

Off-street response – Reference number 1

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3

I object to the proposed changes.

The increase in prices will deter people from using the facilities and shops in the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 4

I object to the proposed changes.

They already cost a fortune. As a resident of the town I spend so much parking to get shopping or picking up the children from clubs etc.

Off-street response – Reference number 5

I object to the proposed changes.

They already charge too much

Off-street response – Reference number 6

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 7

I object to the proposed changes.

The shops are dying and this will mean that more and more people go out of town for their shopping

Off-street response – Reference number 8

I object to the proposed changes.

How can you justify it we pay more than most areas already and we still have un maintained town with parking attendants swanning about it very expensive cars!! Wrong on all levels and pure greed claw your money back somewhere else

Off-street response – Reference number 10

I object to the proposed changes.

Council tax has increased, parking increases will further inhibit people visiting the high street and small businesses need the support of the council here. Offset potential gains of increasing parking costs with projected incomes from new charges introduced elsewhere in the borough.

Off-street response – Reference number 11

I object to the proposed changes.

Retail in this town is suffering enough

Off-street response – Reference number 12

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 13

I object to the proposed changes.

This is highly anti-business and will result in local businesses suffering. It would also increase rain run off in a flood zone and add expenses to parents whose children are attending after school clubs.

Off-street response – Reference number 14

I object to the proposed changes.

The increases in the off the street car park permits has been very frequent without actually understanding what benefit the council brings? It's not clear what the increase in money is used for nor does it seem warranted

Off-street response – Reference number 15

I object to the proposed changes.

Things are so tough financially right now, please don't add another increase to our already struggling lives.

Off-street response – Reference number 16

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 17

I object to the proposed changes.

I appreciate the need to maintain the car parks but in the current economic climate support of local businesses is critical and anything that will adversely affect this should be considered and avoided

Off-street response – Reference number 19

I object to the proposed changes.

The hourly charge increase is too high, particularly when coupled with the change to 7 days a week and longer charging periods.

Also once again it seems that the residents of Tonbridge are being unfairly penalised with parking charges compared to other parts of the borough.

Off-street response – Reference number 20

I support the proposed changes.

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 21

I object to the proposed changes.

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Off-street response – Reference number 22

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Off-street response – Reference number 26

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Off-street response – Reference number 28

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(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 29

I object to the proposed changes.

I'm a resident of Tonbridge and have done for nearly 18yrs and the high Street is on its knees already you change to these parking proposals and it will be the total death of the high Street.

It's already too expensive to park to go into town. Free after 6pm & free on a Sunday & Bank Holidays desperately need to stay in place. As nobody will want to come to any activities organised in Tonbridge around these times as will have to pay if your in town more than 2 hours it's £2.80 as it is now, which is why people don't come here so much so that's why businesses are struggling as well as the current climate.

Feel desperately sorry for staff who have to park to work in Tonbridge and especially if this ridiculous proposal goes ahead.

I have to pay for a permit myself to park in my street and really object to it going up further in price.

Off-street response – Reference number 32

I object to the proposed changes.

Once again it is the poor motorist that have to suffer with increased prices for parking, it appears to be the only weapon you have to reduce the Black hole in the Council finances. It is difficult enough to attract visitors to our High Street, with the exception of the Sportsground Park and Country Park. People are already suffering from increased costs from every angle and this simply will not help.

I pay an absolute bomb for parking outside of my house, residents parking , and this is of course just an additional cost.

I simply wish that the Council would think up some other bright idea apart from making the motorists pay more.

Off-street response – Reference number 33

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges are already a lot and should not be increased in tariff or change of hours having to pay for

Off-street response – Reference number 34

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 35

I object to the proposed changes.

Very short sighted - people will just shop elsewhere! Just look at how Tunbridge Wells has died - people would just park on the streets or go further to better facilities.

Off-street response – Reference number 36

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 38

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 39

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 40

I object to the proposed changes.

It's already more expensive than other areas

Off-street response – Reference number 41

I object to the proposed changes.

Our car parks are already so expensive. Whenever I go to another town, I always realise how much we have to pay in Tonbridge

Off-street response – Reference number 42

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 44

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking in Tonbridge is already eye-wateringly expensive. Perhaps consider negotiating a better deal with the company you use? Or even deprivatise parking and keep all the money

Off-street response – Reference number 45

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 46

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 47

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 48

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 49

I object to the proposed changes.

We pay enough already. Any higher charges will seriously hamper shops in the high street. We will just go where there is no charge

Off-street response – Reference number 50

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 51

I object to the proposed changes.

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Off-street response – Reference number 55

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 56

I object to the proposed changes.

Families are facing incredibly tough times financially, increasing parking fees will add further to the burden of necessary tasks such as food shopping and activities for children throughout the week. It will also drive more people to change their behaviours and adopt more delivery services, ultimately reducing the appeal of the high street.

Off-street response – Reference number 58

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing charges for parking will put unnecessary strain on people who are already struggling to make ends meet.

Off-street response – Reference number 59

I object to the proposed changes.

I work for Waitrose and not being their car park we as staff have to spend so much many on parking already on a weekly basis and it is not subbed one bit, if you increase prices and extend the time we have to pay till this will stop poeple being able to afford

Off-street response – Reference number 60

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 61

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 62

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 63

I object to the proposed changes.

Again, this is just another way to increase revenue.

Off-street response – Reference number 64

I object to the proposed changes.

This would just lead to more traffic

Off-street response – Reference number 65

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 67

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Off-street response – Reference number 68

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 71

I object to the proposed changes.

Encourage people into Tonbridge by reducing parking costs. No charges at bluewater or north farm ever so do your bit to help high street thrive

Off-street response – Reference number 72

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 73

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 75

I object to the proposed changes.

We pay enough, all incentives are going or reducing like the Sainsbury's car park. There are ZERO spaces for children and families in your car parks which is shocking! Why exactly is being maintained, the people you pay to issue parking fines?! I am not in favour of this at all. If you want the high street to survive you need to seriously think about this.

Off-street response – Reference number 78

I object to the proposed changes.

This WILL have direct impact on local business meaning high street will be left with no more shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 79

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 81

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Off-street response – Reference number 82

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Off-street response – Reference number 83

I support the proposed changes.

The council should charge as much as possible for parking in its car parks. It is a great way of raising revenue and if people don't want to pay, it will encourage people to use other forms of travel that are not so disastrous for the environment.

Off-street response – Reference number 84

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 87

I object to the proposed changes.

Extending the period that charges apply and increasing the cost will further impact negatively on the high street. The council should come up with a plan that encourages people to the high street. Why not offer first three hours free and install number plate barrier later at the car park. The council is very short sighted. The more charges that come into affect the lies I will visit the high street and purchase online.

Off-street response – Reference number 88

I object to the proposed changes.

As above

Off-street response – Reference number 89

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing parking charges would reduce the number of people going to the high street and impact our local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 90

I object to the proposed changes.

We must encourage visitors to visit the town and this does not serve that goal. Can you consider increased charges only during key events taking place in town only? So limited time increases.

Off-street response – Reference number 91

I object to the proposed changes.

I think it will reduce foot fall to the shops in Tonbridge more than it is now and possibly destroy the town centre.

Off-street response – Reference number 92

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 93

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 95

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 97

I support the proposed changes.

Support is probably incorrect, but I understand the necessity.

Off-street response – Reference number 98

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges are already too high and do nothing to encourage people to use the High Street. Why doesn't the Council install machines that can accept card/contactless payments direct rather than using Ringo which needlessly adds to parking costs and stops people being able to get a refund from Waitrose and Sainsbury's? Does someone in the Council own shares in Ringo I wonder?

Off-street response – Reference number 99

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 100

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 101

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already too expensive and we are in a cost of living crisis! You will damage our high streets and local businesses further if you increase parking charges as people we'll either not shop for so long or will go somewhere where parking is free and there is more choice, like Bluewater, which is only 20 minutes away.

Off-street response – Reference number 103

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 104

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge is already expensive enough to park, if you increase the parking prices any further it will cripple businesses. If I need to drive into Tonbridge I limit my time due to the cost of parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 105

I object to the proposed changes.

The car park tariffs already in place are too high.

Off-street response – Reference number 106

I object to the proposed changes.

If you are going to increase it should be more accurate for the time to park, so timed half hourly, rather than rounding up by the hour

Off-street response – Reference number 107

I object to the proposed changes.

Having not raised its costs in 2 years is simply not a reason to raise them now! Unless these off street parking facilities are being run at a loss then charges should stay the same.

Off-street response – Reference number 108

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 109

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 110

I object to the proposed changes.

This is completely unnecessary again is a money making proposal when times are already hard

Off-street response – Reference number 111

I support the proposed changes.

I can understand the need to increase prices and it is still cheaper to park than take the bus!

Off-street response – Reference number 112

I support the proposed changes.

Any increase should be for longer stays so as not to discourage local shopping.

Off-street response – Reference number 113

I object to the proposed changes.

This is a blatant revenue raising exercise. There is no need to increase parking fees as they are already too high.

Off-street response – Reference number 114

I object to the proposed changes.

Increased charges drives people away from using high street. Which is why it's already empty.

Off-street response – Reference number 116

I object to the proposed changes.

Not needed, and will push business away in a climate that is not stable

Off-street response – Reference number 117

I object to the proposed changes.

Your charges are already outrageous. If we visit up north the parking is so cheap. I'm sorry but look elsewhere as this is desperate.

Off-street response – Reference number 119

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 120

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 121

I object to the proposed changes.

Read the room! People are struggling to buy food and heat houses. Parking is not a choice or a luxury; delay the rise until a more suitable time.

Off-street response – Reference number 122

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 124

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Off-street response – Reference number 125

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Off-street response – Reference number 126

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 127

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 129

I support the proposed changes.

I understand the rationale for raising the charges but would like to see more flexibility in the parking periods. Could we have 90 minute slots to cater for people who go to the gym for an hour and have to pay for 2 hours or risk a fine for overstaying a one hour ticket

Off-street response – Reference number 130

I object to the proposed changes.

Council should stop making road users an scapegoat for its incompetence in managing it's monies.

Off-street response – Reference number 131

I object to the proposed changes.

This will cause drivers to clog up neighbourhoods in order to find free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 133

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 134

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 135

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already extortionate in Tonbridge, the town is dead and it's off putting to visit.

Off-street response – Reference number 136

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 137

I object to the proposed changes.

