already horrendous and so dangerous for children already with cars parking illegally. Martin square parking offers sensible parking where the cars arnt blocking mains roads or school entrances . Paying for parking to take your children to school is awful some people can't afford normal living let alone added extras this time of the year and in the current crisis.

Off-street response – Reference number 1278

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

A free half an hour for a quick shop would help the local shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 1279

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The council know lots of parents use the carpark for school pick up. It's disgraceful to to try and go after these parents fir money. Yet another money grabbing scheme. I don't know anyone who isn't outraged by this proposal

Off-street response – Reference number 1280

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

When visiting Martin square I am only ever popping into the shops or doctors surgery and would probably never be parked for longer that 20min , these charges would stop me from using the shops there , the section of parking for the doctors is always full I feel you need to have an option of an hours free parking!

Off-street response – Reference number 1281

I object to parking charges.

I live on Kingfisher Road which gets blocked sometimes due to cars parking here on main road. Often it means I need to help the bus driver to squeeze through or otherwise he sits there and beeps his horn for 30 mins and I have autistic son which is affected by this. I have no choice but get out of my house and help the fella to squeeze through with directing him (I don't get paid for this). If you introduce changes to that car park I will have even more cars on that stretch of the road and if that

happens I won't be helping. That bus can stay there whole day. I will just inform him to stop using his horn.

This parking is never clogged, there is always plenty of space.

Off-street response – Reference number 1282

I object to parking charges.

Often visit cafe, chemist, butchers etc . Charges will leave us even less to spend and deter us from shopping there

Off-street response – Reference number 1283

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1284

I object to parking charges.

I usually use the car park once or twice a month to pop into the library or beauty salon. Never had an issue parking so don't believe even long term users are causing much of an issue. The issue will be charging for short term will mean customers won't pop into use the shops. Maybe 3 hours for free if long term Parker's are really causing that much trouble.

Off-street response – Reference number 1285

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1286

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1287

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1288

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If you must introduce parking charges, consider having: the 1 hour free; permit parking for residents; and no parking fees in the evening, weekends, public/bank holidays. Bear in mind this will affect local businesses around Martins Square in a negative way.

Off-street response – Reference number 1289

I object to parking charges.

Also Used by the doctors visitors (you forgot to mention that). This is purely a money making exercise by you. The whole point of your message is to stop long term parking. Then put in a charge after 2 hours free parking. You also haven't mentioned parents using the car park at school start and finish times.

Off-street response – Reference number 1291

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1292

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1293

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I support the introduction of charges for stays of more than one hour. Most visits to the shops, doctors and library are brief. Charges for those visits will cause problem parking in surrounding streets.

Off-street response – Reference number 1295

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1296

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If there has to be charges, there should be at least half hour to an hour free parking for shoppers before introducing parking charges. Free on bank holidays and sundays and between hours of 20.00 and 08.00. This would prevent people leaving their cars.

Off-street response – Reference number 1297

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If you want to stop people parking all day, but still be able to use the shops easily and be able to pop into them, make it free for the first 2 hours.

If you do residents season tickets, it will be full of people there all day. and we still wont be bale to park to pop into the shops.

If you add charges, its going to have a significant detrimental impact to the local shops, as you can no longer park up, pop in and go again.

Off-street response – Reference number 1298

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1299

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1300

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1301

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1302

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

This parking should be free for the first hour and then charges thereafter.

Off-street response – Reference number 1303

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1304

I object to parking charges.

Feel it would be detrimental to the small shops - we literally pop most Saturday's to the butcher which we all consider an asset, but parking charges would mean lots of us return to getting our meat from supermarkets.

Off-street response – Reference number 1305

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1307

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I live in the flats on kingfisher road and our car park is for residents living in the flats only, but we are mobbed with parents dropping off their children to school as it is, if Martin square is made chargeable all of the surrounding areas will be mobbed with people parking to avoid the charge, who would normally park in Martin sq. also I should note that kingfisher road is already a very busy road to drive down at any time of the day with many residents who live in the houses on kingfisher parking down the road, these charges will also add more pressure to kingfisher road, as people will park there instead of paying to park as it's still a stones throw away. I don't think charging people even more in way of yearly permits is fair considering the already strain on household bills rising every other day. I also would not use the shops and pay to park, I would avoid and use other shops with free parking like Tesco or Morrisons, so you would be putting those shops out of business.

Off-street response – Reference number 1308

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1309

I object to parking charges.

If long stay parking is a problem, then just restrict the parking to free for 3 hours only. That way customer can still visit the shops free of charge and it won't impact businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1310

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I go to Martin Square and its a matter of popping in a shop and going but I will not go if you introduce parking charges so local shops will not survive if you do this

Off-street response – Reference number 1311

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1313

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will kill all small businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1314

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1315

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We know what you are up to. Destroy businesses and services, and sell off to developers. Evil people.

Off-street response – Reference number 1316

I object to parking charges.

If I have to pay to visit the shops then I will go somewhere else. Its the shops that will loose out ultimately and will go out of business. If you want to charge then first 2 hours should be free and those that park longer term pay or get a permit. Why must we residents all suffer because of those that perhaps car share for London flaunt the facility? Do TMBC just want to tax us residents???

Off-street response – Reference number 1317

I object to parking charges.

Charges will damage local trade. It should also be remembered that these spaces are also used by people attending Thornhills Medical Practice.

Off-street response – Reference number 1318

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will kill the local businesses. Lots of elderly people use the car park & are struggling to pay bills. They can't afford to start paying for parking

Off-street response – Reference number 1319

I object to parking charges.

Will affect everyone, shops, chemist, Doctors. Dentist. London Rd shops. Residents. Every one using.

Young to old, disabled.

Just encourage parking along the residents roads.

Kingfisher Rd, a bus route is bad enough already.

Off-street response – Reference number 1321

I object to parking charges.

I need to queue for the post office, I use chemist where there is always a, queue. I also use charity shop, and butchers. I am a widow and a pensioner. Life is hard enough without having to pay a meter age charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 1323

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1324

I object to parking charges.

Without a free short parking time the shops will all suffer and eventually close down,so everyone will lose out and will have to travel further to shop. I have never been back to West Malling since charges were introduced there! The surrounding roads will be choked with parked cars. It is madness.

Off-street response – Reference number 1325

(no comment supplied)

If any charges put in place needs to be a free time for shoppers. This park is meant for shoppers and medical centre instead of penalising these people and making business suffer prosecute long term parkers

Off-street response – Reference number 1327

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

This car park is used by patients of the doctors surgery because their car park is too small. It is sometimes very difficult to know how long appointments will take; forcing people to take out a long-time ticket. If the main worry is long-term parkers, put a free 4 hr limit on free parking or ban parking for one hour at lunchtime. Paying for parking now is a nightmare as you become dependent on having a smart phone which elderly patients often don't have.

Off-street response – Reference number 1329

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1330

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

What a way to kill local business stone dead. This is absolutely disgraceful.

Off-street response – Reference number 1332

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1333

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1334

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

Every car park should contribute towards its maintenance costs where practical.

Off-street response – Reference number 1335

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Argue that the financial burden of parking tickets, particularly when attending medical appointments and picking up essential medicines, is disproportionately impacting individuals. Emphasize the broader community impact by underscoring how small businesses, already facing challenges, might suffer if customers are discouraged by parking fines. Stress the need for a compassionate approach in these circumstances.

Off-street response – Reference number 1336

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will impact the local business trade

Off-street response – Reference number 1338

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Are you going to introduce daily/annual parking charges at your council offices too?

Off-street response – Reference number 1339

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1340

I object to parking charges.

If you want to kill off the local shops then go ahead and charge for parking

Off-street response – Reference number 1341

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1343

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1344

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1345

I object to parking charges.

I think there should be 1 hour free and then charges. This would enable people to make a brief visit while stopping others using the car park for long term parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 1347

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1348

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1349

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It's ridiculous to suggest that the only way to stop long stays is introducing charges...simply apply a 2hr maximum stop per day! People will need to be commissioned to check pay and display regardless so the cost will be same as forecasted whether checking permits, long stay, short stays etc.

Off-street response – Reference number 1350

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1351

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1352

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1353

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1355

I object to parking charges.

Parking is already at a minimum with 2 schools and a playschool on the Brookfield site. Parents already struggle to park. My biggest concern is that parents will be forced to park on side roads, which are already extremely busy. I live near the car park and parking spaces are already being used by some parents. It is dangerous for the children to walk further to school on this busy main road.

Off-street response – Reference number 1356

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1357

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I am a blue badge driver

Off-street response – Reference number 1358

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will be detrimental to the shops

Off-street response – Reference number 1361

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Terrible idea to introduce any charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1362

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1363

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1364

I both support and object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1366

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1368

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1369

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object as adding parking charges would affect local businesses. I have never had a problem parking at Martin square in the 9 years I have lived in the area. It is handy I can just pop down there for 20 mins or an hour to have my hair done or view the parade of shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 1370

(no comment supplied)

Do not know this car park

Off-street response – Reference number 1371

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1372

I object to parking charges.

All businesses are going to suffer because people won't pay to park just to pop into a shop for 5 minutes, or pay the price to sit in the doctors for a good hour at times then at least a half hour on top In the chemist to collect medications. Ridiculous Decision

Off-street response – Reference number 1373

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1374

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1375

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1378

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There should be a time limit of 30 minutes to pop into the butchers

Off-street response – Reference number 1380

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1381

I object to parking charges.

Many of the shops in Martin Square are ones that you visit briefly, such as the takeaways. To have to spend the time and money just to pick something up from these shops is not right. Very few vehicles (if any) would be parked there for long periods. If parking charges are applied, then there must be a basic free parking time of at least 1/2 hr to allow for these collections.

Off-street response – Reference number 1383

(no comment supplied)

I have no opinion on these proposals.

Off-street response – Reference number 1384

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1386

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is a local car park, not a town centre car park. Local people need to stay local to support local shops and pay-parking will kill it off.

Off-street response – Reference number 1387

I object to parking charges.

This square is a vital community hub with essential services the pharmacy the post office the GP surgery a library and housing office an older person's extra care and residential social housing and a post office.

Only those who live in the square or work there park for longer periods of time the rest are people accessing these essential services and those supporting the small businesses including the food outlets, these local shops will disappear if this charging is introduced as will the essential services. This is not a big shopping mall nor is it close to places people might commute from it is a hub for the local community and needs to be protected.

Off-street response – Reference number 1388

I object to parking charges.

There are local shops in the square which will be affected by parking charges.

At the least, please please allow a grace period before introducing a charge - such as 2 hours free to get shopping and don't destroy the local economy.

Off-street response – Reference number 1389

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1390

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

I support parking charges, BUT only for people parking over 2hours, therefore stops people who park and car share, or leave their cars there all day!

If you charge everyone, customers will stop using the shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 1391

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1392

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have never had any problems parking here. Introducing charges will be so harmful to the businesses in the Square.

Off-street response – Reference number 1393

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

LIFE IS HARD ENOUGH FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTS YOU WILL KILL THE AREA

Off-street response – Reference number 1394

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1395

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1396

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1397

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1398

I object to parking charges.

This car park is used for school drop offs and collection, as the school doesn't have any parking spaces. This usage is approximately 10-15 mins. If this car park charged then I would incur additional costs twice a day. This daily cost would soon become a huge expense over a month. This is not something I can afford.

Off-street response – Reference number 1399

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1401

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If parking charges are introduced it will restrict those persons who are unable to walk to the shops; and will eventually have an effect on local businesses. People will drift off to the larger supermarkets.

Off-street response – Reference number 1402

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

With Martin Square in particular, I believe that parking should be free for the first two hours after which parking charges should apply. This gives everyone the ability to carry out shopping or visiting the surgery without having to pay parking fees.

Off-street response – Reference number 1405

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1407

I object to parking charges.

In the 40 years I have lived here and used the Martin square car park I have never not been able to find a spot to park.

I park for short periods to pop into the chemist or other shops and having to go and buy a ticket will be annoyingly time consuming for the sake of a 5 or 10 minute stay.

Many of the local elderly community use this car park to collect prescriptions, pension from post office and use the GP surgery, putting a charge on the use of the 'local community amenities' seems wrong.

We need to keep our local shops, we don't want them losing business due to car park charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1408

I object to parking charges.

It is not fair on the small shops, who pay enough council tax. So they need customers, but will lose some of them who can't afford to pay for car parking charges. It is not fair on the working class, who gets stung all the time & can hardly put food on the table at this time of year.

Off-street response – Reference number 1411

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have never struggled to find a space in this car park so your suggestion that spaces are blocked is clearly irrelevant. This car park is also used by people accessing essential services such as the doctors and pharmacy, where waiting times can be unpredictable. People need to be confident that they can use the car park without risk of over running their paid for time, and that they can access these essential services without needing to pay.

Off-street response – Reference number 1412

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will have an effect on the local residents, as customers of Martin Square will decide to park on the surrounding streets and obstructing the bus route along Kingfisher Road.

Please consider making the first 30mins being free as an option.

Off-street response – Reference number 1413

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I live in the road leading to the rear of the shops in Martin Square, parking in this small section of road is awful at present & will only be made worse if parking charges are introduced in the car park.

Off-street response – Reference number 1414

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I work full time in the doctors surgery and I do not live locally. I do not want to be paying for the car park on top of the petrol that it costs me to get here. It will force me to look at jobs elsewhere where parking is provided free of charge leaving the NHS short staffed when it is already on its knees.

Off-street response – Reference number 1415

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Increasing or introducing parking charges to towns that are already on the brink of dilapidation will only make things worse. If anything free parking should be increased to encourage shoppers to come into town more often.

Off-street response – Reference number 1416

I object to parking charges.

Local businesses struggle enough to attract custom, and it is well-proven that free parking encourages trade in all towns and villages.

The simple solution to long-term parking - if indeed this is not just a means of earning additional revenue - is to have one hour free, then charges thereafter. Most people visit Martin Square for short-term activity (grabbing a newspaper, picking up a prescription, having a haircut, collecting a takeaway, dropping off dry cleaning) - so support those people and businesses by allowing people to park there free for a short time, but penalise those who park for longer by adding a proportionate parking charge.

It's the ONLY way to fulfil the objectives of serving shop-owners and ensuring good parking turnover for customers.

Off-street response – Reference number 1418

I object to parking charges.

I frequently use these shops and usually only visit for short amount of time and would definitely be put off going if charges were applicable. It would affect these small shops if everyone did the same thing. Plus the post office queue would cost everyone a fortune in parking charges!!

Off-street response – Reference number 1419

I object to parking charges.

I work at the Health Care Centre on Martins Square. The car park serves as a place for patients and staff to park but also brings in revenue from advhic shopping before/after appointments. The issue would be parking on Road sides if there was no where to park near the surgery.

Off-street response – Reference number 1420

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This car park is used for quick stops. Pharmacy, Shop etc.

It's also used by parents dropping children into school.

Adding charges just makes this unusable for many people.

The businesses in Martin Square would no doubt suffer.

Off-street response – Reference number 1421

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Please leave this area alone and free to park. Majority of people pop to the local shops and want to support them without the extra charge of parking fees.

Off-street response – Reference number 1422

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1423

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1424

I object to parking charges.

I regularly drop off & collect my 90+ year old parents in Martin Square in order for them to go to the hairdressers and I also have to collect their prescriptions and such like from the pharmacy, events that often mean I'm stopped for approximately 10-15 minutes or less. Having to stop and go to the Pay & Display machine would actually increase the length of time I'm in the car park! That really does not seem right. Maybe making the front couple of rows of parking short term, and the back longer term would be more advantageous to all.

Off-street response – Reference number 1425

I object to parking charges.

Charges could be introduced, but there must be a free time allowable. First hour free to allow the car park to be used for shoppers, then say 0.60 for 2 hours and then 5.00 for kver 2 hours. Thus will stop the long terms comunors parking. Each shop or Flat should be allowed one free season ticket.

Off-street response – Reference number 1426

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1428

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1429

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1435

I support parking charges.

The burden of charged for car parking should be spread around the area, not just Tonbridge

Off-street response – Reference number 1437

(no comment supplied)

N/A

Off-street response – Reference number 1438

I object to parking charges.

I feel that the introduction of parking charges will push cars onto the surrounding roads that are already busy with two schools close by. Martin Square provides an important support for the local community with a GP surgery, chemist, post office and library. Both the local cafe and library provide a warm hub that is important to a lot of local people and if parking charges were introduced I feel that would isolate a lot of elderly people in particular. Also if charges were introduced it is often difficult to estimate how long you would need with regard to visiting the post office or doctors. Larkfield is finally getting a variety of local shops with the recent addition of a fabulous butchers and this action could have a severe effect of these businesses. Keep free but with a time limited stay of 2 hours for example?

Off-street response – Reference number 1440

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This car park is managing just fine by itself. The parking by the doctors is often a mess, forcing patients to use the shop parking. Charging for parking will anger shop owners, shoppers, residents and patients of the Thornhills surgery.

Off-street response – Reference number 1441

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1442

I object to parking charges.

The car park is well used but never full so the argument about long term parking is irrelevant. The shops will use customers. I shop there often because it is free parking and always spaces.

Off-street response – Reference number 1444

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Charges will deter shoppers and businesses will suffer

Off-street response – Reference number 1445

I object to parking charges.

I mainly go down to Martin square for the hairdressers and post office. Occasionally I have had to park here for the library when the library car park is full. If charges are put in place to park then I will not be parking here and will in fact park on the road or I will not bother with Martin Square at all! I dread to think how parking charges will affect the shops down there, I imagine many will go 'bust'.

Off-street response – Reference number 1446

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

TMBC is not analysing the root cause of the issue. Why is there so much low turnover parking?

Can this be addressed in other ways? Treat the cause not the symptom.

Off-street response – Reference number 1447

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Unnecessary and greedy! This is not a wealthy area, it's a Council estate. Why would you even consider imposing more costs on people already struggling ?

Off-street response – Reference number 1449

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This car park should be for the local shops and services ie Drs and library - can't you put a limit of 2 hours free parking instead?

Off-street response – Reference number 1450

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1451

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1452

I object to parking charges.

Never seen a problem with parking. Will have impact on businesses. The amount that will be brought in by tariff will be minimal to Tonbridge & Malling.

Off-street response – Reference number 1453

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will cause extra traffic on Kingfisher Road which is already a busy bus route. Customers will choose to go elsewhere for local needs. A first 30mins free should atleast be considered.

Off-street response – Reference number 1455

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1459

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Paying for parking will be detrimental to the local businesses and cause problems for those wishing to access the doctors and library and will have a huge impact on local roads for school times as many parents use the car park for safe drop off and pick ups

Off-street response – Reference number 1460

I object to parking charges.

Parking charges would stop me from using the services in that area because there are alternatives with free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 1462

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I strongly object to parking charges. So many people use Martin Square for all of the local businesses. People use the parking here when dropping off and picking children up from the local schools and nursery, if they can't park here it will cause more traffic on the school road and make it more hazardous and dangerous for the children. People also park here to use the local doctors when their car park is full and I myself have done this and had to carry poorly children into the doctors in an emergency, the last thing people need is to worry about paying to park.

People pay enough tax to be able to use Martin square as conveniently as they do and it is all locals that use it.

Times are too expensive at the moment without introducing unnecessary parking costs.

Off-street response – Reference number 1463

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have to collect medicine from the chemist and could wait a while. And paying parking charges adds to the stress

Off-street response – Reference number 1464

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1465

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1466

I object to parking charges.

This would have a detrimental impact on the local area, local businesses and access to health provisions such as the Health Centre and pharmacy. It would cause accidents and delay to bus routes because people would then take risks parking in nearby side roads to save money.

This is a really short sighted tax on the local residents and making trading for these independent businesses even harder in an already difficult climate My disappointment with this proposal knows no bounds!

Off-street response – Reference number 1467

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1469

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1470

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1471

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1472

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1473

I object to parking charges.

If the purpose is to prevent long stays in the car park, why not include a window of time of free parking (e.g. 30 minutes) for those parking just to use the local shops. This will prevent the reduction in trade that will certainly occur if people have to pay to park just to grab a pint of milk from the shop.

Off-street response – Reference number 1474

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1475

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1476

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1479

I object to parking charges.

Whilst I accept the problem of long-stay parkers, I don't support the proposed tariffs. I feel that at least one hour should be free, as that would allow the many local inhabitants to make use of the shopping facilities. If charges are introduced, it will increase congestion in Morrisons and Thornhills' car parks, both of which are already well-used as well as in the neighbouring streets - a particular safety issue at school start and finish times.

Off-street response – Reference number 1480

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1482

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

A lot of people use this car park to take the children to school and pick them up. People are struggling as it is and this is just gonna make things more harder for Parents.

Off-street response – Reference number 1484

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object that we may have to pay to park in Martin Square when a lot of people use it for school runs. This would create further higher risks of accidents as would just push more cars to dropping children off outside the school. It is already dangerous with cars parking and stopping on and in Kingfisher Road and Swallow Road. Council need to deal with this first rather than just charge everyone to take their children to school in the Square.

Why not make the first hour free to accommodate potential visits to not only school runs but also chemist and doctors. With the proposal it would cost a parent £1.20 a day to do the two school runs a day. Just crazy.

Off-street response – Reference number 1485

I object to parking charges.

I work 4 days a week as a volunteer in the Hospice shop and the charges will cost me £12.00 per week which as a pensioner is a lot to find extra per week

Off-street response – Reference number 1486

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1487

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

A free parking period should exist e.g first 30 mins, before any charges come into play

Off-street response – Reference number 1488

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

By introducing car park charges you will be killing local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1489

I object to parking charges.

Perhaps 1/2 or 1 hour free to help support local shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 1491

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I appreciate residents who live there may not follow rules, but the car park to pop into when you have a doctors appointment, need to pop to the chemist or post office... local business will loose trade or have to put up there prices which will lead to less customers. Also you can not very often get in at the doctors surgery and people will now park there so you for sure won't get in! Maybe 90 minutes free only?

Off-street response – Reference number 1492

I object to parking charges.

I object to coat being charged in regards to Martin Square. The car park is used by myself as a Pare t to take my children to school on a daily basis. As there are two local schools and mi inalienable on street parking this is the only viable option for Pare nts. The doctors at Martin square also has limited parking and the car park situated at Martin square is often used as a spill over. It is not right for patients to pay to receive medical care for themselves or their children.

The potential charges are fuelled by nothing other than greed.

Off-street response – Reference number 1493

I object to parking charges.

I work 4 days a week in the surgery, 8-6 (10 hours+ somedays) and have a 30-45 minute journey each way. I do not want to roam the streets of Larkfield to find somewhere safe and secure for me to park my car and then have to walk to get to work. I am also concerned for my safety in the winter months going back to my car. This is adding additional stress for me that I can do without. Not only is it a large inconvenience to me, it is also and unnecessary inconvenience for the surgeries patients. Please can you re-think this ridiculous idea.

Off-street response – Reference number 1494

I object to parking charges.

The shops surrounding the square are very dependent on people popping into the car park so the introduction of charges will make them not viable. Also people visiting the doctors surgery or dropping in prescription requests have to use this car park as the one provided at the surgery is not big enough.

Off-street response – Reference number 1495

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1496

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1497

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1498

I object to parking charges.

Whilst some parking charges may be necessary and I do agree in principle, providing the first 30 mins free will enable people to conduct their business that they need to do and deter long stay users of the car park. This will reduce the impact on businesses. Small town centres thrive in this area and free parking contributes towards this. Evidence from businesses in areas where parking charges have been introduced will show that paid for parking affects these small businesses disproportionately, sending more customers to large supermarkets with their large free car parks.

Off-street response – Reference number 1500

I support Season Tickets.

In essence I have no objections to residents getting permits. However if you make these car parks more expensive for the general commuter more people will use the few roads around Tonbridge that are not permitted - mine being one. This is frustrating, annoying and unsafe on these roads and always feels like an anomaly. I would welcome residents permits on all roads to combat this and then make the formalised car parks cheaper to local nearby residents but more expensive to others.

Off-street response – Reference number 1501

I object to parking charges.

Firstly I am sure you are aware of the state that local businesses are finding themselves in both in the last few years and especially now when people are finding it sooo difficult to make ends meet and spenditure from wages and income is so tight. There are many residents finding themselves having to use food banks just to survive.

I do not agree that long stay parking is the need for the Council to make money from what I believe is mostly residents from the surrounding flats in Martin Square and of course both owners and staff that work in the local shops. I feel strongly that the Council are forcing the hand of these small businesses into liquidation and I hope they can live with themselves should they decide to go ahead with these proposals.

I also feel strongly that as residents of this local area that we should not have to pay to visit our local GP Thornhills. Should I have the need to visit the local hospital we are charged for this already! As the car parks have already been sold off to a Private company and residents are paying Council tax!!!

Off-street response – Reference number 1502

I object to parking charges.

Please allow at least 2 hours free for Dr./pharmacy visit.

Off-street response – Reference number 1504

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I work at the Dr's surgery and would find this cost on top of my min wage extremely unfair. I also use the local shops here supporting local business' and I would look to shop else where if I had to pay to park my car.

Off-street response – Reference number 1505

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1506

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1507

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1508

I object to parking charges.

This is going to damage the Shops and why should people should have to pay if they are picking up a prescription for example, or just dropping something off at the Post Office. Things are difficult enough as it is without having to find extra money for parking, and it will keep people away from the area for shopping.

Off-street response – Reference number 1510

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1511

I object to parking charges.

i work in martin square and also go to the shops and feel paying for parking will cost me more and would have to look for another job

Off-street response – Reference number 1512

I object to parking charges.

Yes it will lose trade to shops in Martin square

Off-street response – Reference number 1513

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will loss trade to the local shops

Off-street response – Reference number 1514

I object to parking charges.

Loss of trade to local shops which will clog side roads

Off-street response – Reference number 1515

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1516

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Drop off at the local schools are already a nightmare, parking charges will only amplify this

Off-street response – Reference number 1517

I object to parking charges.

A parking charge will only further encourage locals to shop elsewhere (Tesco, West Malling). Short term gains for the council will result in long term damage.

Off-street response – Reference number 1518

I object to parking charges.

It would kill off the shops and many people park there to pick up prescriptions etc from the chemist!
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Off-street response – Reference number 1519

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will stop people coming to Martin Square for shopping and use other facilities.

Off-street response – Reference number 1520

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

another council rip of dont you think we pay enough in taxes

Off-street response – Reference number 1521

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1522

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1523

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Where do we park to pick up prescriptions, visit the doctor, go to the post office, these cannot be accurately timed as queuing is the norm. The medical centre car park is always full, I have difficulty walking and do not have a blue badge, so my stay in the carpark is longer than people with out these problems. I could not have my hair done, pedicure or manicure, or go to cafe for a coffee and chat with friends. Businesses will suffer, which is not fair to them.

Off-street response – Reference number 1524

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

The Martin Square car park should be kept free of charge. Those of us who use it for the purpose of visiting local businesses and shops should not be penalised because of the vehicle owners who use it as a long-stay facility. Rather those who do this should be discouraged. If charges are inevitably to be introduced, then the first two hours of parking should be free and charges only applied thereafter. I don't accept the lame argument that some car parks in the Borough levy a charge, so all of them should. Surely the council can be more flexible and imaginative than this?

Off-street response – Reference number 1525

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1526

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will have a hugely detrimental effect on local business. The doctors surgery never runs to time and will have an impact on patients. Parking will only push out into the community causing other issues. Maybe consider 1hr free parking as a compromise?

Off-street response – Reference number 1527

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1528

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1529

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Local businesses will close as martins square is essential for popping to chemist , doctors . It's a real community that will be ruined by parking charges .the council should be supporting local businesses not force them to close as no one will use the square if there are parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1530

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1531

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1532

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1534

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is an area requiring support to ensure traders continue

Off-street response – Reference number 1535

I object to parking charges.

I only go around their for my 98 father in law only their for a short period of time to collect medicine

Off-street response – Reference number 1537

I object to parking charges.

I think a ticket machine to limit long term parking is good but the first hour free otherwise it's not worth dropping off parcels at the post office or popping into the charity shop .

Off-street response – Reference number 1539

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Have the free car park duration restricted from 24 hours to 2 hours maximum and use a warden to monitor and issue fines for those exceeding the allotted parking time. I am local, but would prefer not to pay for the half hour spent in the pharmacy queue to be told to 'Come back this afternoon/tomorrow and your prescription will be ready for collection'.

Off-street response – Reference number 1540

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

That car park is used almost every day for people going to the pharmacy to collect medication and to get medical advice, something that we are being encouraged to do. Any charge is a charge on medical services. And the scale of charges makes it very hard, when visiting the pharmacy, to determine how long to pay for - it is likely that people paying for 30 minutes will sometimes have to wait longer than that in the pharmacy and then be faced with the initial car park charge plus a penalty charge. This proposal is an absolute disgrace. If it goes ahead there should be a vigorous campaign to make everyone who parks at the TMBC offices, Kings Hill, regardless of who they are (except blue badge holders) to pay the same rates at Kings Hill, if parking for staff and visitors is currently free. What is being forced on people visiting a pharmacy for medication and medical advice at St Martins Square should be forced on all those working for/at the organisation trying to introduce those charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1544

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The reason you have given for introducing charges is to deter the long stay parkers. Why are you then charging the short stay parkers? To allow people to use the shops in Martin Square and the doctor's surgery (as their car park is often full) I believe parking should be free for up to 2 hours and then charge a higher amount than you are suggesting in your proposal for people parking longer. This would be an effective way of deterring the long stay parkers that you state you are trying to deter from using the car park.