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Off-street response – Reference number 138

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Off-street response – Reference number 139

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Off-street response – Reference number 141

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Off-street response – Reference number 142

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 143

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 144

I object to the proposed changes.

Local business needs support to ensure their customers are encouraged to visit the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 146

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 148

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 151

I object to the proposed changes.

Free parking is important in these times of financial hardship. Also the parking charges for longer periods are too high.

Off-street response – Reference number 153

I object to the proposed changes.

Given the recent economic issues people have right now WHY are you now putting something in place that drains peoples income further, can you not delay for a year or so people already have to choose between eating and heating you are out of order.

Off-street response – Reference number 156

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 157

I object to the proposed changes.

Support Business, keep parking free

Off-street response – Reference number 158

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 159

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 160

I object to the proposed changes.

Just another cash making for council.

Off-street response – Reference number 161

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 162

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 163

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 164

I object to the proposed changes.

Existing charges are not always fairly administrated. I was fined for parking overnight when I visited the same car park on consecutive mornings.

Off-street response – Reference number 165

I object to the proposed changes.

I understand that some increases need to be made but be careful not to outprice Hayesden country park. We need to be encouraging people to use the park and get outside, not putting financial barriers in their way. £3.20 for two hours parking is too much to access the town it too much. I will get everything done in an hour so I don't have to pay. Ordinarily I would take my time and stop for a coffee but I won't do that if I have to spend £3.20. Shame as everyone then loses out.

Off-street response – Reference number 168

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 169

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already limited and people are put off coming to the town for shopping. As a business it is becoming harder to attract new staff as a result of limited parking and the cost of parking within the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 170

I support the proposed changes.

I know that car park revenue has to be plowed back into that service so as long as the extra is used to maintain the carparks I'm ok with that.

Off-street response – Reference number 171

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 172

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 173

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 174

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 175

I object to the proposed changes.

What 'services' are you supplying?

Off-street response – Reference number 176

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 177

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking costs are already very high and impact on how often I visit the high street. It is stopping people from shopping locally and impacting on businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 178

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 179

I object to the proposed changes.

Stop imposing stealth taxes on motorists and increase the council tax by what you need. Be honest about your budget shortfalls and ask the local electorate to cover them.

Off-street response – Reference number 180

I object to the proposed changes.

There is a cost of living crisis. Don't increase prices. Keep parking cost low to attract visitors to Tonbridge and for locals. If you do do this you'll kill the town centre and shops will close.

Off-street response – Reference number 181

I object to the proposed changes.

As a member of the Angel Centre gym (a council run facility) having to pay for parking to evening and Sunday classes will significantly impact my use and I will look for membership elsewhere, as with added parking charges on top of the membership, it is likely that I will find a cheaper alternative.

Off-street response – Reference number 182

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 183

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 184

I object to the proposed changes.

Where can people park? Without the council using this stealth tax

Off-street response – Reference number 186

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 189

I object to the proposed changes.

For Tonbridge to attract people to the town the parking charges need to be kept reasonable. We used to visit Sevenoaks regularly until they increased their parking charges but now don't bother. We spend time in Devon on holiday, their parking charges have increased and where we used to spend the whole day somewhere, shopping, coffee, lunch etc, we now don't because of the cost of parking. We now tend to visit places where parking is free or reasonable and we spend our money there.

I do support the increase in town centre season ticket prices. I think they should be £520 per annum or £10 per week. Very reasonable, where else can you park for less than £2 a day! After all they are taking parking spaces away from people who use the car parks to visit. They also know when they move to the town centre they will have to find

somewhere to park and how much it will cost.

Off-street response – Reference number 191

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 193

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 195

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 197

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 200

I object to the proposed changes.

We pay enough car tax without having to pay extra to park on the roads

Off-street response – Reference number 201

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 202

I object to the proposed changes.

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 object to the proposed changes.

Shops and services would be killed off if parking becomes more expensive

Off-street response – Reference number 204

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 206

I object to the proposed changes.

If you want to keep towns alive then I think prices for parking ought to be kept as they are. The likes of Ringo mean money no longer needs collecting so surely that reduces cost. Some councils don't even have machines any longer, maybe think about that.

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I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 208

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Off-street response – Reference number 209

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Off-street response – Reference number 210

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 211

I object to the proposed changes.

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Off-street response – Reference number 212

I support the proposed changes.

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Off-street response – Reference number 213

I object to the proposed changes.

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Off-street response – Reference number 214

I support the proposed changes.

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Off-street response – Reference number 215

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Off-street response – Reference number 217

I object to the proposed changes.

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Off-street response – Reference number 219

I support the proposed changes.

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Off-street response – Reference number 220

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Off-street response – Reference number 222

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Off-street response – Reference number 223

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 224

I object to the proposed changes.

I work at West Malling Library and object to the price of a season ticket holder increasing. It's so bad I have to pay for one at all to park in the town where I work especially for a free KCC service role. £35 increase per year is an obscene increase so I totally object.

Off-street response – Reference number 225

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 226

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already expensive.

Off-street response – Reference number 229

I object to the proposed changes.

Already too expensive and an increase will put people off visiting the town which have a negative impact on shops and businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 231

I object to the proposed changes.

Times are hard and people cannot keep affording price rises. If you want businesses to have a business left you can't keep raising prices.

Off-street response – Reference number 234

I object to the proposed changes.

You need to encourage people to use the towns high streets and parks not price the parking out and make people shop at out of town free parking areas

Off-street response – Reference number 235

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 236

I object to the proposed changes.

I do not understand how a lump of tarmac suddenly has increased costs. I have not seen anything within these parking areas that has ongoing or additional costs. Feel like a way to make more money as appose to making improvements.

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I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 238

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 241

I object to the proposed changes.

The council should prioritise ways of reducing cost rather than increasing revenue. TMBC should publish a detailed breakdown of the increased cost forecasts, the expected revenue increase of the various schemes proposed as part

of this consultation and where any surplus will be invested. This is important for an open and transparent democracy in which informed decisions can be made. The proposed increase will affect local businesses and encourage more people to shop online, which is already a significant challenge being faced by the high street.

Off-street response – Reference number 242

I object to the proposed changes.

I believe car parking charges are too expensive already. Local business and shops are already suffering.

Off-street response – Reference number 245

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 247

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 248

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 249

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 251

I object to the proposed changes.

Strongly object to this proposal, the free parking is a great way to get people into town on the weekend! Please do not do this!!

Off-street response – Reference number 252

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 253

I object to the proposed changes.

Not sure how the increase is justifiable. Already it is expensive to park in the town. I avoid coming into town because of the aggravation of parking, not so much the actual cost of parking, but getting a ticket, having the right money, or not, not getting change. I use an app for convenience a lot of the time but resent paying an additional 20p just to do so, especially when the app makes life simpler for the Council.

Off-street response – Reference number 254

I object to the proposed changes.

I object to the increase in parking charges unless you offer 2 hours free parking. The constant traffic jam through the high street, the removal of a much needed pedestrian crossing in the middle of the high street and the building of large premise shops in the industrial estate with free parking have all but destroyed our high street as a shopping centre. Shops such as Millets closed as a direct result of this, Bring shoppers back to the town with 2 hours free parking then an increased parking changer after that. Increasing parking changes will do the opposite on our town where car drivers are already prioritised above pedestrians, cyclists and shoppers.

Off-street response – Reference number 255

I object to the proposed changes.

High streets are suffering badly enough as it is - increasing parking costs simply encourage people to go to out of town shopping centres where parking is free. I think we should be encouraging people to come to town, with an hour of free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 258

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 259

I object to the proposed changes.

Already so expensive, all of the councillors who don't actually live in tonbridge don't seem to realise how much this will continue to impact the ability of the town to thrive.

Off-street response – Reference number 260

I object to the proposed changes.

This will put more people off visiting Tonbridge. Our shops will have fewer visitors as people will buy online or travel to places with more shop choice and free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 261

I object to the proposed changes.

It will decrease the number of visitors to town centres that are already under pressure economically, I say this as a customer who will time my visits to avoid charges as much as possible.

Off-street response – Reference number 262

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 263

I object to the proposed changes.

Motorists are tired of being used as cash cows.

Off-street response – Reference number 264

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 265

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Off-street response – Reference number 267

I object to the proposed changes.

Ridiculous... I moved here 7 years ago and parking has increased at an alarming rate since then. Why is 4 hours parking literally 4 x 1hr parking... why is there no discount for parking longer and enjoying more of the shops/restaurants. You're killing off the high street. I often drive to bluewater for shopping and banks now because tonbridge costs me £5.20 to park for 4 hours- it's a joke!

Off-street response – Reference number 268

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 269

I object to the proposed changes.

Remove the cash payment option and hence reduce ongoing operating costs - you don't need to maintain machines nor do you need to collect cash. In short, look for ways to be more efficient, not simply increase costs as the easy answer.

Off-street response – Reference number 270

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living!

Off-street response – Reference number 271

I object to the proposed changes.

Increased parking fees keep people away from towns. Free short stay parking and lower fees would encourage people to visit the town more and maybe more local shops would be able to remain open.

Off-street response – Reference number 273

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 274

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 275

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 276

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 280

I object to the proposed changes.

It is expensive enough. The council needs to look at its operation for savings not throw the burden onto the public.

Off-street response – Reference number 281

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 282

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 283

I object to the proposed changes.

I am a local resident and go to towns within the borough, however the cost of parking is prohibitive, and is an active discouragement. Currently I am an EV driver and Maidstone Borough Council offer free parking for EV's in all their car parks. This means that I actively choose to go to Maidstone (although more difficult to get to) over Tonbridge and spend within the town. I will choose a Maidstone branch rather than a Tonbridge one due to the free parking. Likewise if parking charges are introduced in Martin Square and West Malling High Street I will actively select Maidstone Library rather than the local ones. This will mean more journey's and more environmental impact and a

lost of income and local support to the businesses within the borough.

Off-street response – Reference number 284

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 286

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 287

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 288

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 290

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 291

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 293

I object to the proposed changes.

I f feel this is more likely to drive people to park on residential streets. I don't see the council employing a large number of wardens to enforce the parking fines

Off-street response – Reference number 295

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 296

I object to the proposed changes.

As a user of the Angel Centre for Leisure activities it's becoming increasingly expensive to park. I shall probably go where free parking as I can't afford. Many classes I attend after 6pm & Sunday as free parking at the moment.

Off-street response – Reference number 298

I object to the proposed changes.

We already pay more than enough for parking. I resent it. I drive to Tesco for free parking when I have a big shop to do. You are killing Tonbridge shops

Off-street response – Reference number 299

I object to the proposed changes.