In the current economic situation, to burden people who live and work in the area is quite unfair.

All your current proposals are going to achieve is to deter people from using Martin Square and the businesses to close down or increase their prices, another burden on the local residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 1546

I object to parking charges.

The businesses will obviously lose customers. Who would pay parking to buy a newspaper? I use the shops here, for instance the hairdressers etc and not go into town because I don't pay parking charges.

Also cars will be parking outside peoples houses instead which will cause problems for residents. The charges are so high. Not even the first 90 mins free or anything. I've lived around the area all my life and it really saddens me.

Off-street response – Reference number 1547

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

As the long term manager of this branch I feel that your decision to make this car park pay and display will not only have a negative effect on the levels of trade for the local businesses but it will effect the local residents financially also

Our customer base spend long periods of time in the branch and the shop is used as a social hub for people of all ages (over 18).

We have a core group of elderly customers that stake a little but gain a lot of enjoyment through socialising here and being offered free teas and coffees, a number saying that it's cheaper to come and spend time with us than heat their own homes. Asking them to pay up to £5.80 a day on top isn't fair.

Personally you will be costing me £290 just to park for work also, adding more stress to a person thats already struggling financially and to manage poor mental health.

I personally feel you should atleast give customers 1 hour for free and consider giving local residents and local shop staff free permits to park during business hours.

Off-street response – Reference number 1548

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1549

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

These obscene charges are going to kill what few shops we have so much for supporting local businesses

Also will blue badge holders have to pay

You do realise how long it takes to pick up a prescription from Pharmacy approx. 90mins

Does this include the doctors car park

Off-street response – Reference number 1550

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will result in cars parking in approach roads causing congestion and accidents. Many of the most vulnerable people rely on the free parking to attend the doctors surgery and getting medication from the pharmacy which both often involves waiting over an hour

Off-street response – Reference number 1553

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1554

I object to parking charges.

What does " the car park suffers from low turnover long-stay parking which reduces the availability of spaces for all users" mean in real terms. The description of the problem is vague. Do you have any data on occupancy?

Off-street response – Reference number 1558

I object to parking charges.

Any parking charge should have one hour free (by collecting a ticket) here for those that 'pop' in to the shops. Retailers will be damaged if you don't do this.

Off-street response – Reference number 1561

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1562

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1564

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1568

I object to parking charges.

Where would cars that are currently parked long term in car park go. If the problem is low turnover then introduce a charge for long term parkin (eg more than 4 hours)

Off-street response – Reference number 1570

(no comment supplied)

It is quite simple to ensure free short stay parking by installing ticket machines that allow an initial hour for free and charges after that.

Off-street response – Reference number 1571

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1573

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Parking charges could have a negative effect on local shops and businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1574

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1575

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1580

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1581

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

kill people jobs in shops

Off-street response – Reference number 1583

I object to parking charges.

Completely fed up with parking charges will just stop going there

Off-street response – Reference number 1588

I object to parking charges.

The square offers services and businesses to local residents. The introduction of parking charges will prevent some members of community from being able to park and this will also effect local

businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1589

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

You been in the doctors lately not to mention the chemist . I rest my case , how much would that cost.

Just money grabbing thieves. Everyone will park in morrison's which then will become a pay n display car park

Off-street response – Reference number 1591

I support parking charges.

I agree with parking charges to reduce the long term parking but feel the first hour/2 hours should be free in order for people to support the local shops which I do.

Off-street response – Reference number 1592

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Charging shoppers too much for short-stay parking kills local shops. Many other councils have already realised this - why don't you? Without easy/cheap parking, drivers choose to shop elsewhere - for everything. Without good footfall, local shops fall empty. So ultimately councils don't gain any extra revenue - instead they lose much more from lost business rates. And locals lose valuable amenities, which would otherwise have attracted more people in - both shoppers & residents. Above all - local shops are vital to anyone who doesn't drive, esp elderly/vulnerable. They become isolated & (despite often being on lower income) their only shopping option is expensive convenience stores.

So instead - short-stay parking should ideally be FREE for residents, low for short-stay visitors & higher for long-stay. If not free, then residents should be able to buy 'carnets' of CHEAP parking tickets (like residents in controlled parking areas can get). Business owners should be offered season tickets. But recognise that many workers these days are part-time or even temporary - so they (or owner of business where they work) should be able to get 'carnets' of tickets too, to used as/when required.

Off-street response – Reference number 1596

I object to parking charges.

The purpose of parking charges is to ration a scarce resource. In the case of Martin Square this is not a scarce resource as I have never found it impossible to park. it would therefore appear that the Council intend to introduce these charges as a means of raising revenue.

Off-street response – Reference number 1598

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Charging people does not support the local community especially people who are not able to walk far, there should at least be a free 1/2 hour for popping in and out

Off-street response – Reference number 1599

(no comment supplied)

N/a

Off-street response – Reference number 1603

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1604

I support parking charges.

There should be limited free parking available for people using local shops. Charge for longer than one hour. Otherwise having parking charges will penalise local businesses. As it is you can't park easily because of people who park for long periods.

Off-street response – Reference number 1605

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1606

(no comment supplied)

Don't use so can't comment specifically on this area. But I do know (from experience elsewhere) that short-stay parking charges in small local shopping areas always spell death for local shops, & are bad for residents & Council revenues alike. If you penalise local shopper parking - you 'shoot yourself in the foot'; they'll just go elsewhere. Inevitably that leads to shop closures - so you also make shopping harder & more expensive for elderly, vulnerable & anyone without a car.

Off-street response – Reference number 1607

I object to parking charges.

There are small local businesses and Charity Shops, by introducing charges to park will have a huge impact, as some may not be able to afford to pay. To introduce this during a cost of living crisis is just plain ridiculous

Off-street response – Reference number 1608

I both support and object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1609

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1611

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

You have to think of the disposable incomes of people using this car park and impact on trade. Why not provide 1 hr free and then charge thereafter.

Off-street response – Reference number 1612

I object to parking charges.

In principle I support charging but with the 1st hour free and reduced (free) parking for residents permits.

This allows users to pick up essential services such as prescriptions but reduces the long term parking issues.

Off-street response – Reference number 1613

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Martin Square in Larkfield has a small number of local businesses that are struggling with the increase costs of operating their businesses. The introduction of parking charges will lead to a reduction in footfall which will further impact on their ability to keep operating. Consequently some businesses will close leaving empty spaces as per most high streets.

Off-street response – Reference number 1614

I object to parking charges.

It will put people off visiting local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1616

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will kill the local businesses in Martin square that thrive on people popping in and puts additional financial strain on people using essential services such as the library and doctor/dentist services (whose own car parks are not large enough) making these things less accessible to all. It will also increase on street parking with people avoiding the parking charges which will adversely affect residents in the local area.

Off-street response – Reference number 1617

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

disgraceful we pay enough, youll kill local business and put greater financial struggle on the community. fix the roads first before you charge more. endless puddles potholes and caved on pavements

Off-street response – Reference number 1623

I object to parking charges.

Just think with cost of living problems also oap's would be just another problem for people at these very difficult times.

Off-street response – Reference number 1627

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

first hour free enough time to shop local

Off-street response – Reference number 1629

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Will reduce the footfall for businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1630

I object to parking charges.

If charges are brought in for the first 2 hours then shoppers will go elsewhere resulting in no support for the local shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 1631

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1634

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is totally unreasonable. This will effect the trades people considerably and why would you pay to go to the doctors? This is our Martins Square and has been for many years with no objections, so why now. Is it because the council is running out of money? Maybe they should not waste so much and find other ways of obtaining, like manning the double yellow lines with CCTV and fine those who abuse it.

Off-street response – Reference number 1635

I support parking charges.

Long stay parking limits availability for others.

Off-street response – Reference number 1636

I object to parking charges.

I do not support the parking charges in Martin square. These are our local shop that we pop to, to use post office etc. Why does everything have to come to charging the local residence. I would definitely not use these shop as much if ever I would find alternative places where I could park and use the shop without having to pay. What a nuisance it would if you wanted to quickly run in the

shop and you were going to be 5 minutes and you have to pay for an hours parking just to pop in the shop. The people who would be mostly disadvantaged by the charges are the local shops who would miss out from a lot of customer who choose to shop elsewhere. I hope you will reconsider this terrible decision can that would massively affect the local community.

Off-street response – Reference number 1642

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1643

I object to parking charges.

If a parking charge was introduced, I would no longer visit the area (as is the case with West Malling High Steet), so those businesses would therefore suffer the loss of my custom. This would apply to many other people too.

Off-street response – Reference number 1644

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1645

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1646

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1648

I object to parking charges.

We are living at a time where people are struggling to pay bills, but food for their families and introducing parking tickets is not supporting real people living real lives. Elderly people who can't walk may need to drive and park and this will put extra pressure on their financial situation

Off-street response – Reference number 1650

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1651

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

For fairness across the borough, it's right that there are charges at all car parks (especially if it helps limit price increases at other car parks).

Off-street response – Reference number 1652

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1653

I object to Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1654

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1656

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1657

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1659

I object to parking charges.

I use at least twice a week, never have a problem parking, always enough space. I am only there 15-20 mins will not use shops if I have to pay. Community will suffer if this goes ahead.

Off-street response – Reference number 1661

I object to parking charges.

This is a money making scheme for the council. Targeting the residents with another stealth tax because they can't budget the taxes efficiently and shifting the burden on to the residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 1664

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1666

(no comment supplied)

I have no comment on this issue.

Off-street response – Reference number 1668

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Detrimental to local business & community

Off-street response – Reference number 1669

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1670

I object to parking charges.

I object to any additional charges and costs on motorists , motorists already have heavy financial burdens and we are not just here as a cash cow to milk.

Off-street response – Reference number 1671

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Will affect local business & the community particularly those wishing to visit the pharmacy & surgery

Off-street response – Reference number 1672

I object to parking charges.

This car park has just a few local shops around it. the introduction of charges will drive cars to the next door free car park at the supermarket and local businesses will suffer

Off-street response – Reference number 1674

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

As an example, I and my family use pharmacy, morrison shop, butchers, chinese, indian, fish and chip shop, pizza & kebab shop and the cafe. we use the facilities at different times of the day and week for an average of a 10-15 min stay each time but can be multiple visits per day, ie pharmacy sat morning, kebab sat evening. if parking charges are applied multiple charges per day? I and my family have discussed this situation and decided we would not frequent martin square anymore and move our trade to Tesco, morrison and lidl where parking is free and can obtain the same goods and services in the larkfield high st.

Furthermore unless you put double yellow lines all the way through Kingfisher rd, (a bus route) to stop the increase in shoppers parking and including prohibition of residence parking and before implementation of any charging scheme you will increase congestion to the point of gridlock and increase danger to the road users(especially as there are 2 schools and a fire station entrance on this road). A full costing of implementation and annual running of this proposal, including kingfisher and ANY other mitigating proposals, such as compensation for traders lack reduction of business, must be

made available for public scrutiny before ANY work is started.

Off-street response – Reference number 1675

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

This car park is often used by people accessing the doctor's surgery where there is only very limited parking and it is always full. This car park is also used by people accessing their prescriptions from Payden's pharmacy. Many of these people are already struggling with their health and financially do not warrant an added burden of having to pay to get access to their local GP and pharmacy.

Off-street response – Reference number 1677

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is a local community shopping area, these businesses rely on local people supporting them, by charging to go to the post office or the charity shop, or the fish shop is putting pressure on the local residents as well as the businesses themselves, TMBC is also putting up council tax, again another lot of pressure being put on local residents, TMBC is not residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 1678

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I am objecting to the charges because it will deter people using the local shops and be detrimental to local businesses and local residents.

I do not live near enough to walk to the shops, but I visit the shops almost every day, pick up my granddaughter from Brookfield School at least twice a week and regularly visit Larkfield Health Centre. At a charge of 60p for the first 30 minutes this would cost me over £5.00 per week. As a pensioner I would find this difficult.

I suggest you make the first 30 minutes free with charges after that to deter the long term parkers.

If you make any form of charges you should make allowances for people visiting the surgery. An appointment can take 15 minutes or sometimes well over 30 minutes. It seems unfair to fine people visiting the doctor through no fault of their own. If you bring in season tickets for local residents and the local businesses, they should either be free or no more than the equivalent of £1.00 per week.

These charges seem like a ploy to raise money for the council at the expense of local businesses and local residents.

You should rethink the proposed charges at Martin Square so that local residents and local businesses are not disadvantaged.

Off-street response – Reference number 1679

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If you want to stop long term parking just restrict the length of time people can park here. If you charge for parking people won't use the shops here which will affect businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1682

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

This proposal sounds sensible and would ensure that more people can benefit from short term parking by freeing up spaces previously used by long term parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 1684

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1685

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1686

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

In my view this will result in a significant drop in revenue for the business in Martin Square with many potentially all going out of business which would be a significant blow to the local community not to mention the loss of local jobs for local residents

Off-street response – Reference number 1689

I support parking charges.

Martin Square car park is mostly used by local residents who are supporting the shops located in the square including a doctor's and chemist. Many of these are elderly and infirm and in low income.

Introducing car park charges will mean that many residents will park in Morrisons and use this store to shop rather than those in the square. Alternatively this will add to on street parking on a bus route road used children from local primary and secondary schools.

Parents from the three primary schools very nearby and the nursery school across the road use the car park for a short time each day to drop off and pick up children. Payment will discourage parents from using the car park and add to the chaotic parking around the school site increasing risks for parents, children and the crossing warden.

Council tax is high in the area and we have few TMBC provided facilities. Our Larkfield car park should be free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1690

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1691

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1692

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1694

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1695

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

A fairer system would be to have first 30 mins free. Most people visiting the shops by car are rarely there longer than 15 minutes. You will be making people pay for visiting the doctor and they won't always know how long they will be there. The chemist always has a long queue only to find your medication isn't in, so you have to return later that day which would result in paying twice.

We should be encouraging people especially children to visit our libraries, paying for parking will put people off going. This decision will result in more people parking in Morrisons carpark and walking through. Morrisons carpark won't have the spaces for people wanting to go food shopping.

Off-street response – Reference number 1696

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will convert the roads around the school at pick up and drop off times making it unsafe for the children.

Off-street response – Reference number 1697

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If you want to prevent people parking at Martin Square for long periods of time, I would support a 3 hour free parking limit. If you are waiting for a Drs appointment, you have no idea how long this is going to be, nor if you are waiting in the queue to collect prescriptions.

If you charge for the first half an hour this will encourage drivers to park on the road causing congestion in Kingfisher.

Not everyone has Smart phones or the ability to be able to pay on line for these parking charges and I would estimate that at least half of those using Martin Square are of the more elderly population.

By charging from the first half hour, the businesses in Martin Square will suffer from the lack of footfall and that will include the charity shop.

Whoever thought of this idea is just not looking at the whole picture. Don't punish people who are finding it hard to make ends meet.

Off-street response – Reference number 1698

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1700

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use this car park frequently and can always find a parking space. I believe charge would be detrimental to the small local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1708

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Whilst parking can be difficult in Martin square at times, I don't believe parking charges should be introduced as I'd be less likely to go there and I imagine the businesses will suffer. Why not introduce restriction of 1 or 2 hours of free parking to improve turnover and have permits for residents/businesses needing longer?

Off-street response – Reference number 1711

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Stop hitting motorists with stealth tax!

Off-street response – Reference number 1712

I object to parking charges.

Parking charges will further limit access to the Doctors Surgery and the Chemist.

Charges in the Square will cause an overload in Morrisons car park inconveniencing shoppers there.

The businesses in the Square will also be adversely affected where people just pop in for a few bits

Considering the ever increasing large population in the area TMBC should put more effort into improving the pathetic bus provision in this area.

Off-street response – Reference number 1714

I object to parking charges.

Local businesses are already struggling with so many large supermarkets near by. This would further deter people using these shops. This square is the hub of the community and used for a community food drop weekly that a lot of people queue for, proving it is an area of vulnerability and deprivation, who rely on these local shops. Parking would deter trade, many people do not know how long they are going to be in the post office or doctors and could incur fines, when they are already struggling with their health, finances and wellbeing.

Off-street response – Reference number 1715

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1716

I support parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Martin Square is my local car park, if you must do this Please provide first 60 mins free to allow pick up of prescriptions, and provide pay machines that can take card payments not just phone payments as I (like many others) do not have a smart phone nor would I want any apps linked to my payment details as this is a security risk.

Surely those residents who live closest need a permit LEAST, as they should be able to walk to the Square !

Off-street response – Reference number 1717

I object to parking charges.

It is not sensible to start charging immediately on entrance to Martin Square Car Park. People need to pick up prescriptions at the Chemist (Sometimes a long wait). Also people pop in to buy a paper, use the Cafe, Betting Shop, Dry Cleaners, Butchers and the Charity Shop. Charging will deter customers from using the car park and they will find other places to park, i.e. in the streets around the Square causing more traffic problems than we have already. It would be more sensible to allow an hour free parking to keep the shops viable. The charging will deter long stay parking but where will they park?

Most local store car parks are now charging so they will just park in the streets as well. God help us if we have a house fire. It is so congested in some of the roads now that a fire engine would have trouble getting down them. Please think again about not allowing a free period of parking or most of the shops will suffer.

Off-street response – Reference number 1718

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1719

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1720

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

I would support this, so long as the short term charges (2-3hrs) are low (in the order of £1 per hour) to still support the local shops and high street. Otherwise, TMBC will be killing off our High Streets and reducing their (our) revenue in the longer term with reduced business income and higher crime rates /cost. Once the high street has deteriorated, then it will be impossible to recover. Parking charges are a very important part of one's choice of shopping destination.

Off-street response – Reference number 1721

I object to parking charges.

parking should be free for locals who pop in for short stay papers, cafe, butchers, chemist ect

long stay comuters who park and get the bus in to town all day.

local shoppers have no chance of parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 1722

I object to parking charges.

I would support parking charges for stays of three hours or over.

The first three hours free would allow visitors to use the local businesses and support their viability.

Longer staying visitors would have to pay.

Off-street response – Reference number 1723

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

As if things aren't difficult enough for everyone financially. This will have a big impact on the shops, also Carpark is used for overflow Thornhills Surgery and to charge people for being unwell is a cruel act. You could do what most Supermarkets do and let people park free for 90/120 mins as an alternative if you have to, definitely do not charge residents or local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1724

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1725

I object to parking charges.

Due to waiting times in the post office chemist doctors library the minimum waiting time of one hour for sixty pence is too short and should be for at least two hours

Off-street response – Reference number 1726

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1727

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

The free parking supports the small business and the local community, introducing parking charges will push vehicles onto the residential streets. This will cause dangerous situations for pedestrians and increase the risk of persons suffering serious injury.

Off-street response – Reference number 1728

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1729

I object to parking charges.

Using the shops should not take more than an hour. The first hour should be free. There after charge users. If proposal is implemented I will not be using the shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 1730

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

I support the charging for parking in this carpark but I am concerned about the below-

- Introducing parking charges will have a detrimental effect on local businesses who are still struggling from the down turn due to Covid.
- I feel introducing charges will only cause motorist to park in nearby roads and cause a nuisance for local residents. Kingfisher road would be a typical example.
- If charges are introduced I believe the first hour should be free. This would allow people to attend doctors and the health center appointments, use the library and use local shops.
- I believe some people park in this carpark and catch a bus into Maidstone. Its used as a park and Ride?
- If charges are brought in then payment should be allowed by card and cash. Payment must not be only by a smart phone as this discriminates against the older generation who generally don't have smart phones.
- Usually visitors to the health center and doctors surgery have to use this carpark as the surgery carpark is full.

Off-street response – Reference number 1731

I object to parking charges.

It was proved when charges last went up in West Malling businesses experienced less footfall this will be worse.

Off-street response – Reference number 1732

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will be a loss of trade for the tradesmen in the square and a lot of people will not come to the square for medicine and shopping. This imposition is totally out of order.

Off-street response – Reference number 1733

I object to parking charges.

Martin Square is the main carpark for Thornhills Medical Practice and Larkfield Health Centre, providing care for many quite often disadvantaged patients etc. Adding charges will negatively affect the health and wellbeing for the local population and is not ok. "Season Tickets" will invariably cost money, thus forcing local NHS staff to pay to come to work. Wasn't so long ago that we were all being clapped and applauded for our work. This would be a total betrayal.

Off-street response – Reference number 1736

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Impact as a Business / Employer:

Our staff costs will not be affordable – 30-40 members of staff, many full time will need somewhere to park. TMP cannot afford annual season tickets, costs could be over £11,000 per year (based on £290 annual season tickets)

Secure carpark costs not affordable – Costs to put barriers up to stop unauthorised parking would be too high for TMP to fund

Shared Building - Building is rented, with other tenants, will be difficult to arrange suitable parking arrangement for all.

Impact on Staff:

Costs will not be affordable – Staff will have extortionate increased costs. Many work long shifts, 10+ hours, 4-5 days per week so will incur maximum daily charges

Retention – We may lose staff

Recruitment – Will be difficult for us to recruit new staff

Wellbeing – This is already causing anxiety for some staff

Morale – This will greatly lower staff morale

Parking will be a major problem – Limited or no space. Our staff use the free carpark in Martin square so our patients have priority for our small free carpark. With our staff not using the overspill free carpark in Martin Square, they will be forced to use our carpark (assuming the carpark isn't already filled by non visitors to TMP) leaving no parking for patients, visitors. Alternatively staff will have to park in local roads.

Safety concerns – Staff having to walk alone, longer distances to cars parked in side, unlit areas when dark

Impact on Patients:

TMP small carpark is not big enough – We have almost 15,000 patients registered with us and our patients need the additional free overspill carpark. Our own carpark is no where near big enough to support the daily parking needs

Costs will not be affordable – Many patients have to visit more than once a week. Lots of patients on low or no income

Personal healthcare will suffer – High risk that patients may put off visiting for essential and routine healthcare

Wellbeing – Many patients are already anxious / unwell prior to visiting, the worry of not knowing if they will find a free space in our small carpark or if they will have to pay could significantly increase anxiety levels even more.

Parking will be a major problem – Limited or no space. Assuming the carpark isn't already filled by non visitors to TMP or staff. Alternatively patients will have to park in local roads

Safety will be compromised – Patients may end up having to park in surrounding side roads, this is not suitable for those less mobile or those feeling too unwell to walk too far. Concerns for those walking alone, longer distances to cars parked in side, unlit areas when dark

Patient accessibility compromised – Easy access / parking is an essential requirement for a healthcare setting

Off-street response – Reference number 1737

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1738

I object to parking charges.

It will discourage visitors from coming to the T&MBC area and drive locals to do their business outside the T&MBC area.

Off-street response – Reference number 1740

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1742

I object to parking charges.

This car park is well used for Paydens Pharmacy and Thornhills Medical Centre. Thornhills is regularly full. The introduction of charges will drive people to use Morrisons car park where free parking up to 2 hrs is allowed. If charges are applied to Martin Square the first hour should be FREE to allow unfettered access to essential facilities of Paydens and Thornhills.without the worry of paying and possible fines due to long queues in Paydens and delays in seeing Doctors.

Off-street response – Reference number 1745

I object to parking charges.

Free parking is a necessity for those collecting a prescription, buying their morning paper, queuing for the post office, stopping off for fish and chips, for volunteers working in the charity shop. Surely limited free parking could be made available for short stays with exemptions or substantial reductions for shop workers. Then you can target the long stay parking with a charge. You need to be fair to the local community who pay a hefty council tax charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 1746

I object to parking charges.

As a worker in Paydens chemist I feel we should not have to pay to park we are providing a much needed service and also our customers should not have to pay to get there medication, for some it's medication to keep them alive.

Off-street response – Reference number 1747

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1750

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1752

I object to parking charges.

This is a well used car park that allows overflow from the GP practice. Rather than charge make it a 2/3 hour no return car park to allow children to be collected from school, people to use the cafe and library.

Off-street response – Reference number 1756

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1758

I object to parking charges.

Why not allow 1 hour free parking with a ticket. There are only a few shops in the parade. We do this in Paddock Wood

Off-street response – Reference number 1762

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Whilst I think introducing some kind of tariff is a good idea to stop long stay parking for those that are not using the shops or medical centre I feel you are now penalising the NHS staff and genuine shoppers. Surely introducing charges will push people to park on the roadside (our roads are already

extremely busy without having to drive past parked cars) and parking outside people's houses!

Off-street response – Reference number 1763

I object to parking charges.

The introduction of charges to Martin Square will significantly damage local businesses and the excuse that longterm parking is a valid reason to introduce charging is just an excuse for the council to make money to the detriment of local businesses, the charity shop and the Doctors surgery. This will also adversely affect disabled and vulnerable persons who will have no other option to shop or visit the doctors. The council could easily take measures to restrict long stay parking by introducing CCTV with ANPR that many large retailers use at their car parks to charge people who stay for extended periods. The Council could also sell tickets to residents and businesses who wish to park there for extended periods so I object strongly to the Council making these changes.

Off-street response – Reference number 1766

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1767

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1768

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1772

I object to parking charges.

This will affect local business and also increase people parking in Morrisons and walking through the St Martins square. Also the car park is small at the Thornhill medical centre and many patients have to park in ST Martins for their appointments.

Off-street response – Reference number 1773

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1776

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1777

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I rely on volunteers who give up their time to help in this shop, and 80% of them aren't willing to pay as well, so this shop can't be run without volunteers, also people won't donate if they have to pay to bring their donations in, I'm afraid it will be the end of the square if this goes ahead.

Off-street response – Reference number 1779

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1780

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1781

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1783

I object to parking charges.

I understand the need to get some revenue from the car park but I object to charging short stays for people using essential services such as the doctors and pharmacy. The time needed for these is often an hour or more so I think the first hour should be free, and perhaps just charges for longer stays. Also the ticket machines will no doubt be card only payments and number plate entry. This would be disadvantageous for older people who are a large proportion of car park users.

Off-street response – Reference number 1784

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

You mention in your report there is low turnover of vehicles restricting access for others. You need to publish your data that resulted in this conclusion. I disagree with your assumption.

Off-street response – Reference number 1785

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This car park serves not only the business' in Martin Square but also the residents in the housing above the commercial premises, the health centre, the library and the residential care centre. By introducing charges to this car park you will force residents to park on the public highway in the immediate area which will endanger not only the bus route through the estate but also the schools that are in the locality. Parking for school "drop off" and "collection" of pupils/students is bad enough currently without further impediments enforced.

It would seem that TMBC either want to see the demise of all services that are currently available in Martin Square so that they can re-develop the area for commercial gain or are reluctant to cut unnecessary expenditure elsewhere.

Shame on the current majority on the TMBC for being wanting to take ever more of their residents hard earned cash at this time of financial worries for most normal people.

Off-street response – Reference number 1786

(no comment supplied)

NA

Off-street response – Reference number 1789

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I visit the Martin Square car park frequently and I'm rarely unable to find a space. The car park is invaluable for customers of the local businesses and in many instances people parking there are only for a short period of time. If charges are introduced then it is likely people won't visit the local businesses - they won't want to pay if they are literally spending 5-10 mins in one of the local businesses. However, if there is a real issue with people parking there for long periods of time then perhaps a better proposal will be for the first 30 mins parking to remain free with then charges applied after this time. This will then minimise impact on local businesses and short term shoppers and limit the people that park for longer periods and thus aiding turnover.

Off-street response – Reference number 1790

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Local shops are under major financial pressure with business rates, rents and cost of living. They need all the support they can be given. If the problem is long stay parking then restrict parking periods to, say, 2 or 3 hours as the supermarkets do rather than charging

Off-street response – Reference number 1791

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The area around Martin Square is residential and many residents have no option but to park in Martin Square. Residents have chosen to live here, and those with cars or with relatives and friends who visit them and have cars, will now be impacted by having to pay for a season ticket. This is an additional cost they have not planned for. We are at the moment in the midst of a cost of living crisis and in effect TMBC will be imposing a parking 'tax' on residents in order to recover money to bolster their budget. This is no fault of TMBC, but the Council should be lobbying national Government for additional funding - not charging its own residents in order to increase lost finances.

An improved way to prevent long-term parking would be to provide parking permits to residents and local businesses, and to allow free short-term parking of up to 3 hours, charges applying thereafter.

Off-street response – Reference number 1793

I object to parking charges.

It should be free but if charges are to be introduced then first 1 hour should be free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1794

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1795

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1796

I object to parking charges.

Local shops and businesses are struggling to compete with out-of-town centres which often have free parking or extended parking periods, e.g. Asda at Kings Hill (3hr). If long-stay parking is a problem, this needs to be tackled by more effective enforcement. This proposal will only harm local shops and businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1797

I object to parking charges.

Again the TBMC are looking for areas to raise funds and as usual and ignore how it will affect the people concerned. My wife and I are both pensioners, with medical conditions ie. replacement hips/ knees etc, and do not qualify to have a Blue Badge.

We shop on a regular basis calling at Post Office, Chemist, Hairdressers, Supermarket, Cafe, Toilet, Library. This will be the death of all these valuable local facilities.

Off-street response – Reference number 1798

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1801

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1802

I object to parking charges.

I believe introducing parking charges will affect the local businesses and will potentially force customers away. If you are concerned about "long term" parking, then maybe notices should be put up stating (maybe) more than 3 hours parking at any one period would incur a fine.

Off-street response – Reference number 1805

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1807

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1810

I object to parking charges.