RAISING CARPARK CHARGES WILL ONLY INCREASE ILLEGAL (ON DOUBLE YELLOW LINES) PARKING IN THE SLADE AND PEOPLE PARKING IN PERMITTED BAYS WHICH MEANS RESIDENTS CAN'T PARK AFTER USING THEIR CAR IN THE MORNING. PARKRUN AND FOOTBALL ON SATURDAYS, TJs EVENTS ON SUNDAYS, ARE REGULAR NIGHTMARE PARKING TIMES FOR US IN SLADE. ADD TO THIS CHRISTMAS AT THE CASTLE, LIGHTS, THE ARTISAN MARKET, FIREWORKS EVENTS CINEMA AT THE CASTLE, MUSIC EVENTS IN THE PARK AND AT THE CASTLE AND MUCH MORE, ALL BRING VISITORS TO TONBRIDGE WHO WANT SOME FREE PARKING. PLEASE COME AND LOOK AT THE ISSUES WE HAVE ON AN EVENT DAY.

Off-street response – Reference number 300

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 301

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking in Tonbridge is already extremely expensive and prohibits how much my family of 3 young children can access tonbridge and it's amenities. It's extremely helpful to have Sundays and after 6pm that are free for parking. With the cost of living crisis and trying to cut costs as much as possible, those are now the times I am able to come into tonbridge to do grocery shopping, go on family walks in the park etc. Removing them would have a significant impact on both our finances, quality of live and ability to support local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 302

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 304

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 305

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 308

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 309

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 311

I support the proposed changes.

As costs have increased recently, I feel it is reasonable for the council to raise the cost of car parks to help cover costs elsewhere. I also hope that this helps deter people from making short journeys via car when they could have walked or cycled. It would also be nice to see more local business offering validation/refunds on parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 312

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 313

I object to the proposed changes.

Higher costs are extremely off-putting and likely that i will avoid shopping in the high street or in car parks where fees are incurred

Off-street response – Reference number 314

I object to the proposed changes.

No I do not support this at all. Less incentive for anyone to visit the high street and also more people will shop out of town at North Farm supermarkets t wells or Tesco Pembury, Aldi etc where parking is free. Very short sighted

Off-street response – Reference number 316

(no comment supplied)

Won't the raise increase the drift of shoppers to Cannon Lane car parks that are free?

Off-street response – Reference number 318

I object to the proposed changes.

People need to be able afford to venture out of their homes, for either recreation, work or shopping etc

Off-street response – Reference number 319

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 320

I object to the proposed changes.

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

Off-street response – Reference number 322

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking in Tonbridge expensive compared to other local areas, where you can park for free for 30 mins. Charging more will stop people coming into town and will be detrimental to local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 323

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 324

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 325

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 326

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 328

I object to the proposed changes.

It's just a money grab from people that already pay high council tax and get little return.

Off-street response – Reference number 329

I object to the proposed changes.

The charges in Sevenoaks in some places and other surrounding area are less

Off-street response – Reference number 330

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 331

I object to the proposed changes.

With cost of living currently this is a bad move and will impact small businesses as it will drive people to out of town shopping centres

Off-street response – Reference number 332

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 333

I object to the proposed changes.

I don't understand why you want to put more people off using the High Street with these prices. It's hard enough trying estimate how long a shopping trip is going to be. And since the main doctors surgery is now in the centre of town with very limited parking you have to guess how long the waiting time will be.

Off-street response – Reference number 334

I object to the proposed changes.

While off street parking has not been raised in two years, surely a raise would need there to be a significant improvement of the shops and services that Tonbridge has to offer? There are too many gaps in this thought process. Too many hair places, coffee shops and charity shops and yet not a permanent post office, a persistently unopened shop (a year due to asbestos, surely the council could have helped due to the impact on the community), increasing lack of banks, it goes on.

Off-street response – Reference number 336

I object to the proposed changes.

It will result in even less people visiting the town....instead going to the industrial estates where parking is free.

Off-street response – Reference number 337

I support the proposed changes.

I understand that the council needs money as there is a deficit and if this is the best way to do it then I will support it. However, if car use is going to be discouraged (which it will be with an increase in parking fees). I think there should be safe and reliable alternatives like safe cycle lanes and nice pedestrian options (without cars blocking off the pavement). I have cycled many time from my home to town (with my young child at the back) and the amount of near misses I've had is unbelievable. I cycle on the cycle lane and take detours when I can but to recount only a few; a van was driving down the wrong side of the road, half on the road, half on the cycle lane; cars parked on the cycle lane and once a car swerving into the cycle lane "for a laugh)... all this with my 3 year old with me.

The buses should also be reliable and affordable options. Children should be free if they are with an adult. Going into town and back with my 2 children would cost me £12. This is very expensive for a 10 minute journey; and I have no choice but to take my children with me as they are too young to be left alone.

The increase will also mainly impact poorer households as wealthier people will be able to pay the £0.20 increase.

Off-street response – Reference number 338

I object to the proposed changes.

I don't object to an increase in prices wholesale. I am in favour of more cycle friendly access to the town centre. At the moment the only cycle lane that reaches the centre of town from where I live in North Tonbridge, has multiple cycle gates which prevent easy access of bicycles into the town. This makes it incredibly difficult for wider handlebars, baskets, and trailers to pass. Which in turn makes it hard to take children and shopping trailers into town and avoid using a car.

With this restriction, all the car parking charge increase does is tax us for getting into town.

I would be happy for charges to increase if there were alternatives available and to go into town by car was a choice. But my options are to struggle by bike on the cycle path with the obstructions, go down the narrow road and share the space with cars where drivers are aggressive, or walk down the main road with the resulting pollution.

There is already a huge unused carpark in the form of Tonbridge Station. I know it is not owned by the council but this shows that high prices just leave an empty space of tarmac.

Of course, wealthier households will just pay these charges to continue using their car. 20p here and there doesn't impact wealthier families, but those who are already struggling are the ones who will feel this the most.

Off-street response – Reference number 340

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 341

I object to the proposed changes.

It'll kill businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 342

I object to the proposed changes.

It will deter people from visiting Tonbridge. The business currently suffer because of the cost of parking putting people off.

Off-street response – Reference number 343

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 344

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 347

I object to the proposed changes.

Just keep upping the charges and then the towns/ villages will be empty

Off-street response – Reference number 350

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 351

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 353

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges are high enough. In case it had escaped your notice people are really struggling financially. Don't need any more increases. Maybe you should think about reducing the prices a maybe that would encourage more people into the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 355

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 357

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 358

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 360

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 361

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 362

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 363

I object to the proposed changes.

Don't lie. If you are desperate for money then say it. Don't try to dress it up as a benefit.

Off-street response – Reference number 364

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 365

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 366

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing parking costs in the car parks around the castle area will impact heavily on Slade Residents who have a hard enough job, at times, trying to find a parking space in the residents parking scheme, which they pay for, now. Also, the chance of any visitors they may have getting a parking space would pretty much be non-existent.

Off-street response – Reference number 368

I object to the proposed changes.

Don't destroy the ability to shop off peak. Don't destroy small businesses. Don't be greedy, you'll just force shoppers elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 370

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 374

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 375

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 376

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 378

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 379

I object to the proposed changes.

The high cost of parking already does deter parking in Tonbridge and bringing people to the town.

An hours free parking before the charging begins as in Paddock Wood, would be an incentive to shop in town more.

Off-street response – Reference number 381

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 382

I object to the proposed changes.

This increase the financial burden on parking in midst of this living crisis, there is already increase in council tax which I have no choice to object and i do not see any improvement in service. Increasing parking charge is just pushing people away from Tonbridge town centre and killing all the business

Off-street response – Reference number 383

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 384

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 385

I object to the proposed changes.

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 support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 388

I object to the proposed changes.

This will ruin business as with the cost of living people will not be able to afford these prices to park in our town.

Off-street response – Reference number 389

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 390

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 391

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 392

I object to the proposed changes.

We don't have the money!

Off-street response – Reference number 393

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 394

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 395

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 396

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already expensive enough, you will drive people away from these areas. If more businesses shut the loss of business rates will hit harder than you upping your charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 397

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 399

I object to the proposed changes.

If you want to kill the high Street

Off-street response – Reference number 400

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 401

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 402

I object to the proposed changes.

This is just another stealth tax on people by a council that cannot manage its budget.

Off-street response – Reference number 404

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 405

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 406

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 407

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 408

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 409

I object to the proposed changes.

I represent self help groups who meet weekly and whose membership is made up of people who are already suffering hardship. To add parking fees to their weekly burden may well discourage many from seeking help and eventually place a heavier workload on the local care services

Off-street response – Reference number 412

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge has a declining high street and yet you want to increase prices which will stop people coming to an already depressed high street.

Off-street response – Reference number 413

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 414

I object to the proposed changes.

Stop raising prices on council tax, carparks etc. You are criminals.

Off-street response – Reference number 416

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing parking charges would likely have a negative impact on the viability of many retail businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 418

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 419

I object to the proposed changes.

The cost of living is increasing rapidly, soon people won't have enough money for food to be able to pay for bills, child care and parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 420

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking fees are already exorbitant. This is an insult towards already struggling families. If parking fees increase, a free initial hour should be introduced to allow local people to run their errands.

Off-street response – Reference number 421

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 422

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 423

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 424

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 427

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 428

I object to the proposed changes.

It will put people coming to shop in the high st

Off-street response – Reference number 430

I support the proposed changes.

It seems sensible to introduce a reasonable increase

Off-street response – Reference number 431

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 434

I object to the proposed changes.

It is already expensive to park in Tonbridge. The fares already prohibit people with families like me from shopping or going to the park in Tonbridge. We increasingly shop online and drive further afield for leisure activities. This is not good for our health, the environment or Tonbridge businesses. It also sends the wrong message to residents in these times when many face considerable difficulties with the cost of living crisis.

Off-street response – Reference number 435

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 436

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 437

I object to the proposed changes.

Reduce TMBC councillors expenses. Don't price residents and visitors out and punish local business.

Off-street response – Reference number 439

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 440

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 442

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 445

I support the proposed changes.

Price rises in line with rising costs seems reasonable

Off-street response – Reference number 446

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 448

I object to the proposed changes.

Yet again the motorist is penalised! Eventually you will kill the golden goose!

Off-street response – Reference number 452

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 453

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 454

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges in the town are quite high enough for most town folk, so to consider increasing the time of charging by 2 hours in the evening and all Sundays in every car park is pretty mean during this time of austerity.

Off-street response – Reference number 455

I object to the proposed changes.

The 8pm end will not encourage those wishing to use evening facilities such as restaurants and bars.

Off-street response – Reference number 456

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges drive shoppers and users of facilities away from Tonbridge town centre, who will consider shopping online (as I often do because it is not cost effective to drive, park and shop in the High Street) or go to a retail park, where parking is free. It is a recipe for the further decline of our High Street, which I believe is already suffering due, to a considerable extent, to already high parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 459

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 460

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 461

I object to the proposed changes.

It costs quite enough to park now, an certainly restricts my going onto the High Street.

Off-street response – Reference number 463

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 464

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking fees should not go up. It will put people off popping into Tonbridge to shop and eat. There is not a good range of shops as it is and by putting up prices I will be more inclined to visit out of town places with a better range of shops and free parking such as Tunbridge wells retail park or Bluewater.

Off-street response – Reference number 465

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 466

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 467

I object to the proposed changes.

To support local businesses we should be offering cheaper parking /free parking

Off-street response – Reference number 468

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 469

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 470

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 471

I object to the proposed changes.

It's another money grab by TMBC. It already costs a small fortune to park in Tonbridge. People will stop coming to our town soon. You can park in the out of town retail sites for free so it will reduce the number of people using the High Street which will impact on local businesses. Stop using the car park for the farmers market and it'll free up more space to park. Close some of the High Street and put the market on there.

Off-street response – Reference number 472

I object to the proposed changes.

These parking charges are already expensive enough and act as a shadow tax on residents who must purchase them to park their vehicles. The scheme is currently not very forward thinking- for example fees could be linked to emissions or size of vehicle as in other areas (e.g. Bristol).

Off-street response – Reference number 473

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 475

I object to the proposed changes.

We should be wanting to encourage visitors to Tonbridge to keep the businesses going. Raising parking charges will prevent people from coming.

Off-street response – Reference number 477

I object to the proposed changes.

The high street businesses are struggling enough so will put people off using as often need change and not many of us have cash plus the use of the app is more expensive with poor internet connection

Off-street response – Reference number 478

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 480

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already so expensive in Tonbridge. The council decided to give free parking on Sunday and bank holidays so unsure why the council has decided to charge for it now. The council makes a hefty profit from parking tariffs anyway which far outweighs maintenance.

Being a gym user at the Angel centre this will cost me more money especially extending paying for parking until 8 pm. Other gyms do not charge for parking and this is another reason why people have moved from the Angel centre gym. Will have to assess if it is worth staying at the angel centre.

Off-street response – Reference number 481

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 487

I object to the proposed changes.

As written above

Off-street response – Reference number 488

I object to the proposed changes.

The cost for a permit is already high and people cant continue to pay more. People are already struggling financially.

Off-street response – Reference number 489

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 490

I object to the proposed changes.

Rising cost of parking is destroying the town. People do not have the disposable income to pay increased charges

Off-street response – Reference number 491

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 492

I object to the proposed changes.

It seems like a very short sighted way to raise income. Revising the parking charges will put visitors off from coming to Tonbridge and visiting our local businesses. Which will eventually reduce the income raised through business rates as premises close.

Perhaps if longer term decisions had been made by the Council we wouldnt be in the position where we need to raise parking charges..For example selling off assets (former citizens advice bureau) with planning permission rather than without and essentially allowing the developer to design a scheme that TMBC ended up refusing and subsequently allowing on appeal.

Off-street response – Reference number 494

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 496

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 497

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 498

I object to the proposed changes.

I wholeheartedly object to raising parking rates. The more difficult and expensive it is to use the local facilities and businesses, the less likely people will do so. They will drive to trading estates, shopping centres or areas with free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 499

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing parking charges will affect local businesses and impact the already precarious High Street.

Off-street response – Reference number 500

I object to the proposed changes.

It is already expensive to park in town and this would mean more people would choose to shop elsewhere, killing the highstreet further.

Off-street response – Reference number 501

I object to the proposed changes.

£3.20 to park for two hours next to the Angel Centre is a joke. You will be charging me more to park there a month (4 times weekly) to use the gym than my tractive gym membership costs (£35pm). Why can't you give a discount for tractive users, as you do at the swimming pool? If I used my membership at the Larkfield Leisure Centre you wouldn't charge me a parking fee, I believe, so what are you charging me to use the Angel Centre? This is a surefire way to persuade people to move to a gym that offers free parking, thus making the Angel Centre health and wellbeing facilities even more loss-making than they are now. Or I can drive to the Larkfield centre, creating pollution along the way, for less cost than I will pay to park at the Angel Centre. Are you really looking to chase trade away from the Angel Centre as a plan to kill the venue? It certainly looks like it.

Also, pushing the car parking charges in Tonbridge up like this makes a decision to go shopping at Bluewater instead, with a far wider choice of retail outlets on offer, an easier decision. You are not encouraging us to use Tonbridge town centre.

Off-street response – Reference number 502

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 503

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 504

I object to the proposed changes.

Six pounds to park on a Sunday is ridiculous

Off-street response – Reference number 505

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 507

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already expensive and forcing many to use out of town shopping, particularly if you just need to pop in briefly.

A preference would be 30 minutes or 1 hour free, and then charged after that period (similar to St John's car park, TW). The fee for more than 1 hour could then be greater?

Off-street response – Reference number 509

I object to the proposed changes.

People are struggling enough without increase in charges

Off-street response – Reference number 510

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 511

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 512

I object to the proposed changes.

I live in paddock wood but often eat out in Tonbridge. If I had to pay for parking I would not drive to Tonbridge and use the restaurants in the evening

Off-street response – Reference number 513

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 514

I object to the proposed changes.

We need to encourage people into the town to shop not put them off. It's very annoying having to already pay in Sainsbury's when you're spending a lot of money in the store.

Off-street response – Reference number 518

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 519

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 520

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 522

I object to the proposed changes.

I do not believe the proposed new charges would deliver the stated and probably justified aim of reducing long stay parking. The new pricing structure would remove the discount for parking for 3 or 4 hours but would introduce no penalty for the longer parking periods. I believe that to deliver the stated aim the new charging structure should introduce a penalty for the longer parking periods. This could be achieved either by a lower increase in price for periods up to and including 2 hours or a larger increase for 3 and 4 hour periods.

Off-street response – Reference number 523

I object to the proposed changes.

Expensive enough already

Off-street response – Reference number 525

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 530

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already expensive; Tonbridge High Street is dead as it is and increasing charges will discourage shoppers to venture into town to support local businesses and instead they will go to shops that have free parking which will further impact local businesses and shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 531

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 532

I object to the proposed changes.

YOU WILL CLOSE ALL THE SHOPS BAR TESCO AND STOPPING PARKING OUTSIDE THIS STORE TO DRIVE PEOPLE ONTO YOUR METERS YOU ARE ALL SCAMMERS

Off-street response – Reference number 534

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 536

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 537

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 538

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 539

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 540

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 541

I object to the proposed changes.

Everyone is struggling with the cost of living, no don't see the need apart from councils greed to grab money for nothing. Up keep and security of car parks is non existent.

Off-street response – Reference number 546

I object to the proposed changes.

This is misguided. So many people come into Tonbridge on a Sunday, shops will suffer.

Off-street response – Reference number 547

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing charges = greed!

Businesses closing, jobs lost, no rates coming in.

Everyone will use places that offer free parking or on line.

People cannot afford these charges in the current climate.

Off-street response – Reference number 548

I object to the proposed changes.

Most people don't carry cash, yet that's the only option if you want your parking refunded. Make the refunds applicable if people pay on the app too, and remove the additional app fee

Off-street response – Reference number 552

I object to the proposed changes.

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 the proposed changes.

People are already going out less due to the cost of living crisis. Parking charges are one of the reasons our high streets are dead and places like bluewater and strood retail park have massive queues.

Off-street response – Reference number 554

I object to the proposed changes.

The high street needs people to visit, the additional charges will keep people away and we need more people to visit.

Off-street response – Reference number 555

I object to the proposed changes.

Daylight robbery

Off-street response – Reference number 557

I object to the proposed changes.

The fact the cost hasn't increased in 2 years is beside the point. It's already staggeringly high and puts more financial pressure on families who would like to shop in our town and are forced to shop in industrial estates. Using the park

or 'shopping local' becomes an expensive luxury rather than a right. This will not help a struggling high street. Further pushing people to shop out of town will ultimately lead to less revenue from parking because it's too expensive. Meet a friend for coffee - oh add another £4 to a catchup for parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 558

I object to the proposed changes.

The cost of living crisis is already hurting people and increasing or introducing parking charges will only place more burden on people's pockets. Businesses will suffer as people will save money by visiting more out of town shops, restaurants etc that have their own free parking thus damaging our high streets and town centres further.

Off-street response – Reference number 561

I object to the proposed changes.

It makes shopping in the local town more expensive. Shoppers will go elsewhere or shop on line which will have a detrimental effect on local business

Off-street response – Reference number 562

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 563

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 564

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 565

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 566

I object to the proposed changes.

Sainsbury's is an example of how bad things can get

Off-street response – Reference number 568

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 570

I object to the proposed changes.

With the current cost of living crises this will make it even harder for some to access the high street! With people being either unable to pay or spending less time in the town, it will have an impact on the shops on the high street as they start to see less visitors!

The high street is often busier on the Sundays where it's currently free parking, which shows a lot of people already can not afford the costs without the increase! surely you should be helping to make the high street more accessible, not less!

Off-street response – Reference number 571

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 572

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 573

I object to the proposed changes.

I don't shop in Tunbridge Wells very often because of the parking charges and I now never shop in Sevenoaks, or go there in the evenings because of the extortionate parking charges. Surely that says it all about the impact of higher charges.

Use the monies raised in parking fines to pay for what's needed on their upkeep and running. Or have you now outsourced that income steam? If so, bring it back in-house.

Off-street response – Reference number 575

I object to the proposed changes.

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 576

I object to the proposed changes.

All residents and visitors benefit from the low cost of parking in Tonbridge.

Off-street response – Reference number 577

I object to the proposed changes.

The increases are way ahead of inflation and will have a negative impact on household finances in a time of austerity.

Off-street response – Reference number 579

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 581

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge is struggling enough with shops needing more footfall. This increase will not help and will put more pressure on roads with no parking restrictions.

Off-street response – Reference number 582

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 583

I object to the proposed changes.