A two or three hour free parking prior to charges would stop long term parking and would not impact on shops

Off-street response – Reference number 1813

(no comment supplied)

All car parks should be pay as you leave. This allows people to to shop without restrictions and shops to increase their footfall.

Off-street response – Reference number 1814

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Why is it always the motorists that is used to raise money? There are hardly any free parking facilities available anywhere. It's not as if we've got very good public transport to fall back on. I certainly hope that we don't end up with a ULEZ situation in our area!

Off-street response – Reference number 1815

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1817

I object to parking charges.

I am particularly concerned on this impacting on Thornhills Doctors surgery and Paydens Chemists.

Patients / residents will be worried about being delayed in the surgery or collecting prescriptions which could result in car parking penalties. The first hour or 2 should be free. If charges are introduced then people will park in Morrisons who will then introduce parking charges. Local businesses will suffer from reduced shoppers. If long term parking s the problem then long term / 4 hour plus Parking should be targeted, not short term visitors. Furthermore local streets will be used for parking causing problems for residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 1818

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking charges will deter people from using local shops

Off-street response – Reference number 1819

I object to parking charges.

Free parking for at least a limited period improves accessibility to the small businesses here and improves consumer choice of where to shop. The introduction of charges will cause many to use alternative suppliers with the associated extra travelling and the consequent reduction in care of the environment (more fossil fuels burnt).

Off-street response – Reference number 1821

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It is very unfair and the shops will suffer . If you must make charges then at least make the first hour free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1822

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I sometimes visit Martins Square for the use of the shops, introducing parking charges to offset Council budget, i object to paying

Off-street response – Reference number 1825

I object to parking charges.

I think charges should be free for three hours and then charge after three hours that way Shoppers can get their shopping and the people that are long-term will pay.

Because if you put a charge from the start, it means people will not use the shop down there they will just go somewhere else where you don't have to pay i.e. if I want a pint of milk I will go to the local store but if there was a charge, I would just go to Tesco's where you don't have to pay so the local businesses will be losing out on my custom.

Off-street response – Reference number 1828

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1829

I object to parking charges.

I use the car park and the adjacent car park owned by Morrisons at least 2 times a week. I never have a problem parking. I shop, get prescriptions and attend the GP surgery where I support and am part of the patient forum. The GP car park is always busy and those with limited mobility often get dropped at the door and the helper parks the car in the car park. This will be an unnecessary expense and stress. If there is a charge to the car park this will increase traffic from the square out past the fire station onto an extremely busy road as users will use the free Morrisons car park instead.

Off-street response – Reference number 1830

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

To apply charges for visits of less than an hour just smacks of 'money grabbing' in my humble opinion. To ensure that the businesses around Martin Square (including the GP Surgery & chemist) surely the first hour can be free to use? Also, for those who live in and around Martin Square where are they to park please? It seems totally unfair to force them to pay for a season ticket for themselves and any visitors just for the sake of the odd car that does abuse the free parking. It could be the death-nail for many of the businesses located there and just unaffordable for the residents that live there and rely on the car park for parking. There is no local bus service, so those that need transport have no choice but to have a car. I personally believe that the whole scheme should be scrapped.

Off-street response – Reference number 1832

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

Costs should be low

Off-street response – Reference number 1837

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Commercial Carparks offer 3 hours free parking, the Council should borrow a leaf and at the very least, offer 3 hours free parking for the following reasons.

1. The local library at Martins square is at this challenging time, a warm space and safe haven for parents and children.

It is the only space (outside school) where reading is actively encouraged. The council cannot be seen as going against the national reading policy by actively discouraging access to the local library by introducing punitive parking fees.

2. Ongoing construction work at the Health centre at Martins Square has reduced available parking. Let's not get started on the unpredictably long wait times before seeing a health care specialist (as they like to be known these days).

3. Most pharmacy's in the area have closed. Payden's at Martins Square has had to take on a lot more prescriptions, introducing longer wait times.

Taking points 2 and 3 together, a parking fee penalises access to our superb, but struggling health care service.

4. Local businesses around Martins Square already struggling under the weight of business rates, will die as customers will find it easier to trot over to Sainsburys, than pay a punitive parking fee to support their locals.

5. Finally, as an "older" person, I plan my travel with pit-stops (a euphemism for public toilets) in mind. The facilities at Martins Square are the nearest for miles around. The last thing that should be on my mind is whether I am going to be fined (pounds), for spending a penny.

A 3 hour free parking window, accomodates the needs of older people, shelters families in a warm space, supports the national literacy plan and will keep the doors of local businesses open. You will all get older sooner rather later and the 5 points I have raised above, will become your reality sooner rather than later. Do not make YOUR getting older TOMORROW, harder than it already is by introducing punitive parking fees TODAY.

Off-street response – Reference number 1839

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I work at Thornhills medical Centre in Larkfield. If you introduce charges it will force people to park in the surgery carpark which is very small and there will not be anywhere for the staff to park. I could not afford to pay for parking due to the salary that I am on and I would have to leave my job to find other employment. To charge for parking would have a massive affect on all the staff at Thornhills Medical Centre.

Off-street response – Reference number 1840

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1841

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I work at Thornhills Medical Centre. If you start charging at Martin's Square, everyone will be using the surgery's car park which is very small as it is. This will affect Staff parking, I personally would not be able to afford the parking charges for when I work!

Off-street response – Reference number 1842

I object to parking charges.

Parking will move to side streets and Morrison. Introduction will severely impact traders. Should consider tickets providing 2 hrs free parking to discourage long stay Parker's who my be people who work in the shops, health service or retirement home.

Off-street response – Reference number 1844

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1845

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This would be detrimental to local businesses on the square who already struggle with rising costs and competition. Customers will choose to go elsewhere such as supermarkets with free parking instead. applying charges will also affect those using the doctor's surgery and chemist or library.

Off-street response – Reference number 1846

I object to parking charges.

I object to parking charges, Martin Square is a thriving community (at the moment!)

Doctors, chemist, library, post office, charity shop, butchers, and many more, people will go to super markets for three hours free parking. I think 3 hours free parking would be better.

Off-street response – Reference number 1847

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I feel that if parking charges are introduced this will mean that people will park in neighbouring roads and cause congestion, block residents drives etc. It will impact hugely on local shops in Martin square and decrease footfall.

I feel there should be 2 hours free parking and then introduce charges . this would allow for legitimate use of the car park, for use for post office , GP, Pharmacy and school drop off and pick up. 1 hour would not be long enough especially for GP appointments as they often run late!

Off-street response – Reference number 1849

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

St Martins Square is a deprived area and the shops in that location depend on locals shopping there. The elderly who do not drive depend on those shops so they must not be allowed to go out of business particularly if customers no longer travel to this location. There is hardly ever an issue finding a parking space so to introduce charges will have a detrimental effect on the local area. Furthermore patients at the GP surgery also rely on those spaces. I do however agree that residents should pay a season ticket if they wish to park there continuously.

Off-street response – Reference number 1850

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1851

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It's near a doctors and shop need our support

Off-street response – Reference number 1853

I object to parking charges.

The introduction of parking charges will affect adversely both the businesses and the local residents. Most users of the carpark only pop in to collect prescriptions or quickly use the shops. The introduction of charges will only push cars outside of the carpark affecting residents. The revenue generated for the council be miniscule after the costs

Off-street response – Reference number 1855

I object to parking charges.

Why do we have to pay parking to use the public services eg chemist and doctors it's an ourqge

Off-street response – Reference number 1856

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There is no need for this and will affect many people who may only need to park for less the 15 mins.

Off-street response – Reference number 1857

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1858

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is unacceptable for people who use this it's only used for quick visits and need to think of the community especially as this is often used for doctors parking it will also affect local business in the square

Off-street response – Reference number 1859

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1862

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1867

I both support and object to parking charges.

I couldn't see any prices, only a map, so don't have all the information.

I object if you have to pay for short term parking at Martin Square, say 30 Mins to visit library, chemist or post office or dropping off at the charity shop. I agree with charges for longer term to stop people staying for hours.

Off-street response – Reference number 1868

I object to parking charges.

Proposed charges will drive away customers from small businesses who are struggling as it is.

I use the car park occasionally and have always found a parking space in the 20 years I have lived here.

You state above that the car park is “well used”.

This shows the current system is working fine and does not need tampering with.

Have you consulted Morrisons because people will park in their car park to avoid charges.

People use the car park to visit folk in Lawson House and the doctor’s surgery. It is wrong to charge people who visit these places.

Off-street response – Reference number 1869

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

Free parking in the evenings and on Sundays would be more supportive to residents and their visitors but keep bays available for daytime use and discourage long term parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 1871

I object to parking charges.

Why introduce charges which will reduce people’s use of the shops which are already struggling? If long stay is the problem then introduce something like 4 hours free parking. It will still entice people into use the shops and prevent people taking up spaces for too long. The current suggestion is just a way to introduce charges it’s not actually prioritising shoppers or shop owners.

Off-street response – Reference number 1872

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1873

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1875

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1876

I object to parking charges.

I have lived in Larkfield for 47 years and this has been a free amenity for the local area and for those who attend the Thornhills Medical Practice. To impose parking charges would seriously impact on people using the parking facilities and the shopkeepers whose livelihood depends on people being able to park nearby. Unlike many other local car parks very few people park here in order to use public transport as the bus service is limited and the train station is a long distance away in either direction (West Malling, East Malling or New Hythe).

Off-street response – Reference number 1877

I object to parking charges.

I think a 2 hour free parking would be good for visiting the shops or doctors then pay after that time to stop long time parking

Off-street response – Reference number 1879

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There is an inadequate provision for people attending Thornhill Medical Practice and your charges effectively punish the sick and elderly within the community.

Similarly people needing prescriptions will also be penalised.

The overall effect on the square will inevitably drive the footfall down, lower sales and profits, and destroy the local shops. If businesses die so will your income from business rates

Off-street response – Reference number 1881

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Why can't the first 30 minutes be zero rated. Then people who are just picking up prescriptions, collecting dry cleaning etc will not have the hassle and wasted time of queuing for a pay point

Off-street response – Reference number 1884

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1885

I object to parking charges.

I have very rarely found the car park to be full, therefore there is no reason for charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1886

I object to parking charges.

Introducing parking charges in Larkfield will just spread the problem to the surgery and Morrisons and possibly on road nearby parking. Long term parking is allowed now perhaps reducing the time you are allowed to park, say 8 hours, may help. It is easy to spend four hours shopping visiting the go and having a meal. Some wouldn't bother if the cost of parking is added.

Off-street response – Reference number 1889

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Improve public transport infrastructure before taxing your local residents with another ridiculous scheme.

Off-street response – Reference number 1890

I object to parking charges.

Charges would be detrimental to the trade of local businesses that we should be supporting. I'm an oap with health problems and I need to visit the doctor and pharmacy regularly so would be greatly penalised. I use the car park regularly and there are always parking places available.

Off-street response – Reference number 1892

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I care for my 86 year old Mum who lives around the corner of Martin Square and use this car park on a regular basis to take her to the doctors, chemists, hair dressers, charity shop, library and news agent. The longest time we spend there is one and a half hours (at the library). To introduce these charges will kill the trade for the small business, that are already finding it hard, and also penalise the local and loyal customers that use them. If you want to help trade and their customers then give 2 hours free parking and then introduce charges thereafter, that way you won't have the long stayers. Otherwise people are just going to park in the surrounding residential roads and cause extra problems for residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 1893

I object to parking charges.

Charging for parking puts off people who want to use small local business, many of which are already struggling. If there is a problem with long stay parking, restrict the parking to a number of hours, no need to charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 1895

I object to parking charges.

Parking charges would deter people from using the local shops who have suffered enough already due to Covid and the economic situation. Perhaps charge after the first two hours. This would prevent long term parking. The car park should be free for shoppers.

Off-street response – Reference number 1896

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The introduction of parking charges will result in cars parking on local residential roads parking unconsiderably across drives near corners and causing unnecessary upset to local residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 1897

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I use the tapers beauty and if i had to pay for parking i would have to consider going to another local salon were parking is free.

Again the post office would suffer, as would most of the local shops.

I can honestly say that i have always found parking spaces available.

Off-street response – Reference number 1898

I object to parking charges.

As is the case with many Larkfield residents this car park is used by me frequently each week for short visits to the Post Office, newsagent, chemist, doctor's surgery and the other small businesses that surround it. These proposed charges would cause major problems for people who need to make these usually short but essential visits. Why not put a charge on people staying more than three hours to stop the all day free parking which is one of the reasons given for these charges? Our small car park cannot be compared with towns like West Malling.

Off-street response – Reference number 1899

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use the shops and doctors surgery on Martin square regularly and if there were to be parking charges this would definitely have an impact on custom and the ability to attend a doctors appointment. I have autism and one of my biggest issues is the stress and worry of being on time and knowing I have a smooth journey to and from the place I go (this includes being able to park). At the moment there is no problems with parking at Martin square and it makes life easier especially with two young children. However if there was now to be a charge for parking this would be a massive stress and strain on my daily routines and I know for a lot more other people too. Especially in these hard times people couldn't afford to keep paying to park to use the local shops, there would be absolutely no parking in the doctors car park as there is already an issue with this now. People would also just use Morrisons car park and fill that up with would affect the use for Morrisons customers and custom/ profits for Morrisons. I feel this is an absolutely unfair proposals as it would have such a big impact on everyone's lives, people who use the shops and services there and also the businesses themselves, I am sure they will take a loss in profits which will probably lead to closure. I feel a better compromise would be to have the first hour free and then a charge for anything over as that will encourage consistency and a better flow of traffic. Additionally I feel the original proposal would also affect traffic and blockages around the area as people would just park on the surrounding roads and possibly even on yellow lines which would also increase the chances of

accidents and pedestrian safety. Please do not enforce these charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1900

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I strongly object to the parking charges it will have a strong negative impact on the shops people visiting them. Parents paying twice a day to park there to take and pick up children from the schools. The Doctors surgery. The side streets will be used for parking causing congestion.

Off-street response – Reference number 1901

I object to parking charges.

I will no longer use the local shops if I have to pay for parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 1902

I object to parking charges.

Free parking is vital for low income families and for small businesses to survive. Why not reduce the time allowed on each visit 2 hours therefore eliminating long stay uses of this community facility.

Off-street response – Reference number 1903

I object to parking charges.

Again it will detour customers from visiting shops and do more online shopping which will NOT help local business or bring money into the local economy.

Off-street response – Reference number 1904

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Charging will deter visitors and shoppers. A time limit e.g. 90 minutes, then charge, would be more effective to encourage turnover and visitation.

Off-street response – Reference number 1905

(no comment supplied)

Not my area so cannot say

Off-street response – Reference number 1906

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

These proposals may well deter customers and thus a loss of business to the shops. This is not helpful.

Off-street response – Reference number 1907

I object to parking charges.

This will make a huge difference for the small businesses there. People will not visit as they have to pay and also with the doctors surgery. People will start parking on the side roads causing havoc. Also I pick my grandchildren up from school so this will cost me £1.60 per day which over a week will cost me £8.00 to park . Why do you not consider the system used at Allington car park where you park free of charge for an hour and 30 minutes, so this is convenient for the small businesses the doctors and school drop off and pick ups.

Off-street response – Reference number 1908

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

by introducing minimal charges i.e 30mins it will eventually kill local trade, empty units again. I thought you wanted to encourage local trades, not pushing customers away.

Off-street response – Reference number 1909

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We often use the carpark for the doctors surgery and also access to the shops and library .there is always spaces available and never seems to be full .

So I don't agree with the statement that there is a need for charges due to people using it for long stay parking. preventing shop and doctors visitors from being able to park.

If charges are to be implemented the first hour should be free which would allow shop and doctor surgery users to still find free parking .

And for flat residents a free permit to use carpark.

Off-street response – Reference number 1912

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Parking charges in Martin Square will not help those who shop, attend the doctor's surgery or visit friends and relations living in the square. The only effect will be to add to the coffers of TMBC and penalise the aforementioned members of the community, the majority (probably) of whom are elderly, infirm or needing to buy food etc. As a Frequent attender at the Surgery it would be difficult to estimate the duration of one's visit and therefore need to guess as to how much to pay for parking unless it is envisaged that there will be a free period of, say three hours before charges need to be paid. It may ease the current situation if the car park is treated as in those of the supermarkets whereby free parking is allowed for a maximum of 3 hours, thus deterring all day parking. There should be exemptions for residents and the employees of those businesses surrounding the car park. I ask that common sense and good reasoning prevail over pure monetary gain!!

Off-street response – Reference number 1913

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Waiting for prescription can take an hour or more that could result to a parking find. Parents who pick up their children find it safe to park at Martin Square than on the road near the schools. Charges are not necessary and never have been. Drivers pay enough so leave this car park alone.

Off-street response – Reference number 1914

I object to parking charges.

With Martin Square Surgery, the pharmacy and library all located in the same area it will discourage people from parking in the square when they don't know how long they need to park for. GP appointments run late and pharmacy takes in excess of 30 minutes to make up prescriptions so those parking run the risk of overstaying their time.

People will not want to pay and park to use the library when their spaces are full.

Local businesses e.g. butcher, charity shop will suffer as people not within walking distance will use alternatives.

Parents often park when dropping off and collecting children from the local primary and nursery schools. Can a free 30 minutes parking be considered to ensure the safety of these users and to avoid congestion near the schools?

Off-street response – Reference number 1915

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1916

I object to parking charges.

Why can't there be free parking for 2 hours that gives most people time to do their shopping etc and then pay if stay is longer, if you start charge for just half an hour parking it will make people park in the road and stop people coming to the square and nobody wants that.

Off-street response – Reference number 1917

I object to parking charges.

This would be an expense in a cost of living crisis. Parking will be used in areas not normally used which will cause friction with members of public.

Off-street response – Reference number 1918

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This car park is currently very busy and lots of people use the shops. I think that bringing in parking charges will reduce the use of the shops as well as the car park. It will also increase parking on streets near Martin Square which are already congested with on-street parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 1919

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1920

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Martin Square is mostly used for quick visit to the pharmacy post office and library mostly by mothers with children, the elderly and disabled. Charging to park there will increase stress and unnecessary cost to these set of people

Off-street response – Reference number 1921

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Detrimental impact on residents, businesses and particularly the medical centre. Morrisons car park would become congested by cars avoiding charges. Also overflow to surrounding streets.

Off-street response – Reference number 1923

I object to parking charges.

I think if they introduce parking charges, it will affect the trade in the local shops. I do use the facilities myself and mostly there is space to park. Parking charges will just drive the cars onto the local streets. There are a lot of local people who just pop into the shops and will not want to pay a parking charge for doing that. If it necessary to introduce a charge to prevent long term parking, could the first 2 hours not be free? I have lived for many years in Larkfield before moving to Snodland, and I have not o served that there is a problem with long term parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 1924

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

As a long term resident in this area for 29 years, I use this facility at least 5 times a week, to support the Post office, Butchers, the Pharmacy, and in the evenings occasionally the food outlets. As long as it remains free to use, I will be able to continue supporting the local businesses, as I do now.

I have seen little evidence of long term users, parking all day, as it already has a maximum of 23 hrs to stop such behaviour, Kingfisher Road will become unuseable, as it is already a rat run through the estate, and buses will not get through if people start parking here to avoid charges, as it is blindingly obvious they will.

Off-street response – Reference number 1925

I object to parking charges.

Martins Square is a thriving community hub with good independent local shops which will certainly lose business, and possibly close. More empty premises, and loss of business rates to tmhc.

More importantly, it has a health centre, a chemist, a post office a library, as well as the care home. It is not in any way acceptable to charge local people for accessing these services.

This proposal should be thrown out, as it was once before. Please do not destroy this thriving little local community, it is so much more than just another car park

Off-street response – Reference number 1926

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I understand the motivation behind this but believe the downsides outweigh the benefits. Free parking is one of the few competitive advantages local shops have it would be a blow to take that away for communities and the proprietors

Off-street response – Reference number 1927

I object to parking charges.

I often pop to Martin sq for the pharmacy, butchers and dry cleaners, introducing these charges would make this far less convenient and I could just go to a bigger supermarket instead where the parking is free.

If it's long stay parking you want to prevent why not operate a free up until 1 hour scheme instead?

Introducing charges to this car park will damage the small businesses that operate there making it another ghost town of closed shops similar to Maidstone.

Off-street response – Reference number 1928

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1929

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If you introduce charges for the car park, you will force everyone onto the neighbouring streets, as no-one will pay to park. The local businesses will suffer dramatically. Everyone will just use Tesco and Morrisons instead.

Those in the flats above will find they cannot access the associated garages as they'll be blocked by inconsiderate drivers, that's if they actually have access now, as many seem to be rented out to 3rd parties.

You'll have an empty car park and crowded streets.

The health centre will suffer, as they have inadequate parking already. The library will cease to have visitors, and that's a low figure already.

If this is a ploy to say, the car park is empty, so we'll build the flats we previously suggested, you'll find even stronger opposition to that.

Any Councillor worth their worth will oppose this bonkers idea, or else they'll find themselves voted out of office at the next election. And you wouldn't want that now, would you?

Off-street response – Reference number 1930

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I won't use the shops if I have to pay.

This will kill the shops in the square

Off-street response – Reference number 1932

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This appears to be yet another stealth tax on local residents. You say that a lot of the parking is taken up by long staying non shopping drivers and yet you intend to offer long stay season tickets ,

Off-street response – Reference number 1933

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Frequently use the car park for Dr's library and shops. I think its wrong that I have to pay to seek medical help. There's always plenty of space when I use this car park.

Off-street response – Reference number 1935

I object to parking charges.

The proposed car parking charges will effect the local traders, especially the people who just pop in for a newspaper or pick up their medicine from the chemist and picking up food take aways . This will encourage people to park outside the car park on double lines, bus bays etc, there is no parking wardens in this area to check. I Strongly object to these charges.

Suggest if these charges go through, which they will , make the first 30 minutes FREE.

Off-street response – Reference number 1936

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1937

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1939

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

For the same reason as Aylesford, schools close by and introduction of charges mean increase of cost to parents just taking and picking up child from school. If charges are to apply it should just be post 9am to pre 2:30pm allowing reduction in long stay parking abuse but no increased cost to parents and problematic parking in side streets for residents around these times.

Off-street response – Reference number 1940

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1941

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1943

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1950

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1951

I support and object to parking charges, and I support and object to Season Tickets

I understand the councils are under increased cost burdens every year however this also translates to the public they serve. Maybe some middle ground can be reached here with the introduction of a period of up to 1 hour free parking to reduce the burden to individuals just needing the essential pick up

and drop off type use of such car parks, this will allow for increased availability throughout the day, and prevent peak time disruption to traffic flow and businesses from individuals avoiding paid car park use.

Off-street response – Reference number 1952

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I strongly feel that introducing parking charges with no free period will cause many issues and is a very short-sighted proposal.

1) Where will the parents park that use the car park to drop off and pick up children from the local schools? They will park on both sides of Kingfisher and Swallow roads causing blockages when buses, bin lorries and emergency vehicles cannot get past. They will also park in the GP surgery car park causing problems for patients needing to park and missed appointments causing the NHS more issues, also behind the shops blocking access to shop rear entrances and garages, also the library car park and Magpie Close causing more issues for the library and local residents or they will abuse the Morrisons car park causing an impact on shoppers.

2) There will be a loss of trade, where people would stop to pick up a newspaper, takeaway or whatever while passing will simply go elsewhere rather than try and find 60p change (if the machines will accept cash, if so usually no change given so if you have a pound coin you will not want to waste 40p each time) or fumble around with a parking app which takes longer than visiting the shop.

3) The standardisation argument is simply irrelevant, there is no legal or government mandate that requires this.

4) If the problem is long-term parkers enforce a maximum stay time and anything over that is paid. For example more than 4 hours you pay a small charge of £2 for example with resident and shop worker permits at whatever rate per annum. Charging short stay users makes no sense at all if stopping long term users is the end goal.

5) Introducing charges will compound road rage and parking confrontations between residents and motorists in an already problematic and overcrowded environment.

6) There is no security for car park users as it stands, no patrols or CCTV coverage which has resulted in damaged vehicles where the offender drove away with no number plate recorded or thefts from vehicles, are the council proposing to implement security measures as motorists will be charged to park?

7) It is wrong to look at an easy option of charging motorists to park to make up black holes in budgets, increased efficiencies, better budgeting and possibly increased money provided from the government should be sought.

Off-street response – Reference number 1953

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1954

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1955

I object to parking charges.

I would not use the businesses there that I currently do now

Off-street response – Reference number 1956

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1957

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will have too much of an impact on local small businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1959

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1961

I object to parking charges.

People will stop using the local cafe and shops. This also unfairly disadvantages parents taking children to/from school who will end up having an extra bill of £25 a month just to get their kids to school. Not all families are able to walk to school.

Off-street response – Reference number 1962

I object to parking charges.

This car park is used in a great number by people who are accessing the Post Office, Doctor's Surgery and to get prescriptions at the Pharmacy. Suddenly adding parking charges will impact people who need to use these services the most e.g. the elderly, ill, disabled and young families all who are unlikely to be earning well. I would imagine if it could be free for the first hour it would be very useful so that people only pay to park for extended periods. I am not sure what the parking fees would be there for really apart from to just make money. I have never seen the car park completely full or overused.

Off-street response – Reference number 1963

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1964

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I normally visit the Square once a week just for a short stop of under 30 minutes. This will result in my not shopping in Martin Square. Businesses are already finding it hard and this will penalise the small business owners.

Off-street response – Reference number 1965

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Please learn from Maidstone borough council and do not apply these parking charges! Maidstone has been killed as a result of greedy MBC enforcing such extortionate and extensive parking charges. Please keep Martin Square accessible for all - the doctors car park is often full so patients rely on being able to park in Martin Square quickly and easily without having to worry about charges or overstaying at a potentially very difficult time (dealing with illness/pain). I always utilise the shops in Martin Square if this is the case for me and I will simply not be able to support these businesses if parking charges come into action

Off-street response – Reference number 1967

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1968

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1969

I object to parking charges.

Restrict parking for 3 hours and send a traffic warden once in the morning and once in the afternoon anyone there longer than 3 hours slap a ticket on them. Could put up ANPR cameras there.

Off-street response – Reference number 1970

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

There is a busy doctors surgery there along with numerous other businesses.

It does not need parking charges and will only deter people to use the local shops.

I agree with season tickets for people that park there long term. Perhaps do the first 2 hours free for other vehicles then people can still use the shops without extra charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1971

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will cause the nearby nhs car parks to be abused more than they already are.

Off-street response – Reference number 1973

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1974

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1975

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1977

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1978

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I pop to these shops regularly and have had to use this carpArk for the drs surgery also, I would go elsewhere if they started charging

Off-street response – Reference number 1979

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1980

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1982

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1983

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

I park regularly for free to use the post office and pharmacy. Not had any trouble parking because I make sure it's not a school drop off and pick up time.

If you introduce charges the roads will be used more or people will park at Morrisons and walk through

Off-street response – Reference number 1984

I object to parking charges.

This will kill the shops in Martin sq - the council is supposed to support the community !

Off-street response – Reference number 1985

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use the car park for the doctors and the charges will cause Martin square cars to use the doctors car park. Making it harder for those who need to get to the doctors

Off-street response – Reference number 1986

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

As a visitor to St Martins Square to Larkfield cycles and Arthur's Butchers I feel these charges will impact on local businesses. I will be even less inclined to shop locally and buy online. It is a disgrace and will destroy local economy and the small businesses. I try and shop local and often pre-order and object to having to pay more just to pop in and collect orders from shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 1987

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1988

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

For something as quick as picking up a prescription etc the idea of charging for 1/2 hour is ridiculous

Off-street response – Reference number 1989

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have never had a problem finding a parking space, the reason for proposing the charges seems incorrect.

Off-street response – Reference number 1990

I object to parking charges.

Charges should only be in place for long stay users. My family and I use this car park for very short periods of time to attend the pharmacy, go to the post office or collect take away food. Short term users should not be forced to pay for parking if under an hour.

Off-street response – Reference number 1992

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1993

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1994

I object to parking charges.

Local shops will suffer and it will penalise those going to the doctors.

Yet another tax on the motorist

Everyone will park in Morrisons instead

Extra hardship for everyone just so the council gets a few extra quid

Off-street response – Reference number 1995

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1997

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1999

I object to parking charges.

The GP surgery has reduced the size of it's carpark and I frequently have to park in Martin square. We are told to turn up early for appointments but they are regularly overrunning/late. I have a chronic condition and mobility issues resulting in frequent visits to the surgery and chemist, who also have long queues sometimes. As I am retired and therefore on one of the smallest pensions in Europe I think it will prove detrimental to my health and general wellbeing to have to pay any charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 2000

I object to parking charges.

Most people use Martin square to visit doctors and chemists. Not to mention to support small local businesses. This proposal undermines the heart of life in our community. This must not happen in these very difficult times.

Off-street response – Reference number 2002

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2004

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

People will simply park in Morrisons... or surrounding streets or won't pay at all, just to nip to the chemist. Just another money making scheme to plug a black hole. We aren't made of money!