The charges are enough already

Off-street response – Reference number 584

I object to the proposed changes.

I am a TMBC resident. I now shop at Paddock Wood in the 1 hour free parking. TMBC needs 1 hour free parking to encourage use of shops, so they survive to pay their rates!

Off-street response – Reference number 585

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 586

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 587

I object to the proposed changes.

MY WIFE AND I HAVE BEEN MEMBERS OF WEST MALLING BAPTIST CHURCH FOR MANY YEARS AND ARE DISMAYED THAT WE WILL NOW NEED TO PAY FOR PARKING ON A SUNDAY. THIS WILL HAVE THE INEVITABLE RESULT OF DRIVING PEOPLE AWAY FROM CHURCHES IN THE AREA AT A TIME WITH MANY COST OF LIVING INCREASES. WE OBJECT TO THE IMPOSITION OF PARKING CHARGES ON A SUNDAY IN THE STRONGEST POSSIBLE TERMS. PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS IMPOSITION OF THESE CHARGES

Off-street response – Reference number 588

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 591

I object to the proposed changes.

Encourage visitors and don't put people off even more.

Off-street response – Reference number 592

I object to the proposed changes.

Charges have risen by more than inflation every year for many years.

Off-street response – Reference number 593

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 594

I object to the proposed changes.

This would need to be met by an improvement in the provision of services and I do not believe this will occur

Off-street response – Reference number 595

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 597

I support the proposed changes.

Machines must accept cash

Off-street response – Reference number 598

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 599

I object to the proposed changes.

There's a cost of living crisis and you want to shaft more money from people to line your pockets. Shameful!

Off-street response – Reference number 600

I support the proposed changes.

The broadbrush approach is not sensible, an effort needs to be made to achieve a good turnover of parking to maintain viability of local shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 601

I object to the proposed changes.

motorists are not a cash cow and should not be fleeced to pay for councils woke and unnecessary shortfalls

Off-street response – Reference number 603

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 606

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 607

I object to the proposed changes.

Again i am a district nurse and can not afford to pay for parking

Off-street response – Reference number 608

I object to the proposed changes.

This will have a severe retrograde impact on Tonbridge high street.

Off-street response – Reference number 609

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 610

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 612

I object to the proposed changes.

I understand that costs for maintenance etc are increasing, however you must balance the cost of parking and too high a charge deterring people from using the shops, recreation facilities and events. I propose keeping parking charges at the current rate.

Off-street response – Reference number 613

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 615

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 616

I object to the proposed changes.

I think car parking charges are already fairly high.

Off-street response – Reference number 617

I object to the proposed changes.

If you want to discourage shoppers visiting the town centre then go ahead increase the prices for parking. Otherwise if you want the town to thrive make reductions.

Off-street response – Reference number 618

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 619

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 621

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 622

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 623

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 624

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 625

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 627

I object to the proposed changes.

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Off-street response – Reference number 628

I object to the proposed changes.

This is an extra tax to park on roads already taxed in other ways and not fair on residence to keep hiking

Off-street response – Reference number 630

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 631

I object to the proposed changes.

You are taxing residents for trying to exercise in the evening and weekends. Furthermore, residents will no longer visit the town on a Sunday and in the evening further impacting local shops and restaurants. Shame on you Tonbridge. You are killing the town centre.

Off-street response – Reference number 632

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 633

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 636

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 640

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 641

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 642

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 643

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 644

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 645

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 648

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 649

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 651

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 652

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 653

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 654

I object to the proposed changes.

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

Off-street response – Reference number 655

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 657

I object to the proposed changes.

The cost of living is rising for everyone, another blow

Off-street response – Reference number 667

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 668

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 669

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 673

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 674

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 675

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 677

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 678

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 681

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 682

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 683

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 684

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 686

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 687

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 689

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 692

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 693

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 695

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 696

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 698

I object to the proposed changes.

I'd be interested to know what is meant by "increasing costs of the provision of services" is this specific to the area you are increasing parking costs or overall. Most councils have drastically cut budgets and services so is the plan to charge drivers to park to pay for other services and those the council has inefficiently budgeted for.

Off-street response – Reference number 699

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 702

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 703

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 705

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 706

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 708

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 709

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 710

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 711

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 712

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 713

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 719

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 722

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 724

I object to the proposed changes.

Already costs enough to park.

Off-street response – Reference number 726

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 728

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 729

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 730

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 732

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 733

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 736

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 741

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 742

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 746

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 747

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 749

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 750

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 752

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 757

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 758

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 760

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 764

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 768

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 769

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 770

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 772

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 774

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 776

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 778

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 779

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 780

I object to the proposed changes.

You are encouraging people to either not use the small towns, resulting in a loss of business rates when small businesses go under, or park outside peoples houses a bit further away. We pay very high rates in Ton and Malling as it is, we should be able to park in our car parks without being charged.

Off-street response – Reference number 782

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 783

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 784

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 786

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 788

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 791

I object to the proposed changes.

Just stop looking for the easy targets and find another way instead of selling all our green belt and space

Off-street response – Reference number 793

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 794

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 795

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 796

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 799

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 800

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 801

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 802

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 809

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 813

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 814

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 815

I object to the proposed changes.

People struggle to afford parking

Off-street response – Reference number 823

I object to the proposed changes.

It's already expensive and you also charge to use the parking of an evening with neighbouring councils do not.

Off-street response – Reference number 825

I object to the proposed changes.

With the rising cost of living, it will simply help kill off supporters of smaller local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 826

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 828

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 829

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 830

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 831

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 832

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 833

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 835

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 838

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 840

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 841

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 844

I object to the proposed changes.

With the cost of living crisis, local shops, towns and villages relying regularly on shoppers to keep their business & livelihoods afloat. Increasing charges will inevitably push people to shop online and go to places like Bluewater where you can shop all day for free. Look at Banks. They introduced & pushed online banking...and now there are hardly any branches for people to go into. You want to destroy towns & villages...go ahead and charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 846

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 850

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 851

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 853

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living crisis. Council tax already poor value for money.

Off-street response – Reference number 854

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 856

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 859

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 860

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 861

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 862

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 865

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 866

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 867

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 868

I object to the proposed changes.

Charge smarter not higher for everyone. Make parking over two hours more expensive. Make your profit from those using parking spaces as vehicle storage.

Off-street response – Reference number 870

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 871

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 872

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 873

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 874

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 875

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 880

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 882

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 883

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 884

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 886

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 887

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 888

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 890

I object to the proposed changes.

The government and local councils use drivers as a source of income and forget that increasing parking decreases the number of people visiting areas as they will go elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 892

I object to the proposed changes.

In the present climate people cannot afford extra fees

Off-street response – Reference number 895

I object to the proposed changes.

The impact on businesses, particularly independents, in the high street would be huge and we would see even more being forced to close down. Also, public events like the Christmas festival and fireworks that attract hundreds to the town would suffer hugely as the public just stay away - or worse, block private driveways and residential spaces, causing mayhem for those of us who live here.

Off-street response – Reference number 896

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living is high and this will affect everyone including local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 898

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 899

I object to the proposed changes.

it's expensive already

Off-street response – Reference number 901

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 902

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 904

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 905

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 906

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 910

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 912

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 914

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 920

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 922

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 924

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 925

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 927

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 928

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living crisis the cost is enough already.

Off-street response – Reference number 929

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 930

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 931

I object to the proposed changes.

As above.

Off-street response – Reference number 933

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 934

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 935

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 938

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 940

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 944

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 947

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 948

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 949

I object to the proposed changes.

Again detrimental to the business who rely on people popping in

Off-street response – Reference number 950

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 951

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 954

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 955

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 956

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 957

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 958

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 959

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 963

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 964

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 965

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 966

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 968

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 970

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 972

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 974

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 979

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 980

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 983

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 984

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 986

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 987

I object to the proposed changes.

Terrible idea, a very short sighted money grab. This will impact all of the evening businesses in the town when they are already struggling. More likely to push people to park in non-controlled residential streets that are already over crowded.

Off-street response – Reference number 988

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 990

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 991

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 992

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 996

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 999

I object to the proposed changes.

I object strongly; I think we should lower the charges, so that people can park for longer & spend more money in the town!

Off-street response – Reference number 1000

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1001

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1002

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1004

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1007

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1012

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1013

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1014

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1015

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1016

I object to the proposed changes.

Given the rise in costs that everyone is experiencing this is another stealth tax - it will encourage out of town shopping and the further demise of the high street

Off-street response – Reference number 1017

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1018

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1019

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1020

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1021

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1023

I object to the proposed changes.

Penalising children and families who play sport in the evenings and at the weekends

Off-street response – Reference number 1024

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1028

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1029

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1030

I object to the proposed changes.

Not a good idea during a cost of living crisis

Off-street response – Reference number 1031

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1033

I object to the proposed changes.

To expensive now

Off-street response – Reference number 1034

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1036

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1037

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1039

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1040

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges are ridiculously high as it is.

Off-street response – Reference number 1046

I object to the proposed changes.

Car parking is already expensive enough and increase is simply a money making exercise

Off-street response – Reference number 1055

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1056

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1058

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1062

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1067

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1068

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1069

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking in Maidstone, especially in the two shopping mall car parks, is already ridiculously expensive. I rarely visit the town anymore.

Off-street response – Reference number 1071

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1072

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1073

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1074

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1076

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1078

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1087

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1089

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1095

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1096

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1099

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1100

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1102

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1103

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1104

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1107

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1109

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1112

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1113

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1117

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1119

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1121

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1124

I object to the proposed changes.

This does not encourage people to use local facilities. It will jam up other local roads.

Off-street response – Reference number 1128

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1132

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1135

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1138

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1139

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1141

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1144

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1147

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1149

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1152

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1156

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1157

I object to the proposed changes.

You are pricing people out of your areas .

Off-street response – Reference number 1159

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1160

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1161

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1164

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1166

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1167

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1170

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1172

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1173

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1176

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1180

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1181

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1182

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1183

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1187

I object to the proposed changes.

I won't shop in Tonbridge if I have to pay more for parking. I would rather go to an out of town shopping centre, where I can park for free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1195

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1196

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1197

I object to the proposed changes.

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 object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge is already hugely expensive to park in. There are now very few shops worth visiting on the High Street and additional charges will make it less likely that we will shop in Tonbridge at all.

Off-street response – Reference number 1205

I object to the proposed changes.

Money grabbing!!

Off-street response – Reference number 1206

I object to the proposed changes.

Everything is expensive enough further rises and it's the small businesses that will lose out.

Off-street response – Reference number 1207

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1208

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1209

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1217

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1219

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1222

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1223

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1225

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1228

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1229

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1230

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1231

I object to the proposed changes.

What are the increase in costs to provide parking that has been available already?

It is clearly just an excuse to get more money that is not used to improve the parking facility

Off-street response – Reference number 1235

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1236

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1237

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges are already very high.

Off-street response – Reference number 1240

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1242

I object to the proposed changes.

I have retired early due to ill health but am not able to claim any benefits so am living off my savings till my pension comes, I cannot afford any extras to payout

Off-street response – Reference number 1244

I object to the proposed changes.

Families cant afford this on top of the cost of living crisis

Off-street response – Reference number 1245

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1246

I object to the proposed changes.

Under the current cost of living challenges, local people s as bd local business need cheap or free parking to help regenerate the local economies.

Off-street response – Reference number 1248

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1249

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1250

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1251

I support the proposed changes.

I understand the need for this although it is never welcome to hear that charges must rise.

Off-street response – Reference number 1252

I object to the proposed changes.

With the cost of living still increasing people can't afford all these small increase. If costs do need to go up could it not be balanced out with the first hour is free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1253

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1255

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1256

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1258

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1259

I object to the proposed changes.

Just because they haven't been put up in 2 years is not a reason to do so no. In the present time of financial hardship during a cost of living crisis the council should be looking to make economies instead.

Off-street response – Reference number 1260

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1262

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1266

I object to the proposed changes.

It seems all TMBC are trying to achieve is the complete decimation of our high streets rather than helping/encouraging high streets recover. I really feel for small businesses and independent traders.

Off-street response – Reference number 1267

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1268

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1269

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1270

I object to the proposed changes.

Any increase will result in fewer people accessing the local facilities.

Off-street response – Reference number 1271

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1273

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1274

I object to the proposed changes.

People will stop using the high street closure of more businesses and detrimental to the town

Off-street response – Reference number 1275

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1276

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1277

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1282

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1284

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1285

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1288

I object to the proposed changes.

Due to inflation and the increase in costs for basic essentials (food, energy, council tax etc.) people have less disposable income.

Off-street response – Reference number 1290

I object to the proposed changes.

Research shows that such increase in price and times decreased footfalls to the stress and or shops need shoppers and restaurants customers.

Off-street response – Reference number 1292

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1293

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1294

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1298

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1300

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1301

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1303

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1306

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1307

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1308

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1309

I object to the proposed changes.

I feel that there should be some free street parking so customers can just pop into shops without an additional charge. A limit of an hour or two could be imposed.

Off-street response – Reference number 1311

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1312

I object to the proposed changes.

The town is struggling enough without putting people off visiting because of higher parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1313

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1314

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1318

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1320

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already expensive in Tonbridge and you will drive people away not attract them in. The High St is in a terrible state of decline and it's very sad to see.

Off-street response – Reference number 1322

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge needs visitors to the High Street. Increased charges will only lead to its further demise.

Surrounding towns eg Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells have plenty of roads where one car park free for 2 hours.

Off-street response – Reference number 1326

I object to the proposed changes.

Getting out into the countryside is well-documented as being good for people's mental and physical health, and so I am concerned that increasing parking for Hayesden Country Park will stop people being able to enjoy this amazing amenity in our community, and believe that the council should be encouraging people to use it rather than charging people to do so.

Off-street response – Reference number 1328

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1330

I object to the proposed changes.

What services exactly? The drains are not cleared, the roads and pavements are a mess, the lights with the new bulbs give such a limited circle of light you need 4 times as many, the public lavs were not serviced. Just what do you do with the car parking money?

Off-street response – Reference number 1331

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking in Tonbridge is already prohibitively expensive, especially relative to the quality of shopping we have in town.

Off-street response – Reference number 1332

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1334

I object to the proposed changes.

Unless charging is introduced in Snodland, Larkfield and Aylesford I disagree with increasing charges in Tonbridge

Off-street response – Reference number 1335

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1338

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1339

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1340

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1342

I object to the proposed changes.

Profiteering.

Off-street response – Reference number 1344

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1346

I object to the proposed changes.

I spent £21 last week to do shopping, contact friends and do charity work: ridiculous. The use of a bus was inappropriate to the activities.

I also object to paying an additional fee, presumably to RINGO, for the use of online booking. Additionally, I no longer get any money back when shopping in Sainsburys.

Off-street response – Reference number 1349

I object to the proposed changes.

Drivers are taxed everywhere, fuel, tax, insurance, VAT...parking charges seem unfair!

Off-street response – Reference number 1350

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1351

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1354

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing charges will deter people from coming to the town, there will be less shoppers and less visitors. Consequently less being spent and more shops closing. Are you trying to kill off the high street completely?

Off-street response – Reference number 1357

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1358

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1359

I object to the proposed changes.

To expensive your killing the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 1361

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1362

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1363

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1364

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1365

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1366

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1367

I object to the proposed changes.

Against this greediness

Off-street response – Reference number 1369

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1370

I object to the proposed changes.

The increase in parking fees will put people off coming into town to shop, have coffee etc with friends.... Use the facilities! I will shop more online and certainly meet friends out of town where there are no charges! There are enough empty shops or charity shops as it is!!

Off-street response – Reference number 1371

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1373

I support the proposed changes.

I accept parking charges may need to increase but not to the extent of destroying the High Street businesses any further.

Off-street response – Reference number 1374

I object to the proposed changes.

More expensive parking will deter visitors spending much time in the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 1375

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1376

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1378

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1379

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1381

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1382

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1383

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1385

I object to the proposed changes.

I object as Parking is already expensive as it is. Local Residents should have reduced parking fees as we need to access local businesses in the town but can't always due to high parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1386

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1387

I object to the proposed changes.

We are all struggling with the cost of living this needs to be controlled. The parking for example in Sevenoaks is excessive and has stopped me using the town and supporting the local economy

Off-street response – Reference number 1391

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1392

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1393

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1395

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1397

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1398

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1399

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1402

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1403

I object to the proposed changes.

Charging for parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays is going to a serious negative effect of The Slade area of the town. If these charges come in then The Slade area should become a Residents Only Parking area ALL DAY Sundays otherwise the Residents will not be able to park within the area that we all pay for due to visitors taking any or all free parking within The Slade as a 1st choice rather than using the carparks!

Off-street response – Reference number 1404

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1405

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1406

I object to the proposed changes.

The charges suggested are disproportionate and individually illogical.

Tonbridge town centre traders will suffer loss of trade further depressing the standards of shopping

Off-street response – Reference number 1408

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1409

I object to the proposed changes.

I used to work in tonbridge, but swapped my place of work to crowborough as it's cheaper to drive there and park for free than it is to park in tonbridge. I still shop in tonbridge on a Sunday, but if parking charges were to be introduced, I would not. I can park in paddock wood or crowborough for free. I still know lots of people that work in tonbridge, and their parking costs have escalated as all the free on street parking has been restricted. You'll end up driving workers and customers out of the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 1410

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1411

I object to the proposed changes.

Everything costs enough right now.

Off-street response – Reference number 1412

I object to the proposed changes.

We already pay enough through our council tax and I feel this increase is not justified.

Off-street response – Reference number 1415

I object to the proposed changes.

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 1417

I object to the proposed changes.

The town centre is already struggling. Increasing the charges will deter people from coming into the town, impacting the viability of businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1422

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1425

I object to the proposed changes.

Care needs to be taken, how many high streets are in decline, so stop screwing the shoppers who do support local shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 1426

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1427

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking around the Slade area outside of resident restriction times is becoming increasingly difficult. I sometime struggle to find adequate parking during weekend times and evenings due to non-residents parking or some drivers thinking it is acceptable to take up space for two cars!

If you are to increase the rates for permits, I would like to see an increase in the times for resident only parking in the Slade area of Tonbridge. Putting this down to increased cost is not acceptable neither - the roads around here are not private and do not need running costs or security as you mention. All I can see are traffic wardens so if these increases are to pay for these people, I strongly object.

Off-street response – Reference number 1428

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1429

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1430

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1431

I object to the proposed changes.

Given most people seem to pay electronically now, which involves minimal resources and staff, I struggle to see how costs have increased that much. Fees are already too high, it certainly puts me off coming into the high street. A lot of the time I need to quickly pop somewhere, so would be parked for less than half an hour, but the cost isn't worth it so I rarely bother and shop out of town or online instead.

Off-street response – Reference number 1433

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1434

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1435

I object to the proposed changes.

We pay enough also, the O2 mobile signal is atrocious in Tonbridge Town centre. It is impossible sometimes to use the parking apps. Can pressure be put on O2 to rectify the signal.

Off-street response – Reference number 1436

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1437

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1439

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1441

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1442

I object to the proposed changes.

Why? What will it achieve other than further income?

Off-street response – Reference number 1443

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living is currently high. Highest current rate of VED and taxes in history.

Off-street response – Reference number 1444

I object to the proposed changes.

They are already expensive especially for people on low incomes.

Off-street response – Reference number 1445

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living is expensive enough without increasing charges to park. High streets will disappear if you keep increasing charges when our own money does not increase.

Off-street response – Reference number 1446

I object to the proposed changes.

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

However, the council is not properly analysing the problem. Why is there so much low turnover parking? What other options are there?

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

Off-street response – Reference number 1447

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1448

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1449

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1450

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1451

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1453

I object to the proposed changes.

A small increase in council tax would be sufficient rather than a daily cost which will cause more upset.

Off-street response – Reference number 1454

(no comment supplied)

The options above are divisive - I support a revision of the charges but only to lesser charges. There is no option for that. See below.

Off-street response – Reference number 1457

I object to the proposed changes.

The current car parking charges have reduced the amount of people using Tonbridge High Street resulting mainly in very poor quality shops, too many charity shops and almost no fashion shops at all. To increase the charges would be catastrophic to the retailers trying to make a living.

Off-street response – Reference number 1458

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1460

I object to the proposed changes.

Council parking charges are reasonable mostly and I still feel ok about using the car parks an increase without an increase of spaces seems to be money grabbing in a time people need relaxed fees to access services.

Off-street response – Reference number 1461

I object to the proposed changes.

We need people to keep the high street alive and increasing charges will not help that

Off-street response – Reference number 1462

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1464

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1468

I object to the proposed changes.