Off-street response – Reference number 2007

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Having season tickets doesn't guarantee someone that lives there a space

Off-street response – Reference number 2008

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2009

I both support and object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2012

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will ruin the local economy as no one will want to go to Martin Square if they have to pay, it will also increase the on street parking as people will park on kingfisher road and walk in

Off-street response – Reference number 2014

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2016

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2017

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Martin Square has been, and is a family area and more importantly an area where those who are living in council housing or have to pick their children up from school, will not have the money to pay a stupid charge. It has been free for my whole life, I park there, my friends, family and colleagues park there. Asking for money in an area of such density and crowded population is another way to take money out of the pockets of those who will not have it especially in the cost of living times we are in. We pay our road tax to drive and I propose, just propose that perhaps you as a council begin to fix the potholes in these cold, wet and icy conditions that could cause an accident which you get the money for from our road tax instead of trying to scam more money and perhaps in a more idealistic world you would realise this instead of taking more money from those who cannot afford it, or those who want a two minute trip to the shop, or those picking up their ill child's medication from the pharmacy, or even those who are going to the cafe to socialise and even getting a haircut or getting dinner. All this is is another way to take money away from the general public to line yourselves rather than fix issues we already have. I object to charges being implemented within Martin Square for parking, it is ridiculous, you can go up one road in this borough and point out potholes, damaged items of value or even a street sign, street lights not working, we are living in a world of if you don't like it don't go with these rules being implemented limiting our own and others

capabilities and means of socialisation and exposure to continue a social life outside. Start using our road tax, our council tax to fix the community and then propose a silly idea so you can't be criticised so much for the work you do not do with our honest money and after that once proven a worthy council who care for their community propose an idea, but you're showing no care by no reparations of anything I've stated and now asking for more money, it's barbaric and the money grabbing is laughable in my perspective.

Off-street response – Reference number 2018

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2019

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2022

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2023

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Martin Square provides many resources for the local community and this charge WILL affect the local trade and penalises those who cannot walk to the shops, chemists, doctors, food outlets!

Off-street response – Reference number 2024

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I am a regular user of the shops in Martin Square by imposing charges would certainly deter me from shopping and using the hair and beauty salon. I would look for alternatives where parking is free. It would be detrimental to businesses for their customers to pay for parking.

I am also a TMBC resident and feel that I don't get value for money now. In taking away parking I feel it is just another tax for borough residents already paying a huge amount in council tax

I strongly object to any proposal to charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 2025

I object to parking charges.

Charging will badly affect the business's in the square and parking will spill out on nearby roads making the current situation worse as people will use the doctors car park and any space available.

Off-street response – Reference number 2026

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

In my view the introduction of parking charges in Martin Square will have a severe impact on the retailers in the Square, the medical centre and residents. I understand the costs of upkeep and the need to manage long term parking but this could best be achieved by allowing a free period ((1-2 hours) before charges start thus allowing people to use the traders and medical centre as the purpose of their visit. Charging should then become applicable for anyone staying for longer periods and season tickets could be made available to residents and traders' employees. The council should be encouraging rather than discouraging use of the Martin Square facilities including the shops, cafe's, takeaways, library and medical centre. The imposition of charges as proposed would impose an unfair and unreasonable burden on legitimate users whether they be visiting the facilities, working in them or a resident. Maintaining free short term parking whilst managing long term would achieve the council's stated aims without creating undue burdens on legitimate users

Off-street response – Reference number 2027

I object to parking charges.

The shops and especially the Post office are used constantly and also if the Doctors car park is full we have to resort to the car park. I cannot walk very far so rely on using my car.

Off-street response – Reference number 2028

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2029

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2031

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2032

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2033

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I use this car park occasionally as I visit the Library and leave their car park for those less able than I am. I'd prefer a system (like Otford Village Hall Car Park) where short-term parking is free for say an hour or so. Let's face it the shops aren't that exciting there really and perhaps introducing charges will drive people to park in Morrisons? As a normal user, I'd be as well to park in Morrisons and wander through the path to the library or use up one of their precious spaces. I do think if you are to introduce this then local residents and businesses should have somewhere to park. Also if you charge will you increase people parking out on the street which is a bit narrow at the best of times?

Off-street response – Reference number 2034

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2035

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2036

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2037

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

What you have also people who live in NEW HYTHE LANE who can not park there cars there because of yellow lines and parking not allowed at certain times.

Off-street response – Reference number 2038

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I feel that access to free parking is of paramount importance to all local residents and is also vital for any high street. Having fees imposed upon you as soon as you put a step outside your front door will have a detrimental effect on a village and will stop people visiting. Public parking should be free for everyone !

Off-street response – Reference number 2039

I object to parking charges.

I only use the car park to pop to the chemist, fast food outlets or post office. I am never there for more than half an hour and am always able to find a space. If charges come into effect, I will no longer use those local businesses and will go elsewhere. It will be the local businesses that will suffer. Since West Malling car park introduced parking charges, I only visit when charges do not apply.

Off-street response – Reference number 2040

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If you want to increase parking turnover you could set up limits like in shopping centre car parks e.g. 3 hours unless you are a resident with a permit instead of charging people who see already struggling.

Off-street response – Reference number 2041

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Parking charges should be consistent across the borough.

Off-street response – Reference number 2042

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

In my opinion these parking charges are going to impact greatly on the local businesses in Martins Square. The chemist and the Post Office for example are essential services especially for the elderly and if customers now have to pay to park to collect a prescription or post a parcel they are going to shop elsewhere, or park at Morrisons and walk round, which in turn is going to increase the cars using the supermarkets car park. We in Ditton do not have a chemist and have to travel to Larkfield Martins Square or Tesco to collect medication, especially now that the pharmacy at Sainsburys has now closed.

At the very least if charges have to be introduced I propose that the first 30 minutes is free, similar to the car parks in Paddock Wood.

Off-street response – Reference number 2043

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2045

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I-745:751f the intention is to deter long stay parking, then season tickets should be made available for those needing to park for long time periods. But, if shorter stay parking charges are to be applied, the first hour should be free, to allow people enough time to visit the shops in Martin Square to buy their required items, which are generally small-scale, and then leave the carpark straight away. If parking charges are introduced for even the first half hour, this will deter people from coming to these shops, and push them elsewhere, losing business for this vital local hub. Whether its for takeaway food, quick provisions at Morrisons local, the post office, the pharmacist, the butchers shop, cafe, and charity shop, all of these businesses will lose out if parking charges are introduced.

Off-street response – Reference number 2046

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

At least 1 hour should be free to go to local services, eg, doctors, library, post office, butchers, charity shops etc. For those people that are using the car park for all day parking, charge them.

Off-street response – Reference number 2047

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2049

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking should be free for small businesses use

Off-street response – Reference number 2050

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2051

I object to parking charges.

These parking spaces are vital for local businesses who must be supported. Therefore I believe that free parking should be in place for a fixed period e.g. 3 hours (this is based on the fact there is a hairdressers in this shopping area and a hair appointment might last up to 3 hours). After that you could charge users to prevent some people parking all day for free. If you are going to introduce fees please provide options; not just an App but payment via contactless and perhaps cash.

Off-street response – Reference number 2053

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2055

(no comment supplied)

On the whole I recognise the Council's need to manage its budgets. With regard to Martin Square here we have the Pharmacy & Post Office (no close alternatives) both heavily used and largely for very short duration visits. Surely there is a case to have the first 30 minutes free of charge for these health and financial (pensions) purposes which would encourage such parkers to exit asap and so improve the overall throughput of the car park. Anyone overstaying the 30 minutes would automatically be charged appropriately.

At present I am able to walk to Martin Sq, so am not directly affected by the charging proposals, but I do not know how long this will continue, and, with there being no effective public transport I will have to use my car. Walking to West Malling is not really an option, I am stuck with Martin Sq.

Off-street response – Reference number 2057

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2058

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2059

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2061

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Businesses in Martin Square will be severely affected by charges at a time when businesses need help more than ever.

Off-street response – Reference number 2062

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2063

I object to parking charges.

I understand the need to raise cash for the borough in the current circumstances but there is flaw in your reasoning. You say you want to deter long term parking and create more flow for local shoppers, which is fine. But charging for the first 30 minutes is ridiculous. Most shoppers spend considerably less than 30 minutes in the square and bring business to the shops. If you charge for this period people will just go to Morrisons or Lidl reducing foot fall. Plus many parents park in the Square to drop children at school and pick them up. Again, short term but often includes a little shopping. You could be putting childrens lives at risk by forcing parents to park on roads around the school.

Charge the long term parkers by all means but charging for the first 30 minutes could turn Martin Square into a ghost town. Forcing shops to shut and going bust will not help the local economy but making the first half an hour free will allow businesses and schools to continue as they currently do.

Off-street response – Reference number 2064

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2067

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The car park in the doctors surgery is not big enough to facilitate all patients - and it would be unfair for people to have to pay to attend a doctors appointment. We don't have many local businesses in the area - we should be supporting local and encouraging people to use these shops rather than deterring them.

Off-street response – Reference number 2068

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2069

I object to parking charges.

Although I live in Medway, I have a very close friend in Larkfield. I use Martin Square almost daily to assist her with her shopping, pharmacy needs and postal requirements. As a disabled person I need to use my motability vehicle for this. Consequently I disagree with parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 2070

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

I support low price short term parking, and high cost long term parking, this would help shoppers and shops, and deter all day parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2071

I object to parking charges.

Many people park here to go to the doctors. We already have huge prescriptions costs, to then also have to pay to park, it would be so tough. Feel this is only a small community car park, feel it's only right to keep it free.

If had to pay feel Many people would then move to parking in Morrisons.

Off-street response – Reference number 2072

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2073

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I regularly pop to the chemist or post office for just a few minutes, if charges are introduced I will find somewhere else and my trade will be lost.

Off-street response – Reference number 2074

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2075

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

People who are not well and are in need of prescription at the pharmacy will be coming to park so they need to be swift without having to pay for parking

Off-street response – Reference number 2077

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2078

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2079

I object to Season Tickets.

First hour free then a nominal charge moving forward.

Off-street response – Reference number 2081

I object to parking charges.

The shops will loose business and where else can you park if you can't park in the Doctors car park if your visiting the Doctors

Off-street response – Reference number 2082

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use these shops occasionally, if you introduce unnecessary parking charges I'll just take my custom elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 2086

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2087

I object to parking charges.

This is currently a nice easy site to go to as a change to Tesco superstore. Introduction of charges will put me off and make Tesco more appealing.

Off-street response – Reference number 2088

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2089

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2090

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If parking charges are introduced people will stop coming, the square will die and businesses will fail.
Leave it free for ALL!

Off-street response – Reference number 2091

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2092

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The introduction of charges would adversely affect the use of this small community collection of shops. The butchers, coffee shop, HOKH charity shop etc.

If you want to avoid long term use of the facilities, consider a free first 90-120 mins. of parking. This would allow people who want to browse the little shops and have a coffee to be able to do that.

Also, consider a way of encouraging people to use those shops that may require longer parking by providing a permit from the shop, eg hairdressers/ beauty salon who are having a long hair/ beauty treatment (that often take over 2 hours) so they are not disadvantaged.

It would also be detrimental to patients accessing the Medical Centre. Knowing that doctors can run behind by up to an hour it would be unfair to charge for time where the fault is not with the patients (not with the GPs/ nurses either - it's just busy). Also, there is always a wait at the pharmacy for prescriptions and this also needs to be taken into account. I have had to wait in there sometimes for 45 - 60 minutes and have sometimes been asked to return later in the day.

As for resident parking: It is unfair to charge these families for parking where they live. I don't know of any other residence where a family would be charged to park outside their home within the local area- whether that is The Birds Estate or the Trees Estate or anywhere else. Provide a permit so they can park safely but they should not be charged.

This is a community based area which would, I would have thought, been financially managed by the taxes we pay - private individuals and the local businesses? These costs are increasing yearly. To subject residents or those who are using the Medical Centre or providing support to the local shops to pay for these facilities twice is wrong and unfair.

I am lucky in that the shops and GP centre are within walking distance of my home - but not everyone is that lucky. The GP surgery covers a wide area and it is not possible for everyone to access them, especially if unwell, elderly or have babies and young children.

I therefore strongly oppose any introduction of charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 2093

I object to parking charges.

This will deter shoppers using the small independent stores in Martin Square - it would give added advantage to larger stores with free onsite parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2095

I object to parking charges.

You will kill local business

Off-street response – Reference number 2097

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2098

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Before April the Charity shop in the square did not open on a Monday as to lack of a manager for this day. Since April this year (REDACTED) The 'Heart of Kent Hospice' charity shop on (REDACTED). I am (REDACTED) of age and cannot walk from my home to the shop. If I have to pay for parking I will not be able to undertake this any more due to financial reasons.

This would lose the Hospice an approximate amount of £1300 of income from sales per month equating to £15,600 per annum. Even if another manager was appointed it will not stop the reduction in donations as doners will go to other shops where they do not have to pay to park.

This also effects our volunteers who also cannot walk to the shop but have advised us they will not be able to carry on if they have to pay to park as mostly are on pensions. This alone could cause the shop to close for most of the week as we cannot run the shop without them. Therefore incurring an even greater loss to the Charity.

Also many elderly people who drive, use the shop on a regular basis not only to make a purchase but also to feel part of the community. Many of these people are lonely and isolated. It will be detrimental to their mental health and well being as most are pensioners or on a very low income and cannot find this extra money. Our customers signed a petition which was made available to you when this first arose showing all but one person would not use the shop if this came to fruition.

The Hospice is an amazing local charity based in Aylesford helping dying people and their families during a terrible and traumatic time. To diminish their income would be cruel and unacceptable within the local community, especially those who have or, may have to in the future, use this amazing and much needed Hospice. Feelings are very strong regarding this.

Off-street response – Reference number 2099

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2100

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It's parking for our community OAPs and families with children alike ..

Off-street response – Reference number 2101

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Disastrous for local shops, residents and for those using The Surgery.

Off-street response – Reference number 2102

I object to parking charges.

I use this car park for the Doctors surgery, chemist and most of the other shops. I have recently had open heart surgery and cannot walk to them so I have to drive with the use of a borrowed car. This is for the foreseeable future as I am still receiving sick notes from the doctor.

As I do not yet receive a pension and are not entitled to any Government help with anything financial, at present I do not have any income whatsoever and could not possibly pay any parking charges. I would not be able to go further afield for these type of shops as I cannot afford the extra petrol.

Also I meet people to have a conversation with which will be taken away from me. I already suffer from depression and this will make me feel as if in a prison. There are many other local people in my position who have used the square for health reasons and all of them will be similarly affected.

The amount of people who use this square on a short term basis drastically outweighs the odd long term people so this does not really effect the parking availability.

Off-street response – Reference number 2103

I object to parking charges.

I strongly believe the parking charges as they stand will impact on the businesses in the square. I often use the car park for the school run as well as pharmacy, library, GP,. I feel the first hour should be free. In a climate where we are all struggling financially, it's another slap in the face. How do people expect us to support local businesses? The fines are often ridiculous with these parking companies too.

Off-street response – Reference number 2104

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use the doctors weekly and the local shops as I can't travel very far any more . To have to pay for parking is going to add another cost to my budget that I simply can't afford .

Off-street response – Reference number 2105

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2106

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2107

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

You state that the car park suffers from low turnover long-stay parking which reduces the availability of spaces for all users, why then are you introducing parking charges for the first 30 minutes? I don't object to the Council introducing parking charges to deter long-stay parking but I do object to the Council charging drivers to park for the short-term, i.e. the first 30 minutes which should be free.

This will ensure that those who wish to "pop into a shop" for a few minutes and then leave can do so without being penalised. I can't help thinking that your reasoning is merely an excuse to cash in on any drivers parking in this car park.

There is also the issue of a section of Thornhills patient car park in Martin Square not being available, which leads to overspill parking in the Council car park and again is also unfair on those drivers who cannot park in Thornhills car park.

If the Council proceeds with this TRO to introduce charging for any parking regardless of how long that is, it will inevitably lead to a loss of revenue for the shops and café in the Square and displacement leading to inappropriate parking in the other areas close by, particularly the northern stopped-up part of Martin Square.

Off-street response – Reference number 2110

I object to parking charges.

The majority of businesses within Martin square are visited for far less time than half an hour, and requiring payment for 5 minute visits to shops will have a significant impact on the number of their visitors.

Off-street response – Reference number 2112

I object to parking charges.

I believe this will push more trade to the supermarkets and out of town shopping centres. There is a new butchers open in the square which is very popular with local residents and this change has the potential to dramatically affect his trade, together with the other shops there. At the moment it is very convenient to "pop" into the shops there, rather than go to one of the supermarkets. If you have to purchase a ticket every time you use the carpark it takes away that convenience. As our elected representatives I feel that you should be supporting local businesses and this feels like the opposite.

Off-street response – Reference number 2113

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2114

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2115

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2116

I object to Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2117

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Who will pay for resurfacing in regards to Kingfisher Road Townhouses when the shoppers park there instead of paying for charges. If support is not put in place, i will investigate a group action with a local solicitor that will evidence the link between parking charges being introduced and residents in the Kingfisher Townhouses a)being unable to park outside their home b)resurfacing of the tarmac.

Off-street response – Reference number 2119

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There is my and partner that need to park there as there is no other parking anywhere else, where I live is restricted parking times plus both our cars have been damaged outside there as people drive too fast on the main road, I work at Maidstone and Tunbridge wells hospital and find it difficult sometimes to park when I come home. If we both have to pay for seasons tickets who's to say we will be able to park.

There is no where else to park safely

Off-street response – Reference number 2120

I object to parking charges.

This will deter me from shopping in Martin Sq and using the library too.

Off-street response – Reference number 2121

I object to parking charges.

I believe if people were allowed 1 hour free parking, this would allow for many people using the chemist to pick up prescriptions and the use the post office.

Off-street response – Reference number 2122

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

What about if you need to go to the doctors ?

Off-street response – Reference number 2123

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2125

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2126

I object to parking charges.

If you want to encourage short stay visitors then make short stays of say up to say 1hr free and charge for longer stays.

Off-street response – Reference number 2127

I object to parking charges.

I believe that the introduction of charges will have a negative impact on the businesses operating in Martin Square

Off-street response – Reference number 2128

I object to parking charges.

I believe it will reduce the custom the local business, or move the parking to other places, potentially hazardously.

Off-street response – Reference number 2129

I object to parking charges.

Charges will lead to overuse/congestion of adjacent care parks at Morrisons (New Hythe Lane), Thornhills Medical Practice and Larkfield Library all currently free (Morrisons first 2 hours free) and heavily used in business hours. Parking on adjacent residential streets; Kingfisher Road, Magpie Close and the service road to Larkfield allotments (off Kingfisher Road) will increase. Congestion in the immediate area is periodically, sometimes frequently, a problem and insufficient regard has been paid to the following: close by are 3 schools, 1 nursery, Larkfield Fire station and the no. 71 bus route which uses Kingfisher Road and New Hythe Lane - any closure or serious congestion on the M20 motorway between junctions 3 and 7 results in the A20 at Larkfield becoming seriously congested (meaning stationery/moving at walking speed or less) - more on street parking will worsen this.

Of further concern are the unintended consequences of parking charges - to avoid charges drivers will be more likely to drive to get free parking at e.g. Tescos (Leybourne Way), Lidl (London Road) and Aylesford Retail Park - more congestion more pollution. A majority of the retailers in Martin Square are small businesses - a marked national trend has seen the closure of many such businesses in recent years - parking charges in this case will reduce footfall, potentially threatening these businesses and the local people employed. Traffic congestion is already an unpredictable damaging factor in this immediate area impacting local services and quality of life.

There seems to be no consideration for the residents of flats/maisonettes in Martin Square and their visitors who will incur further expense.

At a time when many are struggling with the expenses of daily life the introduction of parking charges will cast the Council and its members in a less than favourable light.

I suggest the income to the Council is more than outweighed by the above, social, economic and environmental factors.

Off-street response – Reference number 2130

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The introduction of any fees will drive the customers away and severely impact businesses on the square. It will also drive more traffic onto the street. The parking by Brookfield is awful already and will only get worse. Why don't you ticket the illegal parking outside the school first of all before penalising genuine customers

Off-street response – Reference number 2132

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I am a midwife working out of Larkfield medical centre and this will affect my ability to park but also my patients ability to attend as the GP car parking lot is pitiful and always full. It will also be the death to the local shops- absolutely ridiculous proposal- stop killing our local businesses! Another stealth tax on drivers

Off-street response – Reference number 2134

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2137

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2138

I object to parking charges.

Makes it too expensive to pop to shops in search of an item. It'll encourage people to park all around the streets nearby.

Off-street response – Reference number 2138

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Off-street response – Reference number 2139

I object to parking charges.

To collect a newspaper which takes a few minutes an extra charge would mean I would not use the shops in Martin Square. When parking to go to the Doctors surgery it would be difficult to gauge the time needed and pay appropriately.

Off-street response – Reference number 2140

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2141

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Doctors car park isn't big enough, and they always run late very hard to predict time needed, unfair to fine for doctors faults. Also 90% of cars are in and out in under an hour seems petty and ridiculous could also hurt the businesses themselves as people will naturally flock to places that do not charge for parking. I feel this would hurt the local area which is just not acceptable

Off-street response – Reference number 2142

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

While I understand that people who live and work there need passes to stay longer. Having consumers pay to park to support the local business will be detrimental to those business as people will naturally flock to free parking places as there as so many around. It would also be incredibly unfair to fine people for doctors running late as people often use that car park as the doctors one is so small and over subscribed. This would put unnessacery stress on the local residents and could result in a boycott that could damage our local shops which are very much loved by the community but because of cost of living people have to go where is cheaper and putting in parking costs could result in these local businesses going out of business.

Off-street response – Reference number 2144

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

While I understand that people who live and work there need passes to stay longer. Having consumers pay to park to support the local business will be detrimental to those business as people will naturally flock to free parking places as there as so many around. It would also be incredibly unfair to fine people for doctors running late as people often use that car park as the doctors one is

so small and over subscribed. This would put unnessacery stress on the local residents and could result in a boycott that could damage our local shops which are very much loved by the community but because of cost of living people have to go where is cheaper and putting in parking costs could result in these local businesses going out of business.

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Off-street response – Reference number 2148

I support parking charges.

You should have 30 minutes free parking

Off-street response – Reference number 2149

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have to say I find it incredibly disappointing that charges in Martin Square would even be considered. I use Martin Square on a regular basis as it is local to me. I have never on any occasion had any difficulty in finding a parking spot and there are always spaces to park. To think that charges of any cost would be considered, strike me as nothing more than blatant money grabbing. I have clearly been mistaken in thinking that the local community should be supported rather than hindered with parking charges. This is the fastest way to damage local businesses as well as destroying all trust with the local community.

Off-street response – Reference number 2150

I object to parking charges.

I feel it will cause more on street parking or make people park in nearby Morrisons. The fees will make quick visits to the shops less convenient. The fees might also lose the shops trade.

Off-street response – Reference number 2152

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

Only Monday to Saturday with an option of a free first 30 mins

Off-street response – Reference number 2153

I support parking charges.

It should allow a free period before charges apply to allow shoppers or patients of Thornhill medical practice to complete their visit say in 2 hours but then long stay vehicle's should pay a reasonably high fee.

Off-street response – Reference number 2154

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2155

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will drive people out of Martin's Square as most people only use the parking for a short time. We use the pharmacy there to pick up repeat medication. We are normally in and out in five minutes and i would not be happy if i had to pay. This would mean me changing pharmacies.

I am sure this will also have a negative impact on the businesses in Martin's Square who works lose custom

Off-street response – Reference number 2157

I object to parking charges.

Charging for parking in Martins Square is not in the best interest of the public, or the traders. It has been reviewed and rejected previously.

Off-street response – Reference number 2159

I object to parking charges.

With the availability of parking at Thornhills' GP often limited, patients are forced to park in Martin Square. The introduction of parking charges will impact them, many of those may well receive a low income. I feel too that it will encourage long stay parking in Morrisons' car park, thereby reducing parking slots & the eventual introduction to charges there. We are asked to lessen the impact on the environment by using local shops; this charge will impact their business, as people will prefer to go further afield where there are no such charges. Local residents and those working in them businesses, who own vehicles, may chooses as an alternative to park in nearby roads; the local bus route of Kingfisher Road already being snarled up with parked cars!

Off-street response – Reference number 2160

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2161

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

How can you think of doing this at a time where everyone is struggling. This will not support local businesses and if people don't park shops will close and you will be worse off.

Off-street response – Reference number 2163

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2164

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2165

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2166

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I think there should be free parking for 1-2 hours to help support struggling local businesses. I would only support season tickets if the car parks are monitored to ensure that those who hold season tickets can actually park there overnight. I also would only support season tickets are open to residents of new hythe lane (Morrisons end).

Off-street response – Reference number 2167

I object to parking charges.

Changes for under 2 hours would mean I would not use those local businesses. This is not good for the local area.

Off-street response – Reference number 2168

I object to parking charges.

This will cripple local businesses- customers travel to these establishments for quality services and individuals will not be willing to pay so the businesses will lose out

Off-street response – Reference number 2169

I object to parking charges.

I worry that introducing parking charges could affect the shops in Martin Square and make additional costs for both the employees of the shops and the residents who live around Martin Square. I always find a place to park when I do use the shops in Martin Square and I don't feel there is an issue at the current time.

Off-street response – Reference number 2170

I object to parking charges.

If you introduce these charges you will

Kill the trade!!

Off-street response – Reference number 2171

I object to parking charges.

If they charge for parking I will no longer be shopping in the square

Off-street response – Reference number 2172

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2173

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2174

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2176

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2177

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I wrote previously to object to this outrageous tax on local residents. As I objected previously, these parking areas and in particular Martin Square, were built for the convenience and use of local residents to use their local amenities, shops, toilets and Library.

How dare local councillors hijack our local free car park to raise taxes and funds.

I have lived here and used the car park for 24 years and I can categorically say and will swear an affidavit I have always been able to park. There has NEVER been an occasion when I have not been able to park.

This is a tax on women wanting to get their hair done (highlights can take 4 hours. I take it you're not going to be taxing men to get their hair done?!)

It is a tax on women and girls getting their nails done and having a pedicure (about 2 hours).

It is a tax on local residents to use their GP Surgery.

It is a tax on the elderly to use one of the few remaining Post Office Counters.

Charging for parking will kill these local shops as locals will simply shop elsewhere on their way home from work.

Whose decision was it up charge for 1 hour?!!!!

Unbelievable! Petty!!!! Greedy!!!!!!

The majority of my use of this car park is to pop to the GP (less than an hour), pop to the chemist (less than an hour), use the post office (less than an hour) and use the shops and butchers (again LESS THAN AN HOUR!!!!)

HANDS OFF OUR FREE PARKING FOR LOCAL SERVICES!!!

This is a greedy folly Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council, and will cost more to set-up and run than it will return in funds.

Off-street response – Reference number 2179

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I propose a free 30 mins parking, then pay for an hour and upwards. Need to make 4hrs upwards much more expensive to deter all day Parkers.

Introduce Parking passes to be used for medical centre.

Off-street response – Reference number 2180

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2183

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2186

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

If the proposals are implemented in Martin sq will disabled drivers be given the same concession as in est Malling car parks, i.e. 3 hours free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2187

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If the issue is a low number of vehicle owners utilising the car park at Martin Sq for long stay purposes, wouldn't a limited on the time a vehicle may be parked there with the appropriate parking penalty thereafter be a solution to the small percentage of vehicles that 'misuse' this facility?

Introduction of car parking charges will adversely affect the local businesses that are located around the square. It will also displace users to the private car park at Morrisons, additionally causing knock-on impacts to accessibility to their supermarket.

We should be encouraging local residents to utilise local shops and services, not driving them away.

Off-street response – Reference number 2188

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Parking charges will affect local traders and increase parking in Morrisons car park.

Off-street response – Reference number 2190

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will have a big impact on people visiting these shops

Off-street response – Reference number 2191

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2192

I both support and object to parking charges, and I support Season Tickets

If the issue is long term parking then how about a free 2 hour slot to promote use of local shops but then charging beyond that to discourage long term parking. This has proved popular in many towns and villages to not deter shoppers and keep local shops in business

Off-street response – Reference number 2193

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2194

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2195

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2197

I support parking charges.

Parking charges should be fair across the area

Off-street response – Reference number 2198

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If you want to totally kill off the business remaining at Martin Square, then imposing car parking charges is the way to go. At best it will make Kingfisher Road even more dangerous with parked cars and affect patients of Thornhills where, presumably(?) they wouldn't pay to park. It would also encourage pay for parking at Morrisons as that would be the next port of call. At worst, it will finish off the small businesses there. By all means, please introduce waiting restrictions with perhaps the 60/90 minutes free which should cover most people's visits to the Square and then a nominal charge after that if necessary. That would discourage commuter parking for those perhaps catching a coach into London or similar. Local residents of the square should have a permit not a season ticket.

Off-street response – Reference number 2199

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2201

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There are a lot of small businesses around the square which may see a downturn in business if parking is charged. During these tough times we should be supporting our small business and not making more close. The parking at st martins should remain free as it has been for years.

Our council tax is extremely high in this area and you'd think you'd have enough money to "manage" the car park from this collection. It appears that the council is inflicting more costs on the people who live in the area, which is causing people to be priced out of the area.

If you are concerned Cars parking for long amounts of time how about put an 3 hour max with no return within an hour, however this may also affect businesses and their employees. this is unreasonable for the people who live in the flats above the shops who have always been able to park here.

I would ask you reconsider the parking charges as our area needs small business and little shops that are easily accessible for everyone.

Off-street response – Reference number 2202

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2203

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2204

I object to parking charges.

As far as long term parking is concerned, there are legitimate reasons for its use. The shops will suffer as more people will use the supermarket.

Off-street response – Reference number 2209

I object to parking charges.