I use the carparks to attend exercise classes at the Angel Centre, it is already a very expensive addition to the membership fees and there is a real risk that people will exercise less as a result. I am also concerned about the effects for the high street shops, which already face a lot of competition from the stores on the industrial estate which all offer free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 1470

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1471

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges in Tonbridge are already ridiculously high. It puts people off visiting.

Off-street response – Reference number 1472

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1473

I support the proposed changes.

Charging for parking, where necessary, should not create a cost to the local taxpayers. However, the council should bear in mind that the purpose of the charges should not be to generate revenue but to cover the costs of parking enforcement.

Off-street response – Reference number 1474

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1475

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1476

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1477

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1478

I object to the proposed changes.

We need to encourage more shoppers and visitors

Off-street response – Reference number 1481

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1482

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1483

I support the proposed changes.

Also add the 12 month Long stay season ticket to the Sovereign Way Mid carpark - or allow the season ticket to cover Mid and North.

Off-street response – Reference number 1484

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1486

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1487

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1488

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1491

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1494

I object to the proposed changes.

Any increase should only be made if costs are more than income. They should not be increased to raise money for the council.

Off-street response – Reference number 1495

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1496

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1497

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1498

I object to the proposed changes.

Increased parking charges will send visitors elsewhere. TMBC should be commended on the incredible calendar of events provided to encourage visitors. This initiative directly juxtaposes these Council initiatives.

Separately, the use of the app would be less frustrating if users can select just 20 minutes of parking (for example) and preview the cost of this rather than the existing 1 hour minimums along with only seeing the cost at the final click-through window. Apps have incredibly functionality and the decision not to offer both these options is not because it isn't possible.

Off-street response – Reference number 1499

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1500

I object to the proposed changes.

In essence I have no objections to residents getting permits or increasing the number of pay and display bays. 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 the proposed changes.

Please think seriously about this proposal the state of the economy and the impact it is having on society atm.

Most families unless on the high paid sector are struggling to make ends meet and the use of food banks has increased significantly. As a nation we need to be mindful of this!

Off-street response – Reference number 1503

I support the proposed changes.

The charges have remained the same for a number of years, and a small increase is acceptable in line with the cost of running those spaces efficiently. However, card Payment options would be welcome on machines, as it's very difficult to find small change these days. Especially as Sainsbury's and Waitrose no longer refund fees in actual coins anymore. I know you would encourage us to download the app for payment, but many of us don't trust this option since the last payment app suffered data leaks. Also with the app, the fees are higher and there is no refund option at the supermarket.

Off-street response – Reference number 1504

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1505

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1506

I object to the proposed changes.

The parking in Tonbridge is already hugely expensive and very off putting to actually going to the Town to shop of attend events.

Off-street response – Reference number 1508

I object to the proposed changes.

Life is already very expensive and this won't help.

Off-street response – Reference number 1509

I object to the proposed changes.

My objection is to making charges until 8.00pm rather than 6.00pm and introducing charges on Sunday and Bank Holidays. The pubs and restaurants these car parks serve will be affected and in West Malling traders and customers at the monthly farmers market will be adversely affected after all the efforts put in to make this market a success.

Off-street response – Reference number 1510

I object to the proposed changes.

Small business and local shops should be protected from more increased charges. Shoppers and visitors to Tonbridge should be encouraged to come to Tonbridge, not put off

Off-street response – Reference number 1517

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1520

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1521

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1522

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1524

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1525

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1526

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1527

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1528

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1529

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1530

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1531

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1532

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1533

I object to the proposed changes.

when making a decision as to where to shop/visit as a pensioner, cost is a big factor. The success of Lidl/Aldi etc is to a certain extent due to free parking at their sites. Conversely the proliferation of empty premises on the high street are due to cost and availability of parking (and of course sky high business rates which go directly to the council)

Off-street response – Reference number 1536

I object to the proposed changes.

I believe car park charges are a contributory factor to the demise of the high street. Increasing parking charges when the cost of living is so high is detrimental to both businesses and customers.

Off-street response – Reference number 1540

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1541

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1542

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1543

I object to the proposed changes.

The Council says it wants to support our flagging Tonbridge High Street. Yet there is nowhere to park near the High Street without parking charges. On the other hand, the parking areas off Cannon Lane - in front of Aldi and B&M, and M&S, Halfords, etc. are all free. That is a significant disadvantage for the High Street shops (and may explain, at least in part, why many remain unoccupied). This situation will only be exacerbated by raising the parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1548

I object to the proposed changes.

charges on a sunday will all but kill off the town centre. look around tonbridge high street. it needs to encourage people to shop, not deter them with further charges.

Also, the minimum 4 hour ticket for Haysden park is discriminatory and blocks a lot of visitors ho may only want an hour. Why not make it more accessible financially? parking charges aRE RUINING HIGH STREETS AND NEIGHBOURHOODS.

Off-street response – Reference number 1552

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1553

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1554

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1555

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1556

I object to the proposed changes.

see the comments above

Off-street response – Reference number 1557

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1558

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1559

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1560

I object to the proposed changes.

I think it is a shame that there is so little free parking in Tonbridge compared to Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks. It is impossible just to nip out of the car for a quick pint of milk or to post a letter. It has been possible to get a parking refund from supermarkets etc, but only if you have a ticket, not if you paid online. As we are increasingly becoming a cash free society, this means that it proves difficult to get a refund.

Off-street response – Reference number 1561

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1562

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1563

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge high street is no longer worth visiting. Loss of four banks, no decent shops. Fine if you want charity shops, coffee shops or hairdressers. My daughter lives in Ely where they have free parking. They have a good selection of shops as well as thriving markets both mid-week and Saturdays. If you want a dead high street then catty on increasing your parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 1564

I object to the proposed changes.

The car park off Norman Road which is supposed to be for the school and recreation area needs sorting! A pay a display for any vehicle staying longer than 90 minutes. This allows for parents that need to pop in for a meeting at the school or MOP that want to walk their dogs in the area. At the moment the vehicles in the car park are parked in the morning and left the whole day while the owners use the town or work in the town! A simple ANPR camera similar to the main WM car park would police this.

Off-street response – Reference number 1565

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1567

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1568

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1570

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking in Tonbridge has become so expensive that I avoid going in to Town to do any shopping. I prefer to shop locally and support local businesses, but the cost of doing so is putting me off. It would be interesting to see if the High Street would be more popular if limited free parking was available, possibly for the first hour (Paddock Wood is a good example of how this can be managed)

Off-street response – Reference number 1571

I object to the proposed changes.

The charges should be held to continue the support of the local economy at the lower end of the duration stays (2hrs max). To prevent those using car parks for commuting, the charge should be extended to discourage the use of council car parks to take money out of the local economy.

Off-street response – Reference number 1572

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1573

I object to the proposed changes.

Charges are quite high at the moment. Higher fees will deter people from coming into town and so shops will suffer. If someone is going to London for the day it will add considerable cost.

Off-street response – Reference number 1574

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1575

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1576

I support the proposed changes.

My support and comments are restricted to Tonbridge, and exclude Haysden. I question whether the categorisation of some car parks as Short Stay and others as Long Stay is truly warranted. [1] The physical difference between Upper and Lower Castle Fields is minimal. Likewise the difference between Angel, Botany and the Sovereign Way car parks is minimal. [2] The cost difference between short and long is negligible, certainly up to 3 hours. Does the number of people parking for longer than 3 hours justify this distinction? Couldn't we introduce a 30min charge across all the car parks (Groups 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7)?

Off-street response – Reference number 1577

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1578

I object to the proposed changes.

The proposed increase is 14% which is above the current rate of inflation. Increasing parking charges makes shopping in the centre of Tonbridge and other smaller centres less attractive pushing more shoppers to use out of town sites. The High Street is dying and this adds to making it less attractive/ financially viable to shop in these area. You can't really use the Angel Centre for less than 2 hours so this adds £3.20 to every visit. Use it or Lose it is often quoted and the cost of parking becomes prohibitive. I don't live in Tonbridge and the bus service is too unreliable and infrequent to make it a good alternative.

Off-street response – Reference number 1582

I object to the proposed changes.

The cost is already prohibitive to shoppers and people using some of the Angel Facilities (adding to the losses of the Centre) local retailers suffer as consumers travel by car (higher pollution due to distance) to trading estates in Tunbridge Wells Borough offering free parking. More creative parking solutions should be found than just increasing prices that further damage our high street

Off-street response – Reference number 1584

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1586

I object to the proposed changes.

Prices for parking have been steadily rising and 80 p for 30 minutes is too much . The only way to recoup car parking is to spend over £10 in supermarkets, but many elderly make short simple trips more than once a week because they can't cope with big heavy shops and therefore end up spending a lot of money in a week on car parking .

I don't object to higher costs for longer stays like two or three hours but please for the sake of the elderly keep the cost for 30 mins and 1 hour parking down . I also would like to propose that one carpark in Tonbridge at least has the same protocol as Paddock Wood . Free for the first 30 mins then a fair charge for longer . If you are worried about the money, you will soon recoup it in fines for people who forget and overstay 30 minutes!

Off-street response – Reference number 1587

I object to the proposed changes.

We all pay enough for parking in tonbridge.

Off-street response – Reference number 1589

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1591

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1592

I object to the proposed changes.

It only costs £4 for 3 hrs parking in Tunbridge Wells Royal Victoria Place. You already charge more than that - & now propose to charge £4.80! You're killing the shops in Tonbridge & the amenity of the town. Already Tonbridge is becoming a shopping ghost town with very poor choice. The shopping variety in T/W is far superior to Tonbridge. Why pay more for less? Why would businesses want to open or even continue here, if footfall decreases further?

There are other ways to increase revenue from parking - see my suggestions in a Q5.

Instead of increasing - you need to incentivise residents to park/shop in Tonbridge, by offering cheap or free carnets of parking tickets. Many Councils have done this in outer London boroughs & their high streets are thriving. More footfall = more shops = more business rates for Councils. You're shooting yourselves in the foot with this policy & causing more isolation & higher living costs for elderly & vulnerable.

Off-street response – Reference number 1593

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1594

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1595

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1596

I object to the proposed changes.

Is the Council just trying to raise money? Does it see Parking as a cash cow?

Off-street response – Reference number 1597

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1598

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1599

I object to the proposed changes.

If charges are increased who can afford to pay and support the high st

Off-street response – Reference number 1601

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1602

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1603

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1605

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1606

I object to the proposed changes.