I am able to walk to Martin Square, if you do decide to introduce parking charges the reality is shoppers will just use the streets to park causing issues to residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 2211

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2212

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2213

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will completely drive people away and cause more congestion and dangerous parking on Kingfisher Road.

Off-street response – Reference number 2215

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2216

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The charges and inevitable fines would leave our community much worse off whilst filling the pockets of an external company. It will impede people using the doctors the pharmacy and the

library which should all be a free service. It is the constant grab for money in this country that is ruining people mental health. It's one more thing to think about in what should be an easy day to day activity. If you need money for the up keep make Morrison pay more tax.

Off-street response – Reference number 2217

I object to parking charges.

As the parking area for the medical practice in Martin Square is very restricted people need to park in the main car park so they can attend their appointments. If you inflict charges on the main car park you will be making patients to the practice pay to attend their appointments and also pay to collect their medications. Many frail and elderly people do not have the ability to walk very far.

Off-street response – Reference number 2218

I object to parking charges.

Goldfinch Close is not currently a double yellow line area. therefore people will park here instead of the car park. Why not just limit parking to 2 hours in the car park and have a £70 fine for exceeding this. This will then not interfere with people using the shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 2220

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Buying a paper will cost an extra 60p, going to the chemist with my mother will cost 60p, the supermarket will become the place to buy items. My haircut will cost £1.20 more. If the charges are 8am-8pm which seems likely, my occasional fast food on Fridays will cost an extra 60p. This is not going to help the businesses is it?

I will start using other shopping locations as I am not close enough to walk to Martin Square.

If charges are to be brought in then the first hour should be free or the times charges are in force has to be changed to later in the morning and earlier in the evening.

Resident permits could be used instead of a season ticket. That way relatives visiting could place the permit in their car for the duration of the stay

Off-street response – Reference number 2221

I object to parking charges.

Trying to park when having a doctors appointment is hopeless in the centre's car park so we have to park in Martin Square not knowing how long we will have to wait for our appointments, especially if they are running late so this could cost quite a bit for the parking. I think the local businesses, like the cafe, butchers, fish shop and Morrisons etc, will lose a lot of custom and people will just go elsewhere, I thought the government were trying to help small businesses not run them into the ground. The residents outside Martin Square are probably to get fed up as shoppers will be parking outside their houses, not willing to pay for what could be just a 10 minute visit to the shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 2223

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2224

(no comment supplied)

No Comment

Off-street response – Reference number 2225

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2226

I object to parking charges.

Your assertion that the introduction of charging will lower the turnover of long-stay parking which it will but it will also impact on many people who using the parking for access to shops, doctor surgery, visiting relatives at retirement home and the Library to name a few.

TMBC has not learnt that the introduction of parking charges is a retrograde move which will then causes parking issue in surrounding roads and will also impact on trade for the shops just to make a small amount of revenue for TMBC and it associated parking company that will be contract to manage the payment process. The cost of installing machines and videos systems to monitor vehicles entering and exiting will be costly and with revenue going toward the new infrastructure and ongoing running costs. If you want to kill a vibrant shop and community facilities in Martin square than the introduction of parking charges will do that as demonstrated in countless town/village centres in Kent.

Off-street response – Reference number 2227

I object to parking charges.

Parking charges at Martin Square will force people to spill out and park in local roads which are already congested. It's going to disadvantage the businesses at Martin Square and extremely unfair on patients attending Thornhills Surgery, particularly the elderly. The same applies to those picking up medication from Paydens. You sometimes have to wait in the queue for up to 40 minutes.

Off-street response – Reference number 2230

I object to parking charges.

Apart from the damage to the shop's trade, this car park is used for patients of the doctor's surgery. Also many parents park there to pick up children from the schools. They would have to park in nearby roads, causing traffic problems and making the school areas dangerous.

Off-street response – Reference number 2231

I object to parking charges.

As one of the daily users of the car park to pick up the morning newspaper, I object to having to pay an extra 60p per day. I will therefore have to go somewhere else which will damage trade to that

shop, with no fault of their own. At least the first half hour should be free !

Off-street response – Reference number 2232

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2235

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2236

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

While the car park at Martin Square is well used, I use it regularly at various times of the day to use the shops that surround it and I have never had a problem finding a car parking space. The nature of the shops at Martin Square would suggest a typical car visitor attends for 30 - 40 minutes as an absolute maximum, and probably for a far shorter time in reality - it's simply not a long stay destination, and therefore car parking charges really are not justified. I suspect that imposing charges would not help those local shops and people would be less inclined to visit. TMBC would in effect be imposing a stealth tax on local residents and visitors to Martin Square. I object to the parking charge proposals. There is a possibility that people may then park on local roads instead, causing unintended, negative consequences and dangers on the public highway.

Off-street response – Reference number 2239

I object to parking charges.

Will make it difficult to get to my doctors

Off-street response – Reference number 2240

I object to parking charges.

Retail workers in Larkfield will be impacted by the introduction of parking charges. For instance volunteers in the Hospice shop (which we support) will be hit. May I suggest that workers who need to park in Martin's Square have an exemption sticker if that is possible to implement.

Off-street response – Reference number 2241

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2243

I object to parking charges.

I would be extremely sorry to see anything that made things more difficult for the traders and services in the Square.

I am concerned about effects on parking on local roads. Kingfisher Road is bad enough already. The surgery and Morrison's will be under great pressure for their parking spaces.

I would be more sympathetic to the scheme if the first 30 or 45 minutes were free.

If the worst comes to the worst, the 'meters' should be suitable for the elderly (which includes me). Some meters are difficult to understand, and we can get very confused as to what to do if we are to keep out of trouble.

Off-street response – Reference number 2244

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2245

I object to parking charges.

I lived the area for over 30 year why do we have to start paying now. This will only lead to people parking in morrison's and walking through the cut. Also the area by the bungalows and library will also be a problem which will course access issue for the emergency services when need

Off-street response – Reference number 2246

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2247

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2249

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2252

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use this car park regularly to collect prescriptions from the chemist, go to the library, visit the charity shop and Tapers beauty. Introducing parking charges will mean I would avoid using these businesses. There are cheaper places to have my nails done in town but I choose to use Tapers as it is a local business. However, if I also had to pay parking I would have to go to cheaper places. I would also use the chemist at Tesco's instead of Paydens if I had to pay to park.

Off-street response – Reference number 2253

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Appalling idea. Those shops struggle enough, applying parking charges to their clients will only harm their businesses, maybe enough to close them.

Off-street response – Reference number 2254

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I fully object to the planned charging of locals using the ST Martin Square Car park, at a time where there is a cost of living crisis for the local community. This area parking is used by the local school and is a safe parking option for parents with Kids. Implementing this charge will force parents to park in areas that are unsafe and lead to congestion on the local roads and restrict traffic flow at peak school hours.

This area is also used for parking by the Elderly and people using the local doctors surgery, Library and Pharmacy. This is yet another example of TMBC showing that its residents do not matter and money triumphs over the the welfare of the local community. Costs for locals are already sky high and being penalised simply to use the local public services is a bad look for the council.

The local business will also be hit by this charge leading to an already deprived area falling further into decline through the actions of the areas own council and self harm.

I strongly recommend the council reconsider this proposal in the interests of locals taking into account safety of locals and the current economic climate.

Off-street response – Reference number 2257

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Reasons why I object due to the impact on our healthcare business:

- Malling PCN employ around 30 members of staff who work from or access the health centre as part of their day to day roles. Recruitment in healthcare, like many industries is difficult at the moment and small factors such as paying to park can be a barrier.
- Healthcare is still recovering from a pandemic, trying to regain routine for patients and get up to date with chronic disease management. There are still patients that do not want to come in to surgeries with the risk of covid, many do not want to bother their doctor because they know the strain that they are under and many are struggling to make ends meet themselves and cannot afford time out of work to attend the doctors. Adding parking charges into those considerations when attending a healthcare appointment is a further barrier.
- The PCN have put a lot of time, effort and investment into re-engaging patients with healthcare services since the pandemic as many people were not attending their appointment or wanting to come and receive help. This has a huge detrimental impact on their health and later on, will become a much greater cost on the healthcare service.
- Healthcare staff already receive a lot of abuse and opposition because people struggle to get an appointment and due to the nature of healthcare, appointments can be delayed. We do the very best we can with what we have but sometimes with a shortage of staff and simply giving those that need it more time, we inevitably run behind. For those visiting appointments within a charging time,

I have no doubt that running over their parking time will be another grievance received by our hard working reception teams.

- It was raised that currently parking areas in Tonbridge, Borough Green and one other location cover parking costs across the borough of Tonbridge and Malling. It sounds like these are the more affluent areas of our borough. In healthcare, we also have to make provision for the varying levels of deprivation across our patch and have to make a similar decision that funds are not split fairly because it makes sense and allows us to address need. It doesn't seem unreasonable for this approach to be the same for parking.
- Everyone is aware that the NHS is struggling. Like all businesses, we are also trying to find alternative and innovative ways to help more people with the limited funds and resources we have. The current set up with free parking in Martin Square is allowing us to do this at present with 4 car park spaces in our health centre car park occupied by the 3 trailers and a hub accessible with plentiful and free parking for people from all across the local area. The services we are providing are in addition to GP services and were created because of high need and demand at a local level. If parking charges were imposed, we may be forced to remove the trailers as spaces will be needed for staff or patients and entire healthcare services will be lost.

Off-street response – Reference number 2258

I object to parking charges.

My usual reason for parking in St Martins Square is to collect books I have ordered on-line from Kent Libraries. The library charges £1 for each book reservation, which is a good service, adding car parking fees increases the cost of reserving books, which in some cases means using the facility will not be cost effective so my use of the library service will diminish.

Off-street response – Reference number 2259

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking should be free for residents. If you introduce parking charges then that just moves the parking problem somewhere else causing other problems for local residents. Also as people need to get to the doctors' surgery, the chemist and to collect children from school it would be better if the first half hour were free.

Off-street response – Reference number 2263

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2264

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2265

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2266

I support parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Times are hard and people don't have the money

Off-street response – Reference number 2267

I support Season Tickets.

If you want to promote parking for using the shops then if you introduce season tickets for residents, you are receiving payment for vehicles staying long term in the car park. Residents need to understand that owning a motor vehicle has cost implications.

Off-street response – Reference number 2268

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2269

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2271

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2272

(no comment supplied)

The problem with all increases is how much it will effect shoppers and visitors. With business rates going up, shops will close and high streets will become deserts of coffee and charity shops and still no increase in footfall.

Surely a more integrated approach is necessary if Our high streets are to grow. Parking is one aspect. In general, don't please put charges up regardless. Busy popular times keep the same to encourage shoppers. late evening put up by a smaller flat rate so monies improve without driving people away.

For larger shopping parking areas, why not encourage shoppers with half hour free and more for the first hour, plus far higher patrols by cp officials.

Living is more expensive, cars are ordinary means of transport. Please don't kill off the HS with draconian increases.

Off-street response – Reference number 2274

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking outside our house is bad enough. If you force people out of the square they will make things worse. Why not seek ways to reduce car use in other ways, actually support public transport, rather than small-minded penny pinching which does nothing but line the pockets of this horribly wasteful council

Off-street response – Reference number 2275

I object to parking charges.

Cars will park on local streets. More congestion. Makes access to post office for elderly difficult if they have to park at a distance.

Buses hardly exist and are rarely on time. Some elderly cannot climb onto a bus.

Off-street response – Reference number 2276

I object to parking charges.

The local shops rely on pop-in customers, who will be there less than half an hour; free parking up to an hour should be made available to all, as well as residents parking, with charges levied only for non-residents parking for over an hour.

Off-street response – Reference number 2278

I object to parking charges.

If you must restrict parking why can't you put a time limit ie 2 hours instead of driving people away and increase the resulting on road parking. Where has all the money been wasted, ie public toilets closing, roads and pavements

Off-street response – Reference number 2279

I support Season Tickets.

I support part of the proposal, as I feel the charges will prevent customers and patients using the car park if needing to park for over half an hour. The doctor's car park is often full (especially since the installation of the porta cabins). Perhaps the first half hour could be free and the 60p charge extended to 2 hours which will help if a doctor's appointment is delayed, or a long queue at the pharmacy, or queues at the newsagents. Also it would give time for someone to eat at the cafe, which would be nice as we can now meet up.

I can understand you wanting to prevent long term parking, but feel this could clog up local roads as people will find an alternative. Also patients worried about parking charges when visiting the surgery will look outside the car park to park.

Perhaps another look at the starting criteria and please please find easy to use meters

Off-street response – Reference number 2280

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2281

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2282

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2286

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2287

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will put people off using the shops in the square, people will park in the surrounding roads or Morrisons and walk through, or just use Morrisons instead. I believe it is an exercise in raising funds.

Off-street response – Reference number 2288

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2292

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I strongly object to introducing parking charges at Martin Square I frequently use the shops in the square, I am also a patient of the medical center and there car park is inadequate for the number of users It would be advisable to have a free period with charges for long term parking

Off-street response – Reference number 2293

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I strongly object to these charges, I feel the shops as well as the shoppers with suffer.

I frequently use both the shops and the doctors surgery, the doctors car park is far from adequate for the users.

If the parking charges come into practise I suggest at least two hours free parking then charge that way it will deter long term parking. For the residents could you supply permits allowing them to park free.

Off-street response – Reference number 2296

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I rarely have an issue finding parking when needed to go and run a few errands to use local businesses. I would avoid using these businesses if I had to pay for parking to run a few errands. I would go elsewhere, even if it meant driving further away and giving my business elsewhere that would provide free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2297

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2298

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If charges had to be introduced then I would not object to charges being levied after three hours to allow people who just want to visit the Library, local shops and doctor's surgery to do so without having to pay. But I strongly object to the imposition of charges for all types of parking as I think this would be detrimental to trade for all the small shops. Imposing charges on users of the Martin Square car park would also lead to overcrowding in the Morrisons car park.

Off-street response – Reference number 2299

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

People are already under pressure cost wise so this is extremely irresponsible and will put pressure on the businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 2301

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I think the 1st hour of parking should be free, to allow quick trips to post office, takeaways etc. Otherwise people will use Morrisons instead of business will lose out

Off-street response – Reference number 2302

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I object on the grounds that I believe it will cause more problems than it solves, I do not think there should be charges for less than 30 mins and feel that up to 1 hr should be a lower charge to encourage short stay, high turnover, good use of shops, charge becomes more manageable if your visit achieves many things over that longer stay. Depending on the ticketing system, it could take longer to get a ticket, than to collect your prescription/by a newspaper. It will encourage people to park in Doctors car Park (if this is being charged too, a cost on the doctors appt will impact health for some), or park in Morrisons, pushing the parking management onto others and forcing them to charge to avoid abuse. The shopper loses over and over as do the businesses. If parking charges are introduced, and you don't park in a space, just wait for someone, how would that be charged? Will those cheating be followed up? Will those who park on yellow lines in nearby roads get followed up? Parking may occur on access road up the footway for the shortest stops. Nearby roads will suffer, parking behaviour will be erratic, a little like outside schools, at pickup time, because it's only for a

short time and it is never enforced. If charges are introduced, I agree that consistency is good but it is no good applying the same approach to different situations, so variation is appropriate, most likely from area to area, but for best turnover and less abuse of on-street parking, scrap the up to 30min charge. Pay by phone like Ringo is not as quick as contactless card or cash. Ticketless is good. If charging is introduced, season tickets make sense, but theoretically (if everyone just paid up) would not reduce parking and if it does, where are they parking instead? What if your doctors appt or hair appt runs over your ticket time - needs to be a way to top up late before leaving the car park, to avoid penalty charge or pay on exit for time used. Also the library could be shown to be less used due to cost to park and so affect the longterm life expectancy for our library. Not everyone is close enough to walk, nor able to.

Off-street response – Reference number 2303

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2304

I object to parking charges.

This is a disgusting suggestion. I have visited these shops regularly and have never had an issue parking. These are local shops for many people some of which will be low income and to make people pay at their local shops for essential services like chemist and post office is a terrible money grabbing idea.

Off-street response – Reference number 2305

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2306

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2307

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2308

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I understand the council view but, why couldn't there be an hour free parking? That way you'll get no long term parking which is what they're trying to avoid & it allows local business's to keep their trade.

There must be some 'give & take' surely?

Off-street response – Reference number 2310

I object to parking charges.

it will damage local business as I won't use them if I have to pay, at least first half hour should be free that's all you need to pop to the shops

Off-street response – Reference number 2314

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2316

I object to parking charges.

This is just another way to grab money from those who can least afford it. It will also damage businesses, for example who is going to faff around paying for car parking to collect a prescription when you can park easily and for free at Tesco?

The excuse of stopping long stay parking is just that, an excuse! There is rarely a problem finding a parking space, there will be plenty of spaces for sure when people stop visiting the shops. This is a disgusting proposal.

Off-street response – Reference number 2318

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2319

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2321

I object to parking charges.

I am concerned that charges will drive people away and small businesses will in particular, suffer. It will also drive people to park in residential areas causing congestion and potential danger to pedestrians.

Off-street response – Reference number 2322

I object to parking charges.

It will damage trade for the businesses and it's nice to pop there for the doctors, post office, cafe, take away etc. adding parking charges will stop people visiting.

Off-street response – Reference number 2323

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Residents pay enough in council tax, without asking them for more money, bearing mind its about increase

Off-street response – Reference number 2327

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2329

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2330

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I wouldn't bother popping in if I had to pay everytime, instead I would shop online so it's not going to do businesses any good.

Off-street response – Reference number 2331

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2332

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2333

I object to parking charges.

Parking charges will deter people popping in to the Square to buy.

Off-street response – Reference number 2334

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

How can you possibly charge people to go to the drs is madness. Business like the butchers will not cope. The library will end up closing too. You are completely crazy on charging for theses car parks.

Off-street response – Reference number 2335

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

You do not know how long you can be in the doctors or paydens and I think the local shops will lose trade

Off-street response – Reference number 2337

(no comment supplied)

Not being a resident of this area I do not have a educated opinion on these proposals

Off-street response – Reference number 2339

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If the car park is being used by a low turnover of long stay parking, then I don't believe implementing a season ticket scheme will resolve the issue. Residents and business owners still need somewhere to park and this may well cause street parking issues.

In respect to local business use, if implemented, owners will pass on the costs to patrons. Staff, likely to be low paid roles, will suffer unnecessarily.

An option for parking restricted to, say, 1 1/2 hours will offer sufficient time for use of facilities while not allowing long term parking but again this could cause street parking issues and will incur a charge to police this! Therefore any restrictions and charging is likely not to resolve the issue and has the potential to drive patrons away from using the facilities.

At present I use St Martins sq fairly regularly and never have a problem parking! I appreciate this may be different at certain points through the day but do not believe implementing charges is beneficial for anyone.

Off-street response – Reference number 2342

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Just council greed as usual

Off-street response – Reference number 2343

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2344

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2345

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2346

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2349

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2350

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I think that this is just a money grab. Free parking in Martin square makes the doctors, chemist and local small business accessible to those around Larkfield and Aylesford. With there being very few doctors offices close by, parking should be free as some of us are not within walking distance. Some of us are seriously struggling for money at the moment as a direct result of Tory leadership and their failures. 60p may not sound a lot to them, but for us working class people it can be everything. If the government wants us to support small businesses to help the economy, making parking less accessible in areas where small businesses operate is counterproductive. We have already seen the impact high parking charges have had on our local high streets, they're almost derelict now. I'm sorry, but us working class people are paying through the nose just to afford to live. I am a thirty year old woman who lives with her parents but works in the police and I cannot find an affordable property to rent let alone apply for a mortgage. This proposal is just another twist of the knife for those of us who want to settle down and start a family and are hard working honest people. Every day SOMETHING is going up in price or we are being charged for services that really should be coming out of our taxes. It is absolutely disgraceful and the Tories are ruining this country.

Off-street response – Reference number 2352

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2353

I object to parking charges.

You can wait longer than 30 mins in post office, chemist and doctors so wouldn't know how much to pay. Also people will stop using the local businesses if they have to pay for parking

Off-street response – Reference number 2354

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2355

I object to parking charges.

The main purpose of free parking at Martin Square, Larkfield was to avoid penalising the overflow of patients at the doctor's and pharmacy there.

Off-street response – Reference number 2357

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I am in my seventies. I go to the PO in Martin Square and the Library frequently. A compromise is to have the first hour free as at eg Paddock Wood . That way nobody can abuse the situation by parking all day and older people park free for an hour.

Off-street response – Reference number 2358

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2359

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Season tickets will reduce available parking supporting the shops. Objection to charges is based on no provision of 30 minutes free. If the issue is addressing low turnover long stay then a period of free parking should be provided to support shop customers.

Off-street response – Reference number 2360

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2363

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2365

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2366

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2369

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2371

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2372

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2373

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2377

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2380

I support parking charges.

These are free parking sites and it is reasonable to expect a small cost.

Off-street response – Reference number 2382

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2384

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2389

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2390

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2392

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I only park there for the butchers. Only ever there for 15-20 mins. Seems fairly odd to punish the businesses by forcing their customers to pay for parking.

Things like this genuinely make me think about using a different butchers. Please allow common sense to prevail for once!

Off-street response – Reference number 2393

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2394

I object to parking charges.

I feel it could be detrimental to the business and local residents. We do not want to see the decline in businesses and people may go elsewhere if you charge.

By all means limit the parking to say 3 hours, unless you work in the square. But for most of us we only park there when going to the shops, chemist, hairdressers or drs surgery.

Some also park to drop children to school/pre school. Residents will also have their own garages and parking spaces.

Off-street response – Reference number 2396

(no comment supplied)

N/A

Off-street response – Reference number 2397

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2398

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2399

I object to parking charges.

I think this excessive. Making people pay Monday to Saturday is enough.

Off-street response – Reference number 2400

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2402

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2404

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It is already a done deal, but my comments are as follows:

- The lovely ladies in the charity shop are volunteers. It will not be worth them working as they will be out of pocket. One of them has told me that the shop may close!
- My sister-in-law works in one of the shops. She is on minimum wage and works part-time. Again, it will not be worth while her working there if charges are applied.
- The shops will be affected and will lose business.
- The elderly use the car park for the GP surgery. A lot of them, my Mum included, are unable to use apps to pay for parking!

I have lived here all my life and the changes in this area have been catastrophic, from new housing estates to constant traffic. Larkfield used to be a lovely village. It is still a nice place to live with plenty of amenities but it has become so busy.

It is inevitable that the charges will be applied as the public are never listened to and if things get rejected they get overturned (Forty Acres!). Sad times :(

Off-street response – Reference number 2405

I object to parking charges.

Will affect customers and businesses owners

Off-street response – Reference number 2409

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

As a resident of Tonbridge we already pay council tax and have a parking permit for our car on our road. I feel this is enough and paying for parking on Sunday would dramatically impact the local football/ruby clubs (of which we are both a part of) holding matches and festivals due to parking costs.

Off-street response – Reference number 2416

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2418

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2420

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2421

I object to parking charges.

This will affect businesses in Martin Square as people will go elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 2426

I object to parking charges.

Currently the free parking allows for quick short visits to the local shops and amenities including the doctors practice, there should be a 3 hour allowance and then charges thereafter.

Off-street response – Reference number 2427

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2429

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The need to attract customers and visitors, in support of local businesses, outweighs any revenue growth or 'parking balancing' argument. Local authority budgets are threadbare as a result of central Government neglect. Given we're on the cusp of a recession, now's not the time to ask the public to plug the gap.

Off-street response – Reference number 2430

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2433

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Free parking is what encourages people to travel to St Martins Square over out of town free parking shopping centres.

I propose a ticket providing 4hrs free parking to allow for shoppers to come and go but commuters and others will have to make other arrangements.

Off-street response – Reference number 2437

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2441

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object to paying the proposed parking fee to visit the shops in Martin Square for example to collect a prescription or visit the doctors surgery. It should be free to park there for up to 2 hours to stop local shops losing trade and causing parking issues elsewhere such as Morrisons car park.

Off-street response – Reference number 2443

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I work full time at Larkfield Health Centre providing care to all the patients within the area. Parking is limited already and i have to use the Martin Square car park almost daily for 10 hours at a time in order to do my full working day.

By implementing parking charges or season tickets this will be significantly impacting both staff and patients.

Due to the cost of living, my wages will be impacted significantly with potentially over 3 hours of my precious pay going towards parking per week.

I really feel that those who use this car park as either business owners or staff should be given free parking permits and then if you are accessing this car park for domestic reasons i.e shopping or using the salon then you should pay. I also use the salon in the Martin Square, so would be willing to pay to park when accessing the salon but not for work reasons.

Season tickets for staff is also outrageous as it is not moral or ethical to make people pay to park at work when money is already very tight for everyone.

Off-street response – Reference number 2444

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2445

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2446

I object to parking charges.

The impact this would have on the local community and the Larkfield Health centre would be catastrophic. There are already pressures within the NHS with limited appointments available to patients, which has impact on numbers. And now, you are creating charges for those with health needs and conditions to get health care. There is already a struggle with the economy, and with this

added charge, you will be causing small businesses to close. I completely object to this proposal!!

Off-street response – Reference number 2447

I object to Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2448

I object to parking charges.

This will reduce the customers to the local shops and charge patients trying to access the local GP services.

Off-street response – Reference number 2449

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2450

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2451

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Will reduce the likelihood of using local shops

Off-street response – Reference number 2452

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2453

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2454

I object to parking charges.

My biggest issue with this proposal is the impact on the customers who are using the chemist (Paydens), post office and Drs surgery. All of these are critical services where a parking charge to attend them is such a bad choice decision

Off-street response – Reference number 2455

I object to parking charges.

Absolutely ridiculous for us OAP's who nip in there quickly to the library and pick up prescriptions. It will encourage people to park in Morrisons car park and walk through making Morrisons shopping difficult !

Off-street response – Reference number 2456

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2457

I object to parking charges.

It will kill the small local economy if you implement this

Off-street response – Reference number 2458

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This car park is used by many, including myself who have to regularly visit the Thornhills Medical practice, but who would not qualify for a residents permit.

The scheme is just about making money for TMBC. We already pay for the costs of maintenance via the exorbitantly high council tax charges.

I suspect Morrisons will have a concern as their car park is free to use and many will use there instead of paying you to park in Martin Square. This will mean a loss of income for the businesses in the Square due to the reduction in passing trade- I will move my prescription collection to Tesco's which is free of charge, and no longer use the other shops whilst I'm there either.

Give you heads a wobble!

Off-street response – Reference number 2459

I support parking charges.

Free short stay within 1-2 hours, charges for long stay

Off-street response – Reference number 2463

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2464

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use Martin Square for the post office and chemist and park for no longer than 15 minutes. I occasionally use the dry cleaners and the charity shop. I have never had a problem getting a parking space so can see no reason why charges need to be introduced. I would stop parking there and use shops elsewhere if I had to pay to park.

Off-street response – Reference number 2465

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I would think twice about shopping in Martin Square which would be tragic, especially as they now have a butcher. This would potentially kill off a small thriving shopping area with independent shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 2467

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2468

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2469

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2471

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking in Martin Square has always been free and benefits the small shops around the square including the doctors surgery car park as an overflow. The majority of people using it are local but not all walking distance especially if needing to purchase items. I would not use the car park at all if a phone charging car park system was introduced and I think these phone app car parks are terrible for older people

Off-street response – Reference number 2472

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

In a time of public hardship and rising costs this just adds more pressure on the public. This would also impact local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 2474

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2476

I object to parking charges.

We all know small businesses are struggling the idea of charging for patrons parking will likely increase pressure on these small businesses and their customers. Car owners are feeling like they are a cash cow.

Off-street response – Reference number 2477

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

In theory I object to charges - businesses and their staff and residents without private parking need priority and a " free" exempt season ticket should be made available for them. The car park could be made short term i.e. up to 4 hours for other users and after that fees are incurred- this might deter commuters parking there.

Off-street response – Reference number 2478

I object to parking charges.

Parking charges would deter from using the local takeaway, post office and other shops, especially when I would probably only park for 10 minutes. I would you go to King's Hill where parking is free. I would see this being the end for the small businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2479

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2480

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2481

I object to parking charges.

This car park is for the chemist doctors library , I have never had any problems parking in 40 years . Why not have 2 hours free

Off-street response – Reference number 2483

I support parking charges.

Please ensuee6 this supports the High Street development

Off-street response – Reference number 2484

I object to parking charges.

I live in the area and have done for nearly 20 years and at no point have I ever found it difficult to park in Martin Square car park. People rely on the parking to just park up drop off prescriptions, pop to post office etc.

if you start imposing costs people will start parking in and around the local area which is already busy with two primary schools and a pre school nearby. Local residents will suffer as customers will park across drives, etc.

also imposing parking fees will mean people will park for longer and therefore less parking for others. This is just a greedy way to get more money from people.

Off-street response – Reference number 2485

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

With the car parking area being relatively small and serving the Doctor's surgery as well. I think there is a serious risk that cars, at peak times, will park on the roads surrounding Martin Square. This will, potentially, lead to congestion and increased risk to children and elderly adults crossing the roads

Off-street response – Reference number 2488

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

Parking fees should be set at a minimum and I would be against this if the introduction of parking fees incurred excessive costs that would lead to high fees being charged

Off-street response – Reference number 2490

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

In a time when businesses are struggling with footfall, increased costs and reduced spend per person, any measure which reduces customers is only going to lead to more and more businesses struggling to survive. By introducing charges to Martin Square all you will do is to drive away customers to the Morrisons supermarket car park next door, making it harder for them to manage demand for their spaces, and reduce the number of people who spread their shop between the businesses in Martin Square and Morrisons. There are a number of other large supermarkets close by which do not charge for parking and again you will just push customers towards those stores and away from small family-owned businesses.

You also state that you wish to improve consistency across car parks throughout the borough. However, your proposals still include unfair discrepancies between the car parks in each location, particularly between Borough Green and the ones in Aylesford, Martin Square and West Malling which have very similar offerings. I do not believe that the cost of maintaining the car park in Borough Green be any less than in the other locations so it is unfair (if parking charges must happen) that visitors to Martin Square be unfairly subsidising Borough Green.

Off-street response – Reference number 2491

I object to parking charges.

I go to Thornhill medical center .you can be there for 45 mins. i us the post office. you can be there for 20 mins, and i us paydens the chemist you can be in there for 30 mins, this will also have a impact on the local bossiness in the square if you start charging for parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2492

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2493

I object to parking charges.

As pensioners my husband and I use the car park on a weekly basis. Collecting prescriptions from the pharmacy which often involves waiting longer than 30 mins. Attending the doctors surgery which again can be a lengthy appointment. Going to the library weekly to change library books and collecting replacement hearing aid batteries, again can involve a lengthy wait. Visiting local shops, hairdressers and McColls regularly. As my husband is virtually housebound the library has been a lifeline for me to collect his books. These charges are going to negatively impact on vulnerable pensioners in Larkfield and surrounding areas as well as the local businesses. Perhaps free parking for the first hour could be a compromise. I appreciate the need to save money but sure you will have to employ someone to monitor the parking which mitigate any income from the parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2495

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use these local shops regularly as the parking makes it easy to pop to them. Often it is more expensive but the convenience outweighs that. If parking charges come in I would likely go to other places such as Tesco instead.

Off-street response – Reference number 2496

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The local business will not survive without parking, I will no longer use the dry cleaners, news agent, chemists, butcher or cafe. This will be extremely detrimental to those needing to access the medical centre. Also this will just cause far greater parking issues on local roads if people continue to use the shops. Totally short sighted. Parking charges after, say 2 hours, I may support but don't believe there is an issue for long term parking

Off-street response – Reference number 2500

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I strongly object to charges being introduced for the following reasons:

1. Visiting the doctors - wait times can be long for appointments (despite arriving at the designated time slot) leading to significant parking costs or receiving a fine if unable to leave the surgery to top up parking. This will result in people not seeking help when they most need it. And those most vulnerable won't be able to afford to visit the doctor.
2. Despite plenty of choice in the local area, my family use Tapers Hairdressing and Tapers Beauty regularly. Some treatments can take over 2+ hours which adds an additional cost which we can (and others) ill afford. This will deter people from using these lovely salons.
3. Staff working in the stores will be paid minimum wages so won't be afford to work in the stores due to charges.

4. Parents utilise the car park to park while dropping their children at Lunsford and Brookfield schools. Introducing charges will mean that parents will park in the surrounding roads causing dangerous obstructions and potentially leading to an increase in RTA.

I propose that you introduce a system which enables the first 3 hours parking for free and thereafter charge from 3 hours onwards for residents only. Shop workers should be able to park for free. This would stop the “low turnover” which is caused primarily by residents in the flats around the square.

I have never had difficulty in finding a car parking space in the 20+ years I have lived in the local area.

Off-street response – Reference number 2502

I object to parking charges.

I'm sure this was recently proposed before and I spent time writing my reasons why I thought it a bad idea. Nothing has changed. Why waste my time making me have to do it again?

I see Martin's Square as an important little commercial centre for the area where there seems to be a selection of FULL retail units. I am sure that the fact there are no parking charges is a contributing factor to the success of the Square. I, for one, do use the facilities there for short visits and 'pop in' to various outlets because I can do so when just 'passing', without being charged. Why would I want to stop at the newsagents, for instance, to buy a £2 birthday card if it was going to cost me additional amounts just to stop there to do so?

There is also the significant matter of it helping to service the local doctors' and chemist. A most important factor for many other people in this area I believe.

Introducing parking charges here will cause immediate problems in the local residential roads and then just gradually 'suck the life' out of the Square and the area as you then will probably introduce wider parking restrictions.

Please just drop this idea now and don't then keep bringing it up in the future either. If you introduce parking charges, I just won't park there which will undoubtedly mean I will go there less and go elsewhere instead.

Off-street response – Reference number 2503

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2504

I object to parking charges.

I live behind Brookfield and Lunsford Park School. Currently, a lot of parents use our close as their own private car park, many arriving at 8am, and not leaving until after 9am. Then again between 2pm and 3.30pm making it almost impossible for the residents to leave or return to our premises during school arriving and leaving time. I know a lot of parents also park in Martins Square during these times, by introducing charges in Martins Square you will also force these parents to seek parking places on the roads around the Birds estate. These thoughtless people are already making our lives a misery without you adding to it. You have already placed double yellow lines on some of

the corners, however as these are never policed people just ignore them. We cannot turn out of our road due to the cars parked on the corners, it is positively dangerous. What a waste of time.

Also you are discriminating against people, like myself, who have to visit Thornhills surgery on a regular basis. My health does not allow me to walk to the surgery, and I therefore need to be driven. Charging a minimum of 60p each time is beyond many peoples pockets as it soon adds up.

Have you taken into account the small business in the square who will lose customers. Morrisons supermarket has a carpark which is well used by it's customers. If you introduce parking charges in Martins square this will have a knock on effect, leaving less parking spaces for genuine customers at the supermarket. Many will take their business out of town to large shopping areas where parking is free more often than not. This is not the way to support small businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2505

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2506

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2507

I object to parking charges.

There is a cost of living crisis it is very unfair to put a charge on this car park where there was none before. ESPECIALLY as it's right near a doctors surgery with its own tiny and often full car park. Leave it as it is!

Off-street response – Reference number 2508

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2509

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2510

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2511

I object to parking charges.

There has ever been an issue with finding a car parking space as local residents who mainly use the car park are not parking there for extended periods.

Off-street response – Reference number 2512

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

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.

Off-street response – Reference number 2513

I object to parking charges.

The local shops will suffer. I also park there when going to Thornhills surgery as their car park gets full.

Off-street response – Reference number 2514

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2517

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2518

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2519

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2520

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I go to Martin Square to use, Payden, and the small Morisions in the square. I can be in these for an hour or more because of queuing. I am also a wheelchair user and with other medical issues, so often have to park in the square when all the disabled bays by the surgery are taken. Because of all these reasons I feel that the first hour should be free. The introduction of these parking regulations will affect the small businesses in the square due to loss of customers who will go the larger local supermarkets where they do not have to pay. A lot of elderly people go to the square to the shops, Payden and the doctors. They do not drive and are already on a tight budget due to the cost of living. You will be adding to this.

Off-street response – Reference number 2522

I object to parking charges.

1. With no free parking for, say, 20 minutes it will act as a barrier to residents visiting the Health Centre or Chemists for short times, eg to drop off or collect a prescription. It will also disincentivise visits to shops, eg the family butchers or the post office.
2. Effect on bus services: forcing longer term parking out onto Kingfisher Road and other neighbouring roads will make it even more difficult for buses to travel along Kingfisher Road than it is at present, and there is a risk of bus services having to be discontinued along this route. Greater use of double yellow lines could be unfair on residents who rely on their cars and who have to park on the road.

Off-street response – Reference number 2523

I object to parking charges.

Local businesses will suffer including the library, but more importantly is the effect on people visiting the doctors. Are they really going to be charged? I expect visitors to the care home also park there. I would suggest that a one hour free would be more beneficial to us locals.

Off-street response – Reference number 2524

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2525

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I need to attend the doctors regularly and I am registered disabled and a pensioner and as I don't know how long I will need to be in the doctors and chemist it will affect me a lot. It will affect the shops as people won't use them due to paying parking charges, we all fought to get the butchers but who will want to pay extra on top! The new morrisons will be affected some people only pop in for a paper but they won't pay for parking as well. It will affect all the local businesses, parking for local residents ,it will therefore congest the roads around the square, who's idea was this!!

Off-street response – Reference number 2527

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will hamper local

Businesses in the area who rely on customers coming to them by car. Make other charging areas free to align with these areas. Council tax and road tax is already paid and responsible for upkeep.

Off-street response – Reference number 2528

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2531

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2532

I object to parking charges.

This will mean people go elsewhere instead of using local services to avoid paying for parking or blocking of the already busy roads adjoining the carpark to pop to the shops

Off-street response – Reference number 2534

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(REDACTED) I know the traders and customers well and how fragile business models are susceptible to such change. I am very concerned that to introduce parking charges to MS will influence the continued viability of the shops: act as a barrier to employee recruitment and retention: and will damage the well-being of the local community. Parking charges will act as a barrier to accessing medical services at the health centre and accessing education at the library: creating increased congestion on the local roads and taking away a safe dropping off point for our children attending the local primary schools.

Living within the Borough and so a council tax payer I object that to introduce charges to a car park that has always been free, will involve spending taxpayers money putting in infrastructure and increasing enforcement capacity.

Martin Square was built in 1960's with a car park to serve the 20 council owned shop units and the residents in the council maisonettes above the shops. These are local shops that serve local people. Local shops do not normally have charging put on car parking. Our existing customers will be able to travel to competing traders eg Mid Kent Shopping Centre, Aylesford RP, Morrisons, Tesco, Lidl, Kings Hill all who currently offer free parking.

Rent is paid by traders to the council estimated at £10,000 per unit giving an income to the council of over £200,000. The maisonettes also bring in income to the council. Empty shops bring in no income to the council.

The car park is popular, but as a recent survey showed rarely completely full.

MS is successful, represents the heart of the community having a post office, pharmacy, large medical centre and library.

Traders in Martin Square are large employers, whose employees require the use of the car park. The pharmacy alone has over twenty employees. The car park is also extensively use by health care professionals working at the health centre and Primary Care Network. They can choose to work elsewhere!

The charity shop relies on volunteers, many of whom are elderly with restricted mobility requiring parking facilities, services valuable for the community but also for the volunteers well-being.

MS has attracted a butcher to open in January 23, after an absence of 15 years 'bucking the trend' of local shops closing.

MS is adjacent to Brookfield Primary School, Brookfield Junior School and Lunsford Primary School collectively with a capacity of 646 pupils and is frequently used by parents on the school run, to safely cross a busy road.

Parking charges will in inevitability displace vehicles placing strain onto local roads. The majority of terraced houses on the main Kingfisher Road do not have access to off road parking,

Data collected/observations

1. A poll conducted on Larkfield community facebook page demonstrated
 - 1627 against charging; 376 say they would no longer use Martin Square shops

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/261860914260272/search/?q=poll>
2. A survey of the car park 15th -24th October 23 (data already submitted to TMBC) showed the car park to be popular, well used but rarely full
3. A survey of 19 employees at the pharmacy show :
 - 13 currently drive, 6 walk
 - If parking charges introduced 12 would use street parking; 1 would walk; 2 might leave employment
 - 11 say they would not have applied for the job had parking charges been introduced
4. The demise of the retail sector is well reported. For example in the last six years the number of operating pharmacies in England fell by 914 from 11,723 to 10,809.
5. Public transport is not as accessible to Martin Square as is the case to a town centre eg Tonbridge. To reduce support for local shopping would increase internet shopping habits and so increase the carbon footprint.
6. Martin Square doesn't have a parking problem, don't create one!

Off-street response – Reference number 2535

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parents of local schools park there for school runs, in the current climate I'm sure that will cause more money worries for them, amongst others people using it. Also it will push cars into side roads reducing visibility to dangerous levels and causing jams and traffic stand stills! Having lived opposite the two main schools (Brookfield & Lunsford) for 13 years I've seen it get progressively worse, and sometimes nothing moves for over 20 minutes and it takes someone to organise and stop traffic to get it flowing again. No one monitors the zig zag lines or takes notice of the law regarding no parking.

A doctors appointment takes more than 30 minutes and will cause issues the those that need to use their car due to Mobility issues, its just all round a disgusting idea let alone not allowing residents to park, give them a permit so no unauthorised people can use it overnight and, at bare minimum give 1hr free parking to visitors and also permits for free parking for those that work there.

It's obvious that it will cause massive upheaval in many lives if it goes ahead!! PURE GREED it what it is!

Off-street response – Reference number 2536

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2537

I object to parking charges.

I use the car park to visit the shops and cafe here. I never stay longer than an hour or so and I always manage to find a parking space. I will no longer use the facilities if a parking charge is introduced for short stays here, and I'm sure others will do the same, which will negatively impact the businesses.

A more sensible solution to prevent long term parking without impacting local businesses would be to introduce a charge for stays longer than 1-2 hours.

Off-street response – Reference number 2538

I object to parking charges.

Make it free for the first 2 hours then charge. Otherwise you will drive business away from the square to places where it's free. It's not the charges, it's messing around paying and the disproportionate fine when the system doesn't work/ you get held up and over run. It's not worth the risk people just go elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 2540

I support Season Tickets.

I feel that residents should be able to get season tickets at a reduced price, as they live around the area and already pay council tax

Off-street response – Reference number 2541

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Until roads are without pot holes and the general up keep of roads improves it would theft to extract even more money from shoppers or residents

Off-street response – Reference number 2542

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Cost of living crisis. Already pay so much in council tax and residential parking Already. Further to this, upping parking and adding more restrictions will discourage people coming into the town. Which will have a detrimental effect on the local towns economy

Off-street response – Reference number 2545

(no comment supplied)

It is not appropriate for a Tonbridge resident to comment on Larkfield matters

Off-street response – Reference number 2547

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2549

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2552

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will impact the likelihood of me visiting the shops and library here.

Off-street response – Reference number 2555

I object to parking charges.

This will likely move the problem to local roads. I am not able to park on my own road due to restrictions. The limited space I can find will become reduced as others seek alternative places for long term parking. Consult those who stay long term but are not residents and solve their problem. My neighbours agree.

Off-street response – Reference number 2556

I support parking charges.

Can I suggest the following:

- 1) allow say 30 minutes free parking before starting to charge.
- 2) make reasonable charge for next hour (say £1.00)
- 3) then charge say £5.00 per hour after that time.

All this to happen between say 06:00 and 18:00 EVERY day.

Off-street response – Reference number 2558

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The cost of living crisis has already made things extremely difficult for families these chsnge would impact many of the local team sporting activities

Off-street response – Reference number 2560

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2562

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2563

I object to parking charges.

I agree parking for over an hour should be charged (unless residential parking which should be free) but for those of who wish to pop to the local shop at least the 1st 30-60 minutes should be free. That way you'll support the residents and local shops but deter the cars parking for longer periods. Surely most people would agree to that?

Off-street response – Reference number 2565

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

When I use the car park, I've never had a problem in finding a space. I also park for 4h at a time when attending the hair salon, Tapers, as a paying customer.

Making parking in the only local carpark for car users a costly option will push more people to park on nearby roads. At peak times in particular, this will make the roads more hazardous to road users and pedestrians alike. The local council does ABSOLUTELY NOTHING to improve road safety for the residents plagued by irresponsible parents who park on double yellow lines, zig zag areas, or in front of driveways, and now, yet again, they're prioritising their pockets and bonuses over people's lives and the conditions of the area people have to live in. The convenience of local and independent shops will be made less convenient for those who are less mobile and will, in turn, have a detrimental effect to trade. I highly suspect it's a 'done-deal' anyway with back-handers already transacted, therefore any opinions of those who actually use the facility or of those who the introduction of the charges will affect aren't actually wanted, it's just a tick box exercise and anything we have to say will be entirely ignored. I'm disgusted with this entire process and with every other one which KCC & TMBC force through regardless and without any forethought.

Off-street response – Reference number 2566

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Drs and prescriptions - should we really have to pay to park to see a dr or get a prescription?

Off-street response – Reference number 2567

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2570

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

I see no reason why this car park should not be charged as every other in the Borough is.

Off-street response – Reference number 2573

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2574

I object to parking charges.

This will lead to more on-street parking ,especially at school times, around the surrounding area. And we feel will have a adverse effect on the local shops, doctor surgery and library.

Off-street response – Reference number 2575

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2576

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2577

I object to parking charges.

I have never had an issue with getting a parking space in this car park. This seems to be more a money grabbing exercise from TMBC than trying to stop long term parking

Off-street response – Reference number 2578

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2579

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2580

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2581

I object to parking charges.

The local Brookfield School has a Travel Plan, which encourages parents/carers to park in Martin Square car park, and walk with their child(ren) to school for healthy exercise. In view of this, IF charges HAVE to be introduced, I would like the first hour, or at least the first half an hour TO BE FREE. A FREE hour would also allow shoppers to support the local shops, but sometimes longer is needed to await a prescription or to have a hair cut. IF charges after an hour, are introduced, a round amount should be charged eg. a whole pound or a 50p, NOT a price which includes eg. a 90p amount, as people do not have small change much these days.

Off-street response – Reference number 2582

I object to parking charges.

Stop charging us for everything!

Off-street response – Reference number 2583

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2584

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Increased charges will destroy businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 2585

I object to parking charges.

This will severely affect trade

Off-street response – Reference number 2586

I object to parking charges.

I use larkfield cycles and the application of parking charges will put an additional cost burden on using the service they provide and may prevent me from using in the future. There are no charges at their competition I.e. Halfords and Senacre cycles to name a few.

Off-street response – Reference number 2588

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2589

I object to parking charges.

I WORK AT THORNHILLS SURGERY AND CANNOT AFFORD TO HAVE TO PAY FOR PARKING OUT OF MY WAGES. THIS WOULD FORCE ME TO LOOK FOR EMPLOYMENT ELSEWHERE!

Off-street response – Reference number 2590

I object to parking charges.

I use the car park to collect my grandson from Brookfield Infants School, charging for this car park will impact on the area with cars parking on the roads leading to the school causing dangerous crossing for children that walk to school and home from school on their own.

It will also add to costs for people shopping in the square we need small businesses to survive, not everyone can conduct their business in 30 minutes, there are often queues at the post office, pharmacy and butchers which take longer to be served.

Also the doctors surgery appointment waiting times are usually longer than 30 minutes.

People parking in the car park are not parking and leaving their cars all day whilst they travel on trains etc., to work, it is people living in the area and using local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2591

I object to parking charges.

This will have an extremely negative to all the local Business, local residents and obviously everyone employed locally who work within Martin Square

Off-street response – Reference number 2592

I object to parking charges.

This square of local shops is well supported by the community. Personally I use it twice per week and stay on average 30 mins to 1 hour. Introducing parking charges will add an unreasonable cost in terms of percentage to purchased items such as newspapers, cards, and prescriptions as well as adding unnecessary cost to the collection/drop off of parcels, dry cleaning etc. I wholeheartedly disagree with the introduction of fees. Unless the fees do not kick in until 3 hours (as in motorway service stations for example). This would allow plenty of time for people shopping locally and dining in the cafe whilst still giving the council an income for those “long term over-stayers”

Off-street response – Reference number 2593

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2594

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2595

I object to parking charges.

One hour free would stop long stay parking but still support shoppers

Off-street response – Reference number 2597

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2598

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2599

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2600

(no comment supplied)

N/A

Off-street response – Reference number 2601

I object to parking charges.

For the benefit of local businesses, do not apply parking charges for less than three hours. If long term parking is a problem then charge heavily over three hours.

Off-street response – Reference number 2602

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2603

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2604

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2605

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The charging of parking will hit the businesses hard, just popping to the local shops but having to also pay will stop locals shopping there. Older people will prob use bus passes and go further afield. People requiring appointments and treatments at the medical centre will not afford the charges, some patients visit the surgery two or three times weekly.

I collect medication from the chemist for family members, I never know how long I will wait or even if the prescription had been processed in the system.

I appreciate the cost of the upkeep of the car park but look elsewhere. Have a parking attendant issuing tickets on the yellow lines , at the top of bell lane Ditton outside the fish shop, they'd make plenty of income and in doing so stop potential accidents just waiting to happen.

Off-street response – Reference number 2606

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I've been a local resident for 35 years & have always used the parking facilities in Martin Sq & never had a problem finding a space to park.

Today 2/1/24 in stormy weather, I had to drive (as was unable to walk) to Larkfield P.O. in Martin Sq. There were spaces available & I was in & out of there in 5 mins.

How can TMBC justify the introduction of these parking charges. You can't. And why no free parking period? 60p for the first 30 mins, knowing many people use the car park for a quick trip to the shops & chemist there, is extortionate.

Pure greed.

Why does this car park HAVE to be in line with others? No reason at all. You are NOT introducing these charges to benefit the local residents. In fact, it's the total opposite.

If you're so worried about long term parking, then deal with that specific issue & retain free short term parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2607

I object to parking charges.

I often use the parking in Martin Square. The introduction of charges would deter me from doing so. This would be damaging to local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2608

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I work at Larkfield Health Centre, where we have very limited parking. Clinical staff (nurses and drs) and patients regularly have to use the main Larkfield Martin Square carpark to visit the health centre.

We should NOT have to pay to park to work at/receive care at a health centre. This is a ridiculous idea that is just trying to create a cash cow for the council.

Off-street response – Reference number 2610

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2611

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Because there is always places to park and it's bad enough with the wait for Doctors that it could cost over £5 on top with the wait for a prescription too. The cost of living is high and with this on top its just being greedy. Councils should learn to manage there money better not use this as an excuse to get more money.

Off-street response – Reference number 2612

I object to Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2613

I object to parking charges.

Small businesses rely on customers who can drop by

Off-street response – Reference number 2614

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2615

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2616

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2617

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will cause a lot of disruption to business in this area, especially the likes of the takeaways as even a small charge for 30 mins would stop people visiting. It would also cause more congestion in Morrisons car park as this is just round the corner and people would park here rather than paying. Subsequently also causing issues for Morrisons.

Off-street response – Reference number 2618

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

A parking charge will stop many many people from using the businesses in Martin Square. It will also increase vehicles parking in Morrison's car park, causing congestion at the a20 junction. The loss of business to businesses within Martin Square will ultimately reduce income to the council when they close and pay no business rates. It will also cause congestion in the roads around the location as people will park on these streets instead

Off-street response – Reference number 2619

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2620

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2622

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

this will destroy the shops as people will not put up with the cost of a short stay particuly the chemist for perscriptions , you councillors are not for your local people any more

Off-street response – Reference number 2623

I object to Season Tickets.

This will reduce people coming into down and will not be good for already suffering high street.

Off-street response – Reference number 2626

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2627

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2628

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2630

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2631

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2632

I object to parking charges.

This car park is used for sick patients visiting Thornhills Medical Practice as the surgery has limited parking. It is also used when picking up medications at Paydens. This pharmacy is always so busy and can wait a very long time. It's unfair (mainly the elderly) on risking fines for over stay due to the service provided in the area. Plus all you will be doing is sending more people parking in Morrisons car park which would affect their business let along other businesses in the square (hairdressers).

Off-street response – Reference number 2633

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I believe that the community shouldn't be discriminated by those who abuse the car parks in this area I believe that residents should have access to their own spaces / areas to park without being charged to do so as long as they are abusing that privilege (not leaving car on the road / in car parks without tax and MOT) .

Off-street response – Reference number 2634

I both support and object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2635

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2636

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Most people that use the car park do so for the doctor surgery and the local businesses.

Perhaps remove the Porta cabins that take up parking space in the doctor surgery and add height barriers to stop vans long term parking, however do not penalise shop owners and locals that have genuine use of the spaces.

Alternatively make it free for 60 mins and chargeable after that.

And free season tickets for shop owners and their staff.

Off-street response – Reference number 2637

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I think there should be free short stay parking for people visiting the shops or library

Off-street response – Reference number 2638

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It is absolutely non-sense to start charging at Martin square. It will definitely affect the small businesses of Martin square, which are already struggling to thrive. For example, no one would like to pay 60p to just go into the post office for a 5 minute visit. This MUST be abolished and parking should remain FREE in Martin Square.

Off-street response – Reference number 2639

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2640

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use the dry cleaners / post office / hair dressers / chemist and cafe , all of which when used I can be anywhere from 5 mins to 45 mins , so the first 60 mins should be free and then charges applied thereafter for persons who are using for known parking and extended hours .

Off-street response – Reference number 2642

(no comment supplied)

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Off-street response – Reference number 2643

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Disgusting! What do you exp3ct local businesses to do when times are tough enough

Off-street response – Reference number 2644

I object to parking charges.

These shops will be doomed to fail if you introduce parking charges. I (and lots of others) will just choose to go to a supermarket instead of popping to these shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 2645

I object to parking charges.

Please could there be a minimum free stay of roughly 30 minutes, to allow local residents to stop off and visit a shop . If not these local businesses will suffer, as people will not visit

Off-street response – Reference number 2646

I object to parking charges.

Completely unnecessary. I often pop round to the shops and always find a space. Please fund your budget shortfalls via other means

Off-street response – Reference number 2647

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I need to use the car park for the post office and other local shops quite frequently, I bring large items to the post office which if charges were introduced would impact my small business and would probably force me to use an alternate post office where there is free parking, thus this not only would impact my business but also the revenues of the PO and shops in Martin Square, i believe if charges are introduced it will drive away customers from this essential business and community hub.

Off-street response – Reference number 2648

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2649

I object to parking charges.

I use Martin Square frequently and never have problems with finding a parking space. The justifications given by the council are invalid that there is a need to release spaces. This policy will unfairly impact lower income families and will affect trade to business in the square. Users of go services will also be impacted as there are insufficient spaces at Thornhills surgery .

Off-street response – Reference number 2650

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2651

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2653

I object to parking charges.

By making people pay for parking in this car park it will lead to cars being parked on the neighbouring streets, one of which is a bus route. This will likely lead to more double yellow lines which in turn will push the problem even further into residential streets that are already too crowded as most homes have at least two cars plus work vehicles. It will put people off using the local businesses based in the square, it will also put off people attending the doctors surgery and chemist for vital medical care and supplies.

Off-street response – Reference number 2654

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2656

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

i think this would put more pressure on the elderly especially their visit to the doctors i and others think they would turn up to appointment due to worry of parking cost its already tight spaced for locals never mind paying for the already inconvenient spaced car park this is a terrible idea

Off-street response – Reference number 2657

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

I would suggest a first hour free for people who just have a prescription to pick up but then charges to put off long term parking to allow other shoppers spaces. Permits for business users are a good idea - perhaps even a bit of the car park cordoned off?

Off-street response – Reference number 2658

I object to parking charges.

Parking charges will act in direct contravention to everything connected to growth of small businesses in the borough which should be the aim of the Council. Charging immediately on entering the car park will keep customers away and this will reflect on the rates etc. which come in. Supporting such businesses should be a first priority both for this reason and care for the community.

Off-street response – Reference number 2659

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2660

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2661

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2663

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2664

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Why should I pay to access the doctors surgery. As usual you greedy grasping politicians have yourselves become the greatest grievance.

Off-street response – Reference number 2667

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2669

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2670

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Like many people I only use the car park to pop into shops or collect prescriptions at the chemist. I think it is very mean of the council to charge parking for short visits It will lead to more street parking and more traffic problems on the A20 and New Hythe Lane because people will use the Morrisons car park and walk through.

Off-street response – Reference number 2671

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2672

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I feel it is very inappropriate to charge for parking. Our patients shouldn't have to pay to visit a medical practice and the staff should not have to pay to park at work!

Off-street response – Reference number 2674

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I do understand that all councils are under pressure for funds, but this proposal will just block up the surrounding roads and lead to more dangerous parking on Kingfisher Rd, especially for buses and emergency vehicles. This car park is really only used by local people (there are no tourist spots around it), many of whom are elderly and need to visit the doctors, pharmacy and convenience store.

It took ages to re-let the shop which is now the butchers, making locals pay will only put more pressure on traders, some of whom may not be able to survive the evenatable drop in trade.

But if you have to introduce charges, at least make the first hour free in order to give locals a chance to spend their money locally and help support local traders.

Off-street response – Reference number 2675

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2676

I object to parking charges.

There's always spaces and where are the people that live a pice the shops meant to park it's survived this long with no parking charges so why introduce it now (apart from the fact the council are trying to profit from it as per usual)

Off-street response – Reference number 2677

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2678

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I believe it is my Right to park my car where I live, and not be charged for this. It is not a privilege, it is a Right.

We need our vehicles as there is no reliable public transport, and it is extremely difficult for folk who have disabilities to get around without their own vehicle.

Parking at shopping centres like Martin Square should also be free of charge, as it is at other parking areas where people do their shopping.

With the cost of living rising and rising, how can motorists be required to bear yet another charge, on top of the charges and taxes already being paid.

Off-street response – Reference number 2680

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2681

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2682

I object to Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2683

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

the problem is long term parking charge those who dont work or live in martin square but park long term it should be free to shoppers workers and those that live there

Off-street response – Reference number 2685

I object to parking charges.

I think free parking should be available for a minimum of 1hr to allow use of the facilities, but also avoid long term parking, this would increase availability through turnover.

Off-street response – Reference number 2686

I object to parking charges.

Would definitely deter me from popping into shops or collecting from take aways I feel first hour free and then a fee if needed to deter people from parking too long Also Morrisons car park and congestion on new hythe lane as a result could get much worse than it already is

Off-street response – Reference number 2687

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We have local businesses which will not survive if customers have to pay to park

Off-street response – Reference number 2688

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2689

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

the square is a vibrant business centre and always busy. If we are to encourage people to support local businesses then it needs to remain free parking. Implementing charges will drive (pun intended) people away

Off-street response – Reference number 2690

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

U are killing business with yr policies.

Restricting parking is unnecessary.

Off-street response – Reference number 2691

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Although I rarely park in the Square as I tend to walk, there are times when on the way home I call in to collect a takeaway when I don't have time to cook.

I think there should be a grace period before the charges start to allow for people to make quick trips to the shops as I can see people going elsewhere and hurting these businesses. If there is no grace period then it shows the real reason is the money and not about stopping long term parking by people who are not actually using the Square businesses.

Also the car park is used by parents collecting their children from the nearby schools. If they are charged then I can see traffic chaos in the area as they will all try and park in the surrounding roads.

Off-street response – Reference number 2696

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This car park serves the shops, library and doctors' surgery. In most cases parking is required for short stays. There is little or no parking on the surrounding streets. Another unfair tax on motorists.

Off-street response – Reference number 2697

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2700

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

In a cost of living crisis, this is something that residents and local business cannot afford.

Off-street response – Reference number 2701

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2704

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2705

I object to parking charges.

Council tax is high enough and will no doubt go up again 2024. About time council started saving money, make a start by getting rid of diversity staff and cancel all woke crap.

Off-street response – Reference number 2707

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2708

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2709

I object to parking charges.

AT A TIME WHEN COUNCILS SHOULD BE ENCOURAGING USE OF LOCAL SHOPS, PARKING CHARGES WILL ONLY SEE A DECLINE IN THEIR USE.

Off-street response – Reference number 2710

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I visit Martin square quite frequently for the pharmacy, butchers and take aways. If the parking charges come in then I will shop elsewhere. There is a good butchers, pharmacy and take always on the Delce in Rochester which is a 10 minute drive and does not have parking charges along with other businesses dotted around the outskirts of Maidstone with no parking charges like the businesses at the Waitrose precinct at Alington. The small businesses which pay business rates to TMBC will be at a significant disadvantage to the businesses in Rochester and other Maidstone locations, potentially they will close losing TMBC revenue unless the plan is to close the car park and sell it for housing in the medium term.

If you have to introduce charges make the first hour or two free then make it pay to park if you want to reduce the number of long stay car parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2711

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2712

I object to parking charges.

By starting to charge for the use of this carpark it will encourage people to start using on street parking which will create more issues for local residents.

Off-street response – Reference number 2713

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2714

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2716

I object to parking charges.

Just more money grabbing again.

Have to drive and park there, as unable to use the overgrown, soil & root covered footpath between The Heath and East Malling Village

Off-street response – Reference number 2719

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2721

I object to parking charges.

I agree that long term parking is a nuisance.

But I shall not pay to 'pop to the shops'. I do not live in larkfield but will drive over now and again especially now the butchers is there. There should remain free parking for short term users, even if it's for an hour or two, otherwise local businesses will loose out.

Off-street response – Reference number 2723

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will destroy the local businesses in Martin Square which I try to support. However if parking charges are put in motion I will no doubt use Tesco at Lunsford Park in future as I mostly go to Martin Square to support the chemist but usually use the convenience store and often the butchers. It is not only the cost but the inconvenience of operating parking payment machine which adds time to my trip. I am elderly and find parking apps and paying by card etc confusing. I very seldom go to West Malling anymore for the same reason. Please think again !!!

Off-street response – Reference number 2724

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2725

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2726

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I would propose that the first hour is free as many people park here to go to the local shops and also the Thornhills medical practice [quite often the medical practice car park is full]. For longer term parking suggest the parking fees advised would be sufficient to start after the first hour, thereby relieving the congestion in the car park during the working day

Off-street response – Reference number 2727

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If you want people to use the shops, don't charge for parking. I also object to having to pay to park just so that I can collect a prescription (which I have to pay for!).

Off-street response – Reference number 2728

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2729

I support parking charges.

There is no mention of motorcycle parking, new or existing.

Off-street response – Reference number 2731

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2732

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2733

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2734

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2735

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2736

I object to parking charges.

We all have to use the parking for the doctors. And then go and get ourselves tablets. Both places we have to queue. That will take time and my money that if that goes though. You are pushing more cars parking on the road.

Off-street response – Reference number 2737

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2738

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2739

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2740

I object to parking charges.

Will kill all the small business off

Off-street response – Reference number 2741

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2742

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

These fees will affect the businesses which are already finding it tough. You will also affect people who are ill when they visit the surgery, the relatives of the deceased who are registering deaths and mums and dads when registering births and still births. The library will also be affected.

Off-street response – Reference number 2743

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2744

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2746

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If charges are introduced, it will deter me from visiting

Off-street response – Reference number 2747

I object to parking charges.

This parking is the closest to larkfield library. I strongly object to having to pay to take my children to the library.

Off-street response – Reference number 2749

I object to parking charges.

Stop squeezing motorists and motorcyclists

Off-street response – Reference number 2750

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2751

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2754

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The car park has been provided to facilitate customers and staff of the local shops, as well as those visiting the doctors surgery. No parking charges should be introduced, as these will deter customers and penalise those who have to spend longer than anticipated in the doctors or other facilities. Also penalised will be those who do not use smart phones, who will be unable to use the parking apps to

pay. With people struggling to meet financial demands, charging to park here will send people elsewhere with free parking and/or penalise people still trying to support local business.

Off-street response – Reference number 2755

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I don't believe the reason of 'low turnover long stay parking' to be true. I frequent this car park at different times on different days and don't see this as a problem. I always find a space.

Off-street response – Reference number 2756

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2758

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2759

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2760

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2763

I object to parking charges.

This will cause more issues with pavement parking (as a mother with a child in a pram this is already a huge issue around Ditton and Aylesford) as residents will not pay the charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 2767

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2768

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2769

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2771

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There are very few vehicles parked here for long periods but many reasons why the parking should remain free for all to come & go and use as they please.

Parents should be able to park safely & take their children to school or relevant clubs and then have the ability to run errands post office, library, morrisons etc without having to move their car. With a baby in tow its very inconvenient to be in and out.

The businesses on the square struggle enough, they need their customers to spend the money with them directly, not on parking. The fee is a hairdressers tip, a childs weekly chippy treat afterschool or a cuppa for a pensioner who needs to socialise with an old friend in the cafe

Off-street response – Reference number 2774

I object to parking charges.

Shops and businesses will suffer

Off-street response – Reference number 2775

I object to Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2776

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2777

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2778

I object to parking charges.

This is so ideal for local amenities and the doctors surgery. Also for the school run at Brookfield school. If the charges are introduced there is going to be so much congestion around this area at school run times. Also I feel the shops in martin Square will suffer because of these charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 2779

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is atrocious and not practical

The car park is not misused by residents and needs to be easily accessible for residents of

All ages to access the pharmacy and doctors without being charged or potentially fined.

Off-street response – Reference number 2781

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2783

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Surely if there is only a 'low long term parkers issue' it makes no sense to charge everyone, especially short term parkers.

If this really is a genuine proposal to prevent 'long term parkers', and not just another income generation scheme, you should allow free short term parking for say one hour, and only charge for longer stays?

I use this car park a couple of times a week when I pop to the shops and takeaways (and Doctors surgery, which has hardly any parking). If you start charging for short stays people will stop using these facilities (if my conversations with other locals are anything to go by), which can only ultimately have a negative outcome for the local businesses and residents.

Please use your common sense on this matter.

Thank you

Off-street response – Reference number 2784

I object to parking charges.

Introduction of parking charges at Martin Square would, in my view, be counter-productive for the local shops and surrounding area. It would either have the effect of moving the stationary traffic onto the local residential roads (which are ill-equipped to deal with it), into the Morrisons which can be easily accessed (thereby forcing them to introduce measures to enforce parking in their store) or drive traffic away from the shops (which is detrimental to the local economy).

What is more, the costs to enforce it through additional traffic wardens or other such measures would probably outweigh the revenue generated.

Having used the car park regularly over the last 13 years when accessing the shops/services (including the Library), I see no evidence for the claim that it "suffers from low turnover long-stay parking which reduces the availability of spaces". I have, at all times of the day and week, managed to find a space without too much of a challenge.

Off-street response – Reference number 2785

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I live in kingfisher rd, this is going to cause more traffic problems as people will park up side roads and on main roads to avoid paying. This will kill local business and cause mayhem for parents picking up and dropping off kids from school. My wife is disabled and frequently has to go to the doctors in a wheel chair, i have to drive as the pavements are to uneven and throw her chair into the road. driving up this road is like a slalom now . there will be no where to park at the doctors. I believe if you NEED to charge to maintain the grounds then how about first hour free and no return for 2 hours and residents have 1 car free yearly permit. lets make it fair!!!! people will not want to pay and have that rigmarole getting a ticket to buy a newspaper. it's all about compramise!! not greed

Off-street response – Reference number 2786

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2787

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Introduction of parking charges would immediately reduce footfall to all the shops, & would be commercially catastrophic.

Off-street response – Reference number 2788

I object to parking charges.

This car park has been free for over 50 years. It serves local shops, most of which require short visits (Chemist, Post Office, takeaways) to charge people for a half-hour or hour minimum for a 5 minute stop is grossly unfair. The local residents must be dreading the fall-out from this, with people parking in adjacent roads to avoid the fee.

Off-street response – Reference number 2789

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2791

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2792

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I believe this will negatively impact the local shops-eg will people still go to the cafe as well as doing their shopping if they have to pay? Many people will only be parking for a short time to collect a prescription or go to the post office etc . This penalises those who have mobility issues which make walking to the shops difficult.

Off-street response – Reference number 2793

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2794

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Having lived in Larkfield for most of my life one of the most consistent things has been the accessibility of the local shops and facilities in Martin Square. One of its successes has been the ability to park nearby and use what you need. As a parent with a child I used this to be able to take my child to and from school and walk down the road to do so when they attended those in Swallow Road. As in previous consultations my time taken in doing this could range depending on whether I needed to speak to staff or not. It will be impossible for parents to be able to afford to do this if the proposed charges come into play. With a child with SEN this process could be 10 minutes or half hour. Nightmare to predict costs. Parking in streets is bad enough around Larkfield without pushing all those who would use Martin Square previously onto them. What about the safety of the children in our schools? Similarly for patients visiting the Doctors. There is limited parking available in their designated car park so naturally you use the main one. Even with queuing at the chemist you are not going to know how much parking is going to cost. My elderly Mum with mobility issues is going to find it very difficult and expensive to be able to do either of those visits. I get that some folk may misuse the longer stay facility but why not extend the limit for free parking? What happens for those who live and work in the Square? A sudden penalty for doing so. If every one has to consider the cost of parking on top of what they were planning to spend in their shopping it is going to be easy for them not to bother. I would certainly think twice now about going so often if it's almost a surcharge on my takeout for example. Some of those businesses have served this area for a long time and it would be a great shame for them to suffer in an already difficult climate. What about the butcher's as a new enterprise, now wondering what the future holds? Larkfield is very blessed to still have a library and whilst it still has its own car park, there isn't often space for more than 4 cars in there. No parking there means using the main car park, at a proposed cost. We use the Library on a very regular basis and would hate to see that change due to the proposed charges. Not only will shops suffer but the ability for people to access books and computers etc will have a knock on effect. The Larkfield Community Group have successfully used the car park for their Christmas light up Larkfield event and how sad to hear them say that it could end due to the changes. In this current climate we should be supporting local communities, businesses and livelihoods, not destroying them with decisions made by those not living in and with them on a daily basis. If changes have to come into play and/or charges have a proper look at what is happening here. Sadly most will feel our voices are not worth raising for such issues nor possibly have the ability to complete forms like this online.

Off-street response – Reference number 2795

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Martin Square is the centre of the Larkfield community and as such is the location for critical local services - doctors' surgery, library, post office and chemist. There are businesses which depend on this key location, near many homes, in order to survive - hairdressers, take away outlets, butchers, charity shop and cafe. In addition, nearby there are primary schools and a nursery. Visits to most of these services are brief and parking needs of limited duration.

The parking area is high turnover, with the exception of residents and business employees, and is seldom full. The proposal to introduce parking charges states 'the car park suffers from low turnover long-stay parking', therefore a better alternative to eradicate this and still meet local needs is to introduce parking charges after an hour and allow the first hour as free.

Residents and local business employees should be granted a free parking permit. Season tickets can be made available to those, not associated with local homes or businesses, who need long term parking in Martin Square. This would allow most visits to be charge free and particularly help those who are older or less mobile. The charge free period will preserve the easy access to local services and enable local businesses to survive.

The proposal to introduce charges on entry fails to take account of the impact of additional parking on local streets - already congested - and on alternatives such as the areas outside the health centre and library and in Morrisons nearby. The buses struggle to negotiate Kingfisher Road currently and the situation will only be aggravated by the implementation of the proposal as short term visitors to the Square will look to avoid paying 60p.

There is little dispute of the need for local councils to raise income in these difficult times but to achieve the stated aim of the proposal of reducing low turnover long stay parking and maintain the strength and purpose of the centre of Larkfield, the sensible option is an initial charge free period.

Off-street response – Reference number 2796

(no comment supplied)

No comment on this

Off-street response – Reference number 2797

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

My gp surgery is here, their carpark is to small and I rely on the bigger carpark. I also use the library and this will deter me from doing this and popping into the local shops if I need something whilst there. It's ridiculous to charge for parking here.

Off-street response – Reference number 2798

I object to parking charges.

There are several reasons for not supporting the charges.

1. People will stop using the local shops & they will go out of business, so no business rates for TMBC.
2. I suggest you take a look at parking during school pick up time, many mum's park in Martin Sq so they don't cause congestion around the 2 schools, if you come along at 3pm you will see a lot of parents aren't so considerate and park on double yellow lines and across residents driveways.
3. Visiting the doctors, will cause problems. If you are unwell & need to drive to your appointment, the appointment time isn't always kept, the other day I was 45 minutes late going into my appointment & a further 30 minutes waiting at the Pharmacy for my prescription. A total of 90 minutes for a 5 minutes visit to the doctors.

4. Many of the visitor to the Library are elderly & need to drive, this will mean less people visiting the library & you will of course use this as another reason to close a local library, which is a lifeline for the elderly.

5. Finally, your councillor's should look at their wage bill, maybe we are paying ourselves too much & they should consider taking a wage cut rather than hitting the general public again!

Off-street response – Reference number 2802

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2803

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2805

I object to parking charges.

There should be free parking for at least either 30 minutes or 1 hour. Without this, there will be increased parking on nearby residential roads. I only use the Martin Square car park every month simply to pay my paper bill. If charging is proposed, the rates for over 1 hour to be increased to give the same financial outcome. No data is given to support the need to charge on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, nor is any survey data quoted to demonstrate the claimed low turnover, which is not my experience.

Off-street response – Reference number 2806

I object to parking charges.

I do not think that people should have to pay for picking up a few items from one of the shops. I also do not think that people should have to pay to park whilst visiting the doctor when unwell.

Off-street response – Reference number 2807

I object to parking charges.

It should be kept free

Off-street response – Reference number 2808

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2809

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I work full time at Thornhills Medical Practice and park at the back of Martin Square car park so as not to interfere with shop or residential access. There is a small car park for the Health Centre but feel this should be priority parking for patients.

Working full time I would be a long stay user meaning I would incur extra costs to my existing work commute budget - if I have to purchase a parking permit I will have to consider working elsewhere. There is limited residential parking in this area which means potentially upsetting residents too.

Off-street response – Reference number 2810

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

We use the shop to pay our papers,takes 5mins.60pence excessive.

Charges will discourage shoppers and affect business.

Off-street response – Reference number 2811

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If parking charges are introduced I will be shopping elsewhere. Thus harming local businesses.

If the local schools don't allow parking on site for drop off the local roads will become overrun with cars just needing 20 minutes to get children to school.

Why not leave the 1st hour free. This way local trade will not suffer so much but the council could earn some money.

Overall I strongly object and will be taking my business elsewhere and will be changing doctors surgery to get free parking.

Making money off the back of the sick, despicable.

Morrison's offer free parking, they will be overwhelmed with people not wanting to fill the council coffers.

Off-street response – Reference number 2813

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2814

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2815

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2816

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2820

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2822

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2823

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2824

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2825

I object to parking charges.

I only use the car park now and again to visit the library butchers or bike shop but not for long if I had to pay for parking I'd use other outlets

Off-street response – Reference number 2828

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2829

I object to parking charges.

I do not think bringing parking charges to Martin square will do any good . It's not fair on the local businesses who will suffer and how bad the roads around the area will get with everyone trying to park there to avoid paying for parking. I think it will have a massive negative impact on the whole area

Off-street response – Reference number 2830

I object to parking charges.

I am a regular user of the car park to visit shops and doctors/ chemist. This will have a big impact on my finances in a cost of living crisis. Local business' need our support and I fear they may be forced to close when users go to the big supermarkets nearby with free parking

Off-street response – Reference number 2831

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2832

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2833

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2834

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will affect local businesses which have to compete with Morrisons nearby

Off-street response – Reference number 2836

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2837

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2838

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2839

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I feel this will have a detrimental impact on local businesses whom already are struggling with ever increasing costs. This in turn affects the public who rely on these businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2841

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2842

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2844

I object to parking charges.

I feel an alternative of having free parking for 2 hours and then needing a ticket or pass for longer periods would be more useful. Like swale council use on the residential roads in faversham

Off-street response – Reference number 2845

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Martin Square has many small businesses that are used by many local people any charges imposed by TMBC will have a very determined effect on them. We need our local Shops etc and these charges will force them out of business.

Off-street response – Reference number 2846

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2847

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Charges will affect people using the businesses in the area. They will lose customers and people can't afford much right now.

Off-street response – Reference number 2853

(no comment supplied)

This is outside my Division and I make no comment

Off-street response – Reference number 2854

I object to parking charges.

I think this will have a significant negative impact on the local businesses in the square. I don't think it is right to have to pay to visit the doctor surgery.

Off-street response – Reference number 2857

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Not good. I suspect people will try to park at Morrisons and cause further issues.

Having to pay to visit the doctor is especially poor.

Off-street response – Reference number 2859

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I object to a charge for 30 minutes of parking. I support charges for longer periods (suggest greater than 60 minutes). This would dissuade long stay parking users without penalising users who are parking to visit the shops around the square. Short term visitors would benefit from the greater availability of parking and this will have a knock on effect of improving trade for the local shops around the square.

Off-street response – Reference number 2861

I object to parking charges.

Very few can avoid using essential services in Martin Square (doctors and chemist), it isn't a choice and yet we will have to pay for the privilege. The already busy side roads will become impossible and it is a bus route.

At the least there should be a free period, like at Maidstone Hospital, of 30 minutes.

Off-street response – Reference number 2862

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2863

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Free parking for locals in their local shopping area should be a given. The introduction of charges benefits nobody. If locals want to pop to a post office, drop off laundry at their local business, why should they have to pay for this?

Off-street response – Reference number 2864

I object to parking charges.

I use this car park to visit the medical surgery and pharmacy in Martin Square and optician on London Road. If charges are introduced there will be an additional cost for medical attention. There has never been a problem finding a space to park so your argument that there are many cars parking long term and preventing others parking doesn't ring true. To avoid paying the charge drivers will park at other locations and cause congestion in local areas.

Off-street response – Reference number 2865

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2866

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Will lose business for pharmacy and shops

Off-street response – Reference number 2867

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2870

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2872

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2873

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The shopping area is used by a large number of people and introducing the parking charges will impact on them due to customers no longer using them due to having to park. A lot of customers only pop in for a quick 30 min and having to pay 60p will stop people doing this and going else where. It will also make the surrounding roads busy with parked cars as people will just park there causing traffic near the local school.

Off-street response – Reference number 2874

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2875

I object to parking charges.

I appreciate the issue around costs for upkeep/maintenance etc. but as a frequent user of Martin Square and a car driver since 1991 this parade of shops and small car park has become essential to locals and helps maintain a thriving community supporting local businesses.

I do often walk to the shops but being able to 'pop in' for 30 mins using the car for the chemist, post office etc. has become a helpful and essential part of my life and no doubt much of the local community.

I was frankly appalled to find out that T&M were proposing to start adding blanket charges for use of the car park and find this unbelievably short sighted on your part.

Firstly if there is an issue with charges, why not just add to our yearly Council Tax charge? This would seem a far better option to cover the costs across the community.

Many of these local businesses absolutely rely on the footfall via car drivers to survive. If charges are added, people will stop going. They will just start going to the big supermarkets where you don't have to pay.

This will stop use of the local butcher's, the small Morrisons and then possibly the hair and beauty salons etc. very likely we will be seeing boarded up shops in a couple of years. Surely that's not what T&M want here?

Let's embrace the community and try to support our businesses and not completely ruin the area.

Has anyone thought of introducing a receipt scheme where if there are charges, shoppers can use their shop receipt as proof of purchase for access in and out of the car park? A QR code or whatever? This system is used widely in other places across the UK. If charges are going to be introduced surely this would be the best and fairest way to ensure that actual business users are parking their cars in the car park for the correct use.

There are a lot of shoppers that only park for 30-60mins (say a maximum of 60mins) for the post office and the butchers.

Then there are some parking longer to use the hair salon for example.

But these are all there to justifiably use the businesses.

Perhaps there could be a maximum stay of 60mins via vehicle number plate recognition and for the businesses such as the hair and beauty salon which may require longer, they have the receipt/proof of purchase system for just them?

I agree that individuals using it to park all day is not correct. However business owners and residents should obviously be able to park free of charge.

Why not introduce a free residents and business parking permit system where permits are clearly displayed on their vehicles? This will remove issues with unauthorised parking all day.

I feel that this has not been thought through properly at all. I've provided some feasible options around charging (council tax), correct use of the car park and control through shopper's receipts (possible vehicle number plate recognition for up to 60mins, proof of purchase/QR codes using receipts) and a resident and business permit scheme.

This could be embraced by the community and businesses and I am sure you would receive positive support but a 'blanket' charge is just a very short sighted and frankly lazy option.

Standard charging and a money making exercise will ruin this local retail hub.

I don't expect that any of this to be considered but I thought I'd send this since it will be a travesty in a couple of years when we start seeing our local businesses closing.

Kind regards

(REDACTED)

Off-street response – Reference number 2876

I support Season Tickets.

I feel this measure along with a balanced policing of the car park and ticketing and fining those who overstay would eliminate the need to introduce parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 2877

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object to the introduction of charges at Martin Square car park.

This car park does not suffer adversely from people's cars overstaying. We can always find spaces and my elderly parents also regularly use the car park with no issue.

My parents are not very mobile and they take their time visiting the library and browsing the shops in Martin Square.

If the charges are introduced, they will stop going there and this would affect their quality of life.

If the true reason is to raise funds why not aim the charges to long stayers - say giving 3 hours free so that people can still use all stores including cafes.

A ticket system will cost to instal and monitor so it will surely take quite some time to recoup this outlay and ongoing maintenance.

Finally the small businesses and charity shops on the store may disappear if the footfall reduces due to these costs and then empty units will stop bringing in revenue.

Maybe this is the council's aim so that they can sell the land and build more homes?

Off-street response – Reference number 2879

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is going to have such a big impact to businesses and residents. It's not fair that these charges are coming into effect to fill your pocket and empty everyone else's.

Off-street response – Reference number 2880

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2881

I object to parking charges.

This will put many people of stopping and using the business here

Off-street response – Reference number 2882

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object to the introduction of charges to park in Martins Square. It will be detrimental to the shopkeepers in Martins Square and the surrounding area. Having free parking encourages people to use the shops and facilities in the area. There is a much used chemist in the square and people should not have to pay parking fees to collect their prescriptions. I use the shops on a regular basis and have not experienced problems due to lack of space with long term parking. Thank you.

Off-street response – Reference number 2884

I object to parking charges.

I object to there being short term parking charges here. The car park is perfect to enable people to use the local shops, doctors and pharmacy without impeding traffic with on road parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2885

I object to parking charges.

The shops and businesses are bound to suffer if people have to pay to visit the shops in Martin Square. I like to visit the very valuable hospice shop in the square but if I have to pay to park outside then I'll go somewhere else. Many others will do the same if parking charges are brought in.

Off-street response – Reference number 2886

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will have a detrimental impact to the people who live around here as people may not want to pay so they will decide to park in areas where they block of residents

Off-street response – Reference number 2887

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2889

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2890

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2891

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2894

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2895

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

People will park for free on the surrounding roads or in Morrisons car park which will cause more disruption around Martin Square. There should be some free parking - maybe an hour, so that people can use the post office, collect prescriptions, collect fish & chips or visit the charity shop. If people want to stay for longer than a charge would be reasonable

Off-street response – Reference number 2897

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2900

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2901

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2903

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2904

I object to parking charges.

I think it is unfair for everyone as this is one of the main chemists and doctors that people use and also use it for schools. It's just another way for the council to get money out of people during the cost of living crisis. You will also be affecting businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2905

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2906

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have grown up in this area and have never had an issue with the car park being full and not being able to park. The free parking makes it easy to visit the doctors and support local businesses. I will not be popping to the takeaways or shops and paying to park for barely 10 minutes. Charging for parking here will kill the businesses, some of which have been there for decades. Martin Square is the hub of the village and this sense of community will be diminished with this proposal.

Off-street response – Reference number 2907

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The majority of visitors park for a short period. If parking charges are introduced, Martin Square will suffer from reduced footfall, similar to that of West Malling high street since charges were introduced there. Since the changes were introduced, I rarely visit West Malling High Street, I now visit the large Tesco, Lundsford, for my newspaper and other small items.

Off-street response – Reference number 2908

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Shops and restaurants are going to take a huge cut of earnings because it will stop people like myself coming that way and having to pay to park. There's no need. Times are hard enough without added costs unnecessarily.

Off-street response – Reference number 2912

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2913

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2914

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Introducing parking charges for all will drastically impact the local businesses, driving customers to larger retail parks

Off-street response – Reference number 2916

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

Cheap parking charges forever and now about time they went up

Off-street response – Reference number 2917

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I regularly park at Martin Square to attend Thornhills Medical Practice, collect my monthly repeat prescription from the pharmacy and to pay our weekly paper bill at Morrison Local and to use the Post Office there. I also make regular visits to the charity shop to drop off and purchase items, to the hairdresser and have been known to purchase takeaway meals from Best Wok etc.

Should the introduction of parking charges go ahead, I would look to make changes which would mean that I would not be supporting local businesses in the same way as I do now. I would not be in a position to frequent Martin Square in the same way that I do now.

Traffic in Larkfield has increased year on year with the roads local to Martin Square now being very congested. If the parking charges go ahead people will look to park on the local roads to avoid having to make a payment which will only make things worse for all.

Martin Square is the recognised centre of Larkfield locally and is at the heart of the community but that would change if parking charges were introduced as proposed. I strongly object to the introduction of parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 2918

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2919

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2921

I object to parking charges.

For short trips to drop off a parcel or pick up a pint of milk - this will kill those trips and affect the local business. It's a joke

Off-street response – Reference number 2924

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I oppose all of the councils proposals. Putting parking charges in this car park will have a negative affect on the businesses in Martins Square. A majority of which as small business owners. I use the car park at least twice a week and only rarely have I ever had to drive round looking for a space and that was when work was being carried out at the care home opposite and so large vans belonging to contractors were parked there. There are ALWAYS spaces available and so this so-called issue of long term parking filling the car park up is preposterous. If people have to pay and use the doctors surgery it is difficult to judge waiting time as you could wait over an hour to see the doctor or you could get called straight in. This is just another money making scheme for the council and they allow more and

more homes to be built and not put infrastructure in to support it but instead pick on the small business owners struggling as it is in our community.

Off-street response – Reference number 2925

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2931

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2932

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I think parking should be free for at least the first hour. People shouldn't have to pay to park for the doctors or to pop into the shops. This would cause a loss of business for these shops which we are very lucky to have a full set of shops, not many places do. There are a lot of old/disabled people in larkfield who have to drive to the shops so walking is not an option. Even to pay to use the pharmacy and library would be detrimental to business. What a shame if the wonderfully library has to shut due to lack of park facilities.

Also the school parents park here in the mornings and afternoons to pick up their children and if they have to park on the roads it would be incredibly dangerous for the children. Its bad enough already at school times let alone if there was no where for them to park.

Yes if residents want to park then they should have to get a yearly permit to stop taking up spaces of the public who need to use it.

Off-street response – Reference number 2935

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2940

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2943

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2945

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I feel this will have a negative outcome for local business in Martin Square especially the excellent charity shop. Fewer people will visit to donate.

Off-street response – Reference number 2950

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2955

I support parking charges.

This car park has been subsidised long enough by Tonbridge residents, and the charges you are proposing seem fair.

Off-street response – Reference number 2956

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

Why should drivers in Tonbridge have to pay to park. But you do not have to if you live in Larkfield.

Off-street response – Reference number 2957

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2958

I both support and object to parking charges.

It is the local shops put a time restriction but not a charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 2959

I object to parking charges.

Have parked in the car park for years for school run and used the local shops. School drop off and pick up will be horrendous on local roads without being able to park for free in the car park

Off-street response – Reference number 2961

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2963

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2964

I object to parking charges.

This would result in loss of business for local shops as people wouldn't pop by, danger to parents who use it when dropping children at school so they will have to use road causing obstructions , chaos for people trying to access medical centre as people will use this instead and cause issues for Morrisons as people will use this and walk through. It working at present don't cause a major issue to businesses that are already struggling. And also if payment is via app mobile signal very poor

Off-street response – Reference number 2965

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2966

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2968

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2974

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Charging people that pop to the shops is not in anyone's thinking the way to combat people taking advantage and leaving cars just parked up.

Off-street response – Reference number 2975

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2977

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I object to the introduction of parking charges to Martin Square, Larkfield. I am concerned that the local shops will lose business. This is also close to a residential area and people will park outside of the car park within the surrounding residential areas. I have always been able to park whether to use the Library or the shops. The longest I may park is a couple of hours if I am using the Library and if the Library is not used, I suppose the council will shut that too!!!

Off-street response – Reference number 2978

I object to parking charges.

My objection is the part of Larkfield I live have NO bus service so I drive to Martin Square went needs to also its a MONEY MAKING MACHINE FOR THE COUNCIL.

Off-street response – Reference number 2979

I support parking charges.

I think parking charges should be consistent throughout the borough

Off-street response – Reference number 2980

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2981

I object to parking charges.

I think the introduction of charges will have a negative impact on the businesses on the square. These shops and cafe have a difficult enough time of it with rates and the present economic downturn without imposing extra problems for them and their loyal customers. Nobody will pay to drop off donations to the Charity Shop. Equally people will not pay to wait in a sometimes long queue at the chemist to collect prescriptions. New businesses such as the excellent butchers will I suspect have a look at moving away and the very popular cafe will limp along. Just look at what has happened in Maidstone after some very bad policy introductions. It is a ghost town during the day with ever growing shop closures.

Off-street response – Reference number 2983

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2984

I object to parking charges.

Charging to park a vehicle in Martin Square will create havoc in nearby streets, many of which are already painted with double yellow lines. Does TMBC really want the shops in Martin Square to go out of business? The surgery in Martin Square will no doubt be used by other drivers who are not at the surgery as they will not be able to afford the cost of anyone monitoring those parking in their spaces. How will TMBC be monitoring those who don't pay or overstay? TMBC say they cannot meet the cost of CCTV coverage for antisocial behaviour in Martin Square, nor do they fine those who park illegally on double yellow lines or zig zag lines outside nearby schools but somehow they CAN afford to monitor those who have to visit Martin Square for even a short period. I have to use my vehicle even to those shops as I have difficulty in walking but cannot claim a Blue Badge as I am not permanently 'disabled' as I can have knees replaced but in doing that I risk having a 3rd stroke. Is there anyone in TMBC who really cares about those of us that have problems or is it merely a 'cash cow'?

Off-street response – Reference number 2985

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2987

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2988

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2989

I support parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2995

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2998

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3000

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3001

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3003

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3004

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This idea along with others similar put forward by TMWC is uncaring unhelpful and has the only motive to collect fines and charges.... Stop it and look to the hood of serving the community which is your job!!

Off-street response – Reference number 3005

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3006

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If the carpark is busy to support local businesses then it seems these are likely to suffer from the introduction of parking charges. If the issues are to do with long-term parking then it would seem far more pertinent to NOT charge for the first 2 hours and then introduce parking charges to park longer than that.

Off-street response – Reference number 3009

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

This would completely put us off visiting the square. The majority of the visits are short quick visits, would take longer to sort the parking payment out.

Off-street response – Reference number 3010

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3011

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3014

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3015

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3016

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

There should be a free charge of 45 to 60 minutes for people to be able to visit the local shops. Especially the chemist and the Doctors. Also it should only be from 9 to 6 and free on Saturdays and Sunday and bankholidays.

Off-street response – Reference number 3017

I object to parking charges.

This will finish shops off

Off-street response – Reference number 3019

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3021

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3022

I object to parking charges.

This will have a massive impact on the shops. I frequently park in Martin Square to pop into the post office or the butchers, if I now have to find and pay 60p for a visit that takes 15mins at most, I will take my custom elsewhere.

If charges are needed to prevent over stayers, why can't up to 30mins be free, to still allow people to pop to the shops and therefore avoid all the businesses losing vital trade.

Off-street response – Reference number 3023

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

It will drive trade away from the shops

Off-street response – Reference number 3024

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3025

I object to parking charges.

I object because local businesses (including the charity shop) rely on customers who are able to "pop in", and local residents should not be penalised for doing so.

Off-street response – Reference number 3026

I object to parking charges.

How about introducing simply a 'ticket display' system instead? For example, you have to get a ticket to display in your car, which lasts 2 hours, but is still free. That way, it stops people misusing the short-term parking, without penalising the local businesses and their customers. Alternatively, if charges are introduced, then could there perhaps be a means for customers and staff of these business to claim back their parking costs?

Off-street response – Reference number 3027

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3028

I object to parking charges.

I use this car park regularly for over 30 years there has never been a problem parking always plenty of spaces.

I go to the chemist, I never know if I will be 10mins or upto 1hr when they busy.

I think if introduced it will be end of shops the square as they will not get hardly any customers if they have to pay to park

Off-street response – Reference number 3030

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3033

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3035

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3037

I object to parking charges.

This is a small local car park serving shops and the health centre and the introduction of charges would not be in the best interests of users

Off-street response – Reference number 3040

(no comment supplied)

No comment

Off-street response – Reference number 3043

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3044

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3047

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3048

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3049

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3050

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3057

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3059

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will destroy the local area, local shops and business and your actions will have knock on affects to other business car parks. I will simply stop using the local shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 3060

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3061

I support parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3062

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3063

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3064

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

At the moment Tonbridge is incurring parking charges but not the other towns in the Borough which is unfair

Off-street response – Reference number 3065

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3068

I object to Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3069

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3070

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I object to the introduction of parking charges as that area is not well serviced by public transport and therefore parking is necessary. However if charges do have to be applied , residents will definitely need to be given season tickets.

Off-street response – Reference number 3071

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3072

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3073

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3074

I object to parking charges.

I object to the introduction of parking charges at Martin square. This will affect my use of the local shops and amenities such as the local library and will be detrimental to the local area as a whole.

If the council wants to impose a charge here, I would suggest that it charges for extended stays only, ie those over 2 hours...Free parking for all for 2 hours.

Again it is just another money grabbing exercise, using another cutthroat external parking company to apply charges and fines. Poor show council.

Off-street response – Reference number 3075

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will cause chaos as people will simply park along the housing roads in Larkfield instead of paying for parking. This is not an issue in Martin square if people do park there longer as there are always ample parking spaces for customers. This will stop people coming to use and support the smaller shops and will encourage them to shop elsewhere at the larger supermarkets with large car parks. It is a ludicrous idea as far as i am concerned.

Off-street response – Reference number 3076

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3077

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3078

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3079

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3080

I support parking charges.

I support the charges if they are kept to a minimum charge simply so people can't overstay and affect spaces for others. Disabled should remain free

Off-street response – Reference number 3082

I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3083

I object to Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3085

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I have never found parking to be a problem because of long stay parkers. Locals will be discouraged from using shops and businesses. The current system works well.

Community events could be affected.

Off-street response – Reference number 3088

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

We have no busses from Ryarsh and therefore need a car to go out I will end up a recluse being of a. Certain age

Off-street response – Reference number 3090

I object to parking charges.

I do not feel the selection of shops and facilities available at Martin Square warrants parking charges. Most people are just popping to the post office, collecting prescriptions or buying a few essentials and do not stay that long. I use the post office a lot for my small business. I think a better idea would be to make it a 1 hour maximum stay with permits for residents and shop workers.

Off-street response – Reference number 3091

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3093

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3094

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3096

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3097

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3098

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3101

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Crazy idea, there are always spaces available so why is there a need to charge people. It will put people off visiting and using the library and the shops. Parking will be a nightmare in Larkfield near the houses.

Off-street response – Reference number 3102

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3103

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is totally unnecessary and will affect the businesses, I will not be visiting Martin Square if I have to pay for parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 3104

I object to parking charges.

The type of business and shops in St Martin's square are not places which people visit for long periods of time. You don't go to St Martin's to shop for several hours - you pop in and pop out. Even if you are using the Square to park for a visit to the Doctors surgery, you are not going to be there for very long. Charging for short stay will stop people wanting to pop in and pop out and the local businesses will suffer - it will just be easier to go to one of the large supermarkets.

Off-street response – Reference number 3105

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I think it would be reasonable to offer the first 1/2 hour free for users of the newsagent and post office.

Off-street response – Reference number 3106

I object to parking charges.

There is always a space when I go to use the shops/doctors surgery. Introducing payments will deter people from using the shops and create lots of hassle when waiting for long periods of time at the doctors surgery.

Off-street response – Reference number 3107

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Even at school pick up and drop off, the car park is busy but there are still spaces to be found. I think the detriment to the businesses will be profound if customers have to start to pay to shop there.

Off-street response – Reference number 3109

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3110

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3111

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3112

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3114

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3115

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3117

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Charging for parking in Martin square will greatly affect local business as I for one will not be parking there.

Off-street response – Reference number 3118

I object to parking charges.

This will be a disaster for local shops and cause parking problems outside the car park and further danger to pedestrians especially at school times.

Off-street response – Reference number 3119

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3120

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

Again, the car park is usually full of parked cars of people not using the shops, I've seen cars parked all day and the user has gone to work for the day getting a lift from someone else. Introduce charges but make it free for 60 minutes so people can visit chemist/ post office etc but for longer, bring in a realistic fee. If too expensive, it will be counter productive and cars will park in residential streets.

Off-street response – Reference number 3121

I object to parking charges.

If a charge has to be made it would help the local shops if a period of free parking was allowed as used in Paddock Wood.

Off-street response – Reference number 3122

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3124

I object to parking charges.

It will stop people using the shops and businesses. If it necessary to stop then cars will use the surrounding streets. If charges are needed for long stayers then please have the first half hour free to allow people to visit quickly.

Off-street response – Reference number 3125

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Parking charges will force cars out of the car park and on to the surrounding roads such as Kingfisher Road where on street parking is already at capacity. Parking charges wil discourage customers from using the local shops and services if they now have pay to park. Charges if applied should only be applicable after at least an hour and half. And not apply after 6pm.

Off-street response – Reference number 3127

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Doctors Surgery, post office, chemists

These and food providers like butchers, fish chip shop and the new Morrisons which are all short term but not always. People being charged will be affected and Road access to the schools etc. will be worse than they are now as people will park on local roads and walk. Less active and elderly people will be unable to access these facilities essential to our daily living.

Off-street response – Reference number 3129

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I do appreciate that there is little to persuade the council to keep Martin Square parking free. I am fully aware that you need more money and soaking the motorist (more) is one way that you can do it and there will be no stopping you. Even this consultation has little value and you are only holding it because you have to. You have no doubt made up your minds to charge anyway so this consultation is simply 'going through the motions' so to speak.

We know it, you know it. I am aware that you mostly hold your residents in contempt and that of course is the way that people pretty much regard you too. How refreshing to tell it like it is.

Can I suggest that you mitigate the Martin Square charges as best you can by introducing a first half hour or first hour free policy. This would discourage long term parking - no doubt people park in Martin Square all day, then go to London on the coach - and it would prevent you killing off the shops on the square, something which will surely happen if a shopper has to pay immediately he or she parks. The half hour free policy or the first hour free policy would help those people who use the cafe to eat (although just the first half hour only might give them indigestion). The first hour policy would also especially help patients to Thornhills Doctors Surgery as the parking spaces provided for the surgery are inadequate and often patients have to park on the Square itself. The free period would also be helpful to those who need to join the usual long time consuming queue to pick up prescription medicine from Paydens Chemists, often after an inordiatly long wait at the Surgery.

You might also consider providing more spaces for disabled driver parking. Not necessarily totally free but a better provision. By adopting these measures you could:

1. Raise some money.
2. Help keep Martin Square shops in business by not scaring away the shoppers.
3. Prevent much long term parking thereby stimulating vehicle movement and revenue from those who do need to park for longer periods.
4. Help to make local people think that you are not always totally against them and thus gain a bit of kudos for a change.
5. Consider recovering any revenue lost by this mitigation of charges by putting up the Council Tax so sharing the financial burden. After all, you are going to do that anyway, are you not?

Off-street response – Reference number 3131

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3134

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3135

I both support and object to parking charges.

I believe there should be parity across the borough for the carparks. This would bring it in line with the carparks in Tonbridge. If the problem is lack of availability of spaces, then season tickets are unlikely to help with this.

Off-street response – Reference number 3138

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

If parking charges are to be introduced I believe there should be an initial free period of 2 hours. There are never enough parking spaces in the Health Centre and the length of time spent there is very unpredictable, especially if a visit to the pharmacy is required afterwards. Also it would encourage people to still use the local shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 3139

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3140

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

When I want to pop to pay papers use post office or chemist I do not want hassle of parking meters!!
I don't often carry cash or know how long these visits will take, queue dependant

Off-street response – Reference number 3141

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3142

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3143

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

This scheme looks to be madness. I believe it will further drive people away from small local business and to supermarkets, Amazon and shopping centres with free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 3144

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

I do not agree that cars stay longer than necessary. I visited the cafe in the Square a few days ago and could see out of the window that cars were parking up for 5 or so and then going. I would suggest any cars parking there longer are either staff working at the shops at Martin Square or residents. The proposal of car parking charges will be extremely detrimental to the businesses in the Square as people will be put off parking there especially the older generation who do not like the "Ring Go" apps. My 80 year old mother is horrified at the prospect of having to use a parking app as she regularly goes to the pharmacy in Martin Square and I am sure she is not alone.

The only reason the council want to charge people is as a way of generating revenue, despite us locals paying high Council Tax bills.

Off-street response – Reference number 3146

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

My main concern is for patients of the surgery. The doctors car park is inadequate and, therefore, patients use the Martin Sq car park. If there is no 1 hour free then patients will have to pay an additional burden on residents who are unwell. If a one hour free is continued patients will at least have a chance of not having that addition. My second concern is the potential serious affect to turnover amounts for businesses in Martin Sq. A fee introduction will also change the nature of the Sq as a community hub even library users will have to pay and that may be the nail in the coffin for that branch!

Off-street response – Reference number 3147

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This will just push people into the roads or the doctors car park (which isn't big enough). It's not going to help the shops that are in the square or packing in the area. Even when busy I have never had an issue parking there.

Off-street response – Reference number 3148

I object to parking charges.

I frequently use Martin Square as I use the pharmacy, beauticians, butchers and doctors as I hardly use West Malling for shopping since parking charges were introduced there. There should be a one hour free parking. As someone who receives Pension credit and the cost of living is SO high I'm wondering when all these increases will end.

Off-street response – Reference number 3149

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3151

I object to parking charges.

I would support the introduction of a time limit on free parking, say 2 hours. This would mean local shops can still be accessed by those who use them but it would restrict long term parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 3152

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

The car park does work well at the moment and I have never had a problem parking in Martin Square. If charges are introduced it would have a bad effect on the square's businesses, the doctors and some local residents.

Many pensioners going to the chemists will then affectively have to pay to get their prescriptions, especially so since at times there is a very long wait to be served. The same is true for people going to the doctors as this car park acts as an over car park for the doctors. In addition these proposals will obviously create another problem for the doctors as people will use their car park.

The proposals will also create problems by diverting parking to nearby streets. Many parents use Martin Square to park when taking their children to and from the two schools. At present we have a problem where I live where there is a back entrance to the schools. Parents park on the junction completely blocking sight lines, occasionally fully on the footway, and once on my neighbour's front garden. This will definitely get much worse. The proposals will also cause problems at the school's main entrance where more parents will be looking for a parking space, which means they will start parking on the bend in Swallow Road that already has very poor sight lines. Besides exacerbating problems for residents, it is not a good idea to introduce a scheme that will increase the number of cars in areas where children are walking.

Off-street response – Reference number 3154

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Will prohibit me being able to attend a medical facility.

Off-street response – Reference number 3155

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3156

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I don't think the business will survive with these charges being introduced! I pay a lot of money already to have my hair done and I am parked for at least 2.5 hours. So I couldn't afford to pay extra for parking aswell!. My husband also has his hair cut at Tapers and he is only there for half an hour!. With the cost of Living crisis and rise in poll tax this should be included in this community payment not extra!!!.

Off-street response – Reference number 3157

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I am a disabled person who drives to appointments etc it will cost me a lot of money weekly !! Especially when I can wait up to an hour in the chemist which is always understaffed !!!

Off-street response – Reference number 3159

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

The first hour should be free. This will ensure local businesses are protected.

Longer term parking does need to be controlled so charge for 2 to 4 hours. Beyond that for business uses and their staff and residents should be able to purchase realistically priced session tickets this, I believe, will protect businesses and raise more income than the current proposals, it would also discourage short term parkers from parking on residential streets or worse still doing business elsewhere = inevitably business closure's

Off-street response – Reference number 3160

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3161

I object to parking charges.

It will deter shoppers and people will have to pay to make donations to the Heart of Kent Hospice shop.

Off-street response – Reference number 3165

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I use library there

At moment I can park in their car park if I have to ..but that will fill up if u charge in big car park

Side streets will be used

People will not pay and the local stores will lose out

Off-street response – Reference number 3166

I object to parking charges.

This would heavily discourage me from using the Library and business there. I would seek alternatives that offer free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 3168

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

It is fair that every car park in the borough contributes towards the cost of maintenance and that there is a fair charging policy for all communities rather than some paying to park while others park for free.

Charging to park will prevent some motorists from hogging parking spaces and allow a greater turnover so visitors can easily access shops and support the local economy.

Off-street response – Reference number 3169

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3170

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Residents & local community should be able to park without charge. We are trying to encourage the use of local shops & services.

Off-street response – Reference number 3171

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3172

I support parking charges and I support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3173

I support parking charges.

I accept that a number of vehicles are parked for long periods in Martin Square car park, but, as a frequent short stay visitor to this car park, I usually have no difficulty in finding a parking space. My support for introducing charges is qualified, however. To encourage continued custom for the privately owned shops and businesses in Martin Square, there must be a period of free parking. The first one hour would be appropriate. 30 minutes is not long enough, e.g. for customers using the cafe. Residents of Martin Square, who have no parking, need to be able to park overnight without charge, so charging should end at either 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 p.m. These proposals need very careful consideration of all the potential impact on displaced vehicles being parked on nearby roads, thereby causing worse obstructions than those that already apply to Kingfisher Road and other nearby roads.

Off-street response – Reference number 3177

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I do not agree with introducing parking charges at Martin Square Car park as I feel it will have an adverse affect on the local shops, library, Thornhills Medical Centre and the surrounding residents. The local shops are already struggling and to introduce parking charges will increase this further. It will lessen the footfall which will then mean fewer patrons. The charges will also affect those working in the said shops, even with the proposed introduction of season tickets. The charity shop is run by volunteers and they will definately not be able to afford to pay parking fees, so will no longer be able to volunteer there, which would mean keeping the shop open would not be viable. People who currently use the post office in the Morrison's local, but will be less likely to if charges are introduced. They will then go to others with no parking charges, which will also lessen the footfall to visit this shop and then any others in the square. At a time when we should be supporting our local shops and libraries it would be madness to introduce something that can only put them under more pressure and possibly result in their closure.

I totally disagree with the statement 'the car park suffers from low turnover long-stay parking which reduces the availability of spaces for all.' I visit regularly and have done for years and this is never the case, I would like to see the evidence this statement is based on.

Introducing charges will deter visitors to the plaza cafe which currently has good custom and those patrons never struggle to park.

Charges will also lead to less people visiting the library as that has very limited parking. If charges are introduced in Martin Square car park, more people will then park in the Thornhills Medical Centre car park therefore putting a strain on that car park thus making parking for those visiting it more difficult. Not to mention that more people will park in the surrounding roads to avoid the charges thus affecting the local residents. When there are evening events at the local school, people park in this car park to avoid parking on the streets and to prevent disturbing local residents, to introduce parking charges will totally undo this.

There is no issue with car park and the ability to park so I feel very strongly that no changes need to be made and no charges introduced. To do so would not benefit the area but instead have an adverse and negative impact on all in the local vicinity.

TMBC duty is to serve the residents of it's area and help to improve their quality of life. Introducing Parking Charges in Martin Square will not best serve their residents, in fact it would be the direct opposite.

Off-street response – Reference number 3179

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3180

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3181

I object to parking charges, but support Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3182

I object to parking charges.

The Doctors car park is full of cars from the practice employees, this means the main car park is used by me and others when attending surgery. It is not possible to predict the time needed for this purpose.

The shops in Martin square need TMBC's and local people's support, this measure actively encourages shoppers to go elsewhere.

I use the car park 2..3 times/week and have always found a space.

It is used as a safe pick up area for 3 local schools, this will result in more congestion and safety issues on local roads.

It will result in more parking on local roads.

If charges or penalties to deter long term parking are really needed then up to 2 should be free.

Off-street response – Reference number 3184

I support parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3185

I object to parking charges.

I have never had a problem parking in Martin square. Why would I pay to park there when Tesco and Morrisons are free. If parking charges are introduced I will shop where it is free. You will destroy local communities. Well done....

Off-street response – Reference number 3186

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

Personally I have experienced the introduction of parking charges in West Malling which has kept people away from the village. Where I used to go into the town 2 or 3 times a week, I now only go at

the most once a month. I feel that if charges are introduced in Martin Square, the businesses and the library there would lose a lot of custom. Although I live in walking distance of the square, I know that parents of schoolchildren in the local area are already clogging up the roads at pick up and drop off times and so will make it worse if some cannot park in the square. They sit in their cars running their engines and polluting the atmosphere around our homes. I have never been to Martin Square and not been able to park anywhere when I have been on my way to somewhere else and dropped in to pick up something from the shops. Whenever I walk past or through the square there is always parking available. The whole idea is ludicrous and would be detrimental to the survival of the community.

Off-street response – Reference number 3187

I object to parking charges.

Any proposal should allow 30 mins free charges to allow people to collect prescriptions ,and quick jobs eg collect takeaway food or else all these business will lose custom and be forced to close

Off-street response – Reference number 3191

I object to parking charges.

It will take custom away from the shops. Why change it now..., it is not fair to the residents, especially in these difficult times

Off-street response – Reference number 3194

I object to parking charges.

You absolutely should not introduce charging here, you will just drive people away from these businesses and on to places where parking is free like Tesco in Lunsfield

Off-street response – Reference number 3196

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

This is making people poorer , it is a stealth charge , those who park illegally should be punished through fines , people want to go to work and live not pay fees to live , council tax is already at an extortionate rate , nobody asked or wants parking charges .

Off-street response – Reference number 3200

I object to parking charges.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3201

I object to parking charges.

I will stop using the Butchers and dry cleaners in Martins Square if I cannot park free for 30mins

Off-street response – Reference number 3203

I object to Season Tickets.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3214

I object to parking charges.

I think bringing in charges to Martin Square is a joke we pay enough council tax for this.

I don't see why I should pay parking charges to visit a friend that lives in one of the flats above the shops also the doctors surgery.

It was rejected 2 years ago. The Council also tried to close toilets in Martin Sq

Off-street response – Reference number 3217

I object to parking charges.

we strongly object to the proposal to impose parking charges for Martin Square, Larkfield.

The present arrangements just about work despite the parking at the Thornhills Medical Centre having been reduced to accommodate PortaCabins on part of it's parking area. The proposals are purely a revenue raising plan and should be refused.

There is a suspicion that with Parish Councils, Borough Councilors, and County Councilor for these two areas being Liberal that the Conservative controlled tmbc is playing a political game !!

Off-street response – Reference number 3219

I object to parking charges.

My objections to the proposed introduction of car parking charges in Martin Square are a

follows. The car park, as you are aware is a free car park, with parking for 23 hours within 24 hours.

It is used by the residents of the properties surrounding Martin Square who have no other options but to park in this car park; for those who work in the businesses in Martin Square; also those visiting the shops and facilities in Martin Square have no option but to park there. The businesses in the square contain not only hairdressers, charity shop, butchers, various take away food shops and betting shop which are well used by local people. It includes Post office/newsagents, Pharmacy, Doctors Surgery, and Library, these being used not only by Larkfield residents but by a much wider community, as they are their nearest facility for these needs.

The introduction of parking charges would have a great effect on all those working in and customers of the facilities provided, and causing hardship to many. Those that have no alternative to using the facilities provided or who wish to still support these facilities will be penalised and those that have an alternative would stop coming to use these facilities. Also how to know how long you will need to park to attend the doctors surgery or the pharmacy and post office, at which there are frequently long ques. The Library is also well used and has not only its books but computer facilities, how long to judge the time for this use - the KCC is always looking to close this facility, you will be helping them to do this. Some of the businesses in the Square may have to close because staff cannot afford to pay for parking, what about the Heart of Kent Hospice shop where people give their time free but will now be required to pay for parking?

Please re-consider and do not bring in parking charges for this car park.

Off-street response – Reference number 3223

I support parking charges.

Once again, I've reviewed your intention of introducing Parking Charges at the Martin Square Car Park.

Although I support the proposal, I don't support the proposed Scale of Charges. As a Larkfield resident for over 35 years let me explain why.

As residents of Larkfield, living between the M20 and Leybourne Lakes, when we moved to this area in the 1980's we enjoyed having a local Post Office/Newsagent in the Tesco precinct. Sadly, this facility was closed shortly afterwards and since then we have all had to go to Martin's Square for our Post Office requirements.

Regrettably (annoyingly!), in the last few years, when visiting the Post Office, it has become more and more difficult to find a parking space. Almost certainly, more and more people are parking here during the day, because it's "free". I'm a frequent visitor and some days I'm waiting more than 10 minutes for a space to become available. My neighbours have also expressed their constant frustration of trying to park in Martin's Square. Hence, the reason I support the proposed change.

What I am strongly against, however, is your proposed Scale of Charges. This is an extremely busy Post Office, serving all the residents of Larkfield (especially with the increased number queuing with parcels to send!!) and, many times, the waiting time to be served is in excess of 20 to 30 minutes. Hence, my proposal is you apply your Scale of Charges but with the 1st Hour "free". As well as going to the Post Office, this will then also enable other shops in the precinct to be visited (such as the Pharmacy) within the one hour free time slot. After the 1st Hour "free" you could then charge £1.50 from 1 to 2 hours to recover your lost revenue. Am sure this proposal would also be welcomed by Shop owners in the Square, as well as visitors/patients to the Medical Centre.

Finally, but just as importantly, what you must also consider is if Parking Charges are introduced from "time of arrival" in Martin Square, then more and more visitors will go and park next door in Morrisons "free" Car Park.

Am sure Morrisons will then quickly get upset and would also need to take corrective action.

Off-street response – Reference number 3231

I object to parking charges.

Parking charges in Martin Square Larkfield? It's outrageous!! I've never had a problem finding a parking space there. Most people go there to access the medical centre, the pharmacy and the post office. Why are you going to charge them for that? If you don't want people to park there all day, limit the parking time, but please don't charge people. We are all having a bad enough time of it as it is with the cost of living and just about managing to get by without you adding more costs on top.

I do not agree with your proposal. Of course you won't listen to the likes of us, it will go ahead anyway but I thought you might as well know how we feel about it.

Off-street response – Reference number 3233

I object to parking charges and I object to season tickets.

I'm writing to say that both my wife and myself are against the introduction of charges in West Malling high street and Martin Square. We believe that both will cause a significant drop in the footfall in both areas as there are plenty of alternative options (why use Tesco WM if the addition charge would mean it's cheaper to use Tesco Lunsford Park, why use the chemist if it's more economic to use the pharmacy in Tesco Lunsford Park etc?).

If ultimately a charge is introduced it would be beneficial to local businesses if the first 30 or 60 minutes were to be free. There are plenty of examples across the country where the introduction of charges has resulted in the loss of "high street" businesses.

The likely short term gain will result in long term pain ultimately reducing parking charge revenue and, in all likelihood, less business rate income for the council.

Similar arguments apply to the situation in Martin Square.

Off-street response – Reference number 3234

I object to parking charges.

I am strongly opposed to these charges for the following reasons:

1) I have lived in Lunsford Lane for 40 years and am a frequent user of the shops and other facilities in Martin Square, in particular the chemist, newsagent, post office, Tapers Beauty, the dry cleaners and the fish and chip shop.

My visits are usually the "pop in type" lasting less than half an hour to an hour but often at least three times per week. I believe that to impose parking charges will have a huge impact on these small businesses.

2) Parents call in to the Square shops after dropping children off to the primary schools nearby or after school but would not want the burden and hassle of paying every time.

3) The chemist and doctors surgery are a vital facility and a lot of people just pop into the library.

4) The charity shop which supports the local hospice needs people to be able to drop off donations and parking for its unpaid volunteers.

If the council wants to stop all day parking perhaps they should impose charges after 3 hours. I don't think you can compare a small local access facility with a town like West Malling.

I know there is a lot of opposition to these proposals and I hope people's views will be taken into account.

Off-street response – Reference number 3241

I object to parking charges.

It is disgusting that after reaching the age of eighty six I should have to pay parking charges just to use Martin Squares' Post Office.

It was only two years ago that migrants were sitting outside a hotel in Kent eating their breakfast!

I worked until I was eighty as a carer.

We need a Government who has some brains and who puts hard working British people first.

Off-street response – Reference number 3242

I object to parking charges.

This hideous idea of charging people for parking to visit their local Shops, Schools, Doctors, Cafe, Chemist, Toilet, Hairdresser etc. is such a ludicrous hare-brained scheme of not only blocking up the local roads including putting the public's life at risk but killing off the Square's local businesses

Although I guess you will say it's only 60p for half an hour, you don't understand that a lot of people cannot afford it and don't know how long a doctor's appointment etc. will take.

You are simply pushing the trade to the local Superstores and upsetting all the decent tax paying folk and businesses of this community, you should be ashamed to be considering this money-making cash cow.

As you can probably tell we are absolutely seething and totally against this stupid proposal and strongly object, I request you axe it immediately.