Shopping by car in Tonbridge is unpleasant enough as it is - without this. I know Tonbridge residents who already choose to shop elsewhere to avoid the ridiculous congestion, closed & poor choice shops, & anti-social behaviour. If you increase parking charges again - more will abandon Tonbridge & town centre will deteriorate further, & you will lose even more revenue as more shops close. Why bother with Tonbridge when there's far better shopping elsewhere - with cheaper parking too? (eg T/Wells). Sevenoaks also better - some interesting one-off shops & an excellent supermarket right on the High St. And retail parks are free! So why bother to walk across from Sainsbury's in Tonbridge, to a High St that offers nothing & where parking is so expensive?

Off-street response – Reference number 1608

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1609

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1610

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1611

I object to the proposed changes.

More tax on residents when everything else has gone up in cost. Councils must support residents not tax them more through any means possible.

Off-street response – Reference number 1612

I support the proposed changes.

Make the 1st hour free to encourage use of local businesses and essential services eg collection of prescriptions.

If I had to fact about finding change of booking on my phone to park for 30 mins to collect a takeaway for 5 mins I would stop using local businesses.

I had to pay 30p once to take my cat to be put to sleep & stopping to pay whilst the cat was in pain & myself and the children were so sad was upsetting.

Off-street response – Reference number 1613

I object to the proposed changes.

No one needs any further increased costs in this current economic crisis

Off-street response – Reference number 1614

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost enough already

Off-street response – Reference number 1615

I object to the proposed changes.

Increases in hourly rates at the same time as increasing the hours and days being charged are a triple whammy for residents of Tonbridge.

I don't much care for the business of Sainsburies as they have done nothing for the improvement of Tonbridge and infact have detracted from it by doing nothing, but I do care about the Angel Centre. This is the beating heart of the town, a place where people go to be healthy and stay fit and well, they should not be penslised for needing to park whilst using it.

For those using the gym for one hour classes in the evening, we would have to pay for 2 hours parking to enable us to ve in class the full hour.The increase in charges will affect restaurants and pubs whose customers will have to pay up to 8pm for parking. This will not encourage more people to come to our town in the evening.

If charges must increase then Tonbridge must move with the times and install touch card payment machines. The palaver that is the parking app is far too complicated and totally useless for any one off tourist visitors.I fail to see how extending the hours would increase revenue when the council would need to employ attendants for longer hours to enforce this.

I also believe more people will seek to park on the roads which will cause town centre residents more issues for parking close to their homes.

Off-street response – Reference number 1616

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1617

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1618

I object to the proposed changes.

I understand charges need to go up but think 20 p is a deterrent for an already failing high street.

Sunday charging will kill the town centre completely!

Off-street response – Reference number 1620

I object to the proposed changes.

I refer you to Tom Tugendhat MP's recent 'Tonbridge Messenger' document in which he addresses the problems affecting Tonbridge Town Centre. Increases in parking charges at this time will only worsen the attractiveness of Tonbridge as a town to visit in person and will result in people increasing their 'on-line' shopping activities. It will be to the detriment of local High Street, and other businesses, and will worsen the commercial and leisure situations for Tonbridge.

Off-street response – Reference number 1621

I object to the proposed changes.

The town Center is currently struggling with many shops closing. I believe this change will make people less likely to shop in the Town Center and reduce District Council revenue.

We are currently in a cost of living crisis and this act will exclude households experiencing financial difficulty who do not live in walking distance of the town and have no excess funds for parking from the town center. It's an exclusionary act in a very mixed town in terms of income.

To support a green environment and move towards net zero as well as support Kent Business I believe we should encourage people to buy local produce. This will help to regenerate high streets, and cut down on transport costs, lower carbon admissions and keep money in Kent (Tonbridge.)

I think places like bluewater get more customers because they have free parking. Tonbridge already has very few places people who have a household income of under £16,190 can park for free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1622

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1624

I object to the proposed changes.

The current prices are already high and killing the town, turning it into an area of charity and coffee shops. People go to Sainsbury's and Waitrose when it is free as the costs are already too high. I only go to the town on Sundays because of the cost. So in future I won't bother at all.

If you want the High Street to be used reduce the pricing, make it free for the first hour everywhere. Otherwise all that will happen is that people will go elsewhere, the shops will close and the town will die even more! Think just how many independent shops have already gone.

Also charging after 6pm is just mean. It will cost more to enforce than you will get in returns. Adult Education in the evenings will see fewer people if they have to pay to park. The Angle Centre and Swimming Pools will be used less if people have to pay to park. Fewer people will eat out in town, use the supermarkets..... It is just short sighted.

Off-street response – Reference number 1626

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1627

I support the proposed changes.

do not make it seven days Tonbridge will die on Sunday if you do. this is why people go to out of town trading estates for the free parking. at the moment Tonbridge is buzzing on a Sunday. more local shops will not open. In this present climate we should be looking at ways to make local shopping easier

Off-street response – Reference number 1628

I object to the proposed changes.

This will ensure I now shop in Tunbridge Wells.

Off-street response – Reference number 1631

I object to the proposed changes.

Unfortunately this will no doubt result in driving people away from the town centre. To stop people parking overnight/long stay etc why not have the first 30 minutes free and then introduce charges?

Off-street response – Reference number 1632

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1633

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1635

I object to the proposed changes.

Charges are already high and also deter me and others from using the Angel Centre gym as every 1 hour session costs £2.80 parking. (Could you make a 1 hour 15 minute slot available?) Not good for public health. I also avoid shopping in town and on the High Street as a result of parking charges.

Now Sainsburys has changed its refund policy that also has a negative effect on town centre shopping.

Off-street response – Reference number 1636

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1637

I support the proposed changes.

Charges should only apply up to 6pm

Off-street response – Reference number 1638

I object to the proposed changes.

It is already very costly to park in Tonbridge. I don't see why we should have to pay more. The council should be investing in electric bus services to encourage those that can to take the bus.

Off-street response – Reference number 1639

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is too expensive as it is and puts people off parking in car parks, they will try to find alternative free parking which will congest side roads which are already over congested. We should be encouraging people to shop in Tonbridge not put them off, we need to save the high street

Off-street response – Reference number 1640

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges have been rising much faster than inflation in recent years, which should have been entirely sufficient to (more than) cover the first claimed reason for the consultation, namely increases in your costs.

It is a great shame that the consultation is so disingenuous and is inventing silly reasons for raising parking charges. Most people know that TMBC is facing severe financial problems due to Government policies, and that charging for parking is one of the few unregulated ways in which additional revenue can be generated. Most people would understand that higher charges are an understandable though unwelcome response to that. Please try to be honest with your electors.

Off-street response – Reference number 1641

I object to the proposed changes.

Unfortunately the high street is already struggling and if the parking charges are extended this will deter people from using Tonbridge even further. Many people use the car parks to collect children and to access the supermarkets in the evenings plus leisure facilities in the park, the pool and the Angel centre both after 6pm and on Sundays. Quite often people go into town for breakfast on a Sunday or play football/rugby then have lunch. If they have to pay for parking they either won't go to the park etc or won't use the facilities afterwards ie having breakfast or lunch therefore impacting businesses significantly.

I think if these changes are introduced it will be detrimental to the future of the high street. Would it not be better to offer everyone 2 free hours parking to get people in to town to generate revenue instead of increasing parking charges to 8pm which seems ridiculous. Also charging on Sundays will mean people will go elsewhere instead of into Tonbridge.

Off-street response – Reference number 1642

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1643

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1644

I object to the proposed changes.

The town needs reasonable parking to encourage use of shops and eating places, or they will fade away

Off-street response – Reference number 1645

I object to the proposed changes.

At a time where the cost of living has never been harder, why would you think it's a good idea to raise rates and probably deter people from shopping in an already declining town centre? You should be encouraging people to come to Tonbridge. If you're short on money I suspect it's because of how you've wasted it.

Off-street response – Reference number 1646

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1647

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge high street is in direct competition with North Farm retail park where it is free to park. Increasing parking fees in the town will only further deter shoppers and send them to North Farm where they can park and shop for free. What can be done to attract more shoppers? What incentives can be given?

Off-street response – Reference number 1648

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1649

I object to the proposed changes.

We need more footfall in Tonbridge To help local traders these changes will not help but make shop out of town

Off-street response – Reference number 1650

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1651

I object to the proposed changes.

In principle I understand the need to increase charges in line with inflation (max). However, I object for two reasons:

- 1) Despite searching for the relevant minutes and relevant docs, I could not see what the proposed increases are. I therefore have no idea of the size of the proposed increase is and it feels like the Council is trying to sneak through a significant rise (why not provide a link in this consolation to a doc that clearly sets out charges?)
- 2) With so many other shopping area and larger towns within easy reach of Tonbridge and West Malling, everything should be done to encourage people to come here and not deter them.

Off-street response – Reference number 1652

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge is already more expensive than other areas to park.

Off-street response – Reference number 1653

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1654

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1655

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1656

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1657

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1660

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges have already been increased relatively recently. In addition, I believe that Tonbridge High Street would suffer even more from the additional parking charges. Why pay to park and go shopping in town when you can easily drive to the retail park in Tunbridge Wells (or even pay to park for less in TW), where there is a larger variety of shops? This is no way of looking after and regenerating Tonbridge High Street. Why not consider special rates for residents and businesses? This would encourage more footfall and perhaps also entice new business in the area. We sorely need better clothes shops as opposed to more charity shops!

Off-street response – Reference number 1661

I object to the proposed changes.

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 1662

I object to the proposed changes.

I understand increases may be needed but not extra hours or Sundays or bank hols

Off-street response – Reference number 1663

I object to the proposed changes.

This is the way you will kill the high street and local shops. People will go to cheaper areas to park to use the shops. You may gain revenue this way but will lose it in Business rates and people spending in the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 1664

I object to the proposed changes.

If you wish to increase parking charges, improve the provision of public transport services. Due to the poor public transport in the town, parking in the town centre is a necessity.

Off-street response – Reference number 1665

I object to the proposed changes.

For many people parking in the town is a necessity due to the poor public transport services available. ie if the buses provided an adequate service this would negate some people's need to park.

Off-street response – Reference number 1666

I support the proposed changes.

It is fair to review charges from time to time.

Off-street response – Reference number 1669

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1670

I object to the proposed changes.

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 1672

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1673

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1674

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1677

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1681

I object to the proposed changes.

This will disincline people to visit our high street.

Off-street response – Reference number 1682

I object to the proposed changes.

This would have negative impact on those least able to afford such increases. Also to those with low level mobility issues who are not registered as disabled.

Off-street response – Reference number 1683

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1684

I object to the proposed changes.

It'll kill local shopping, how ridiculous

Off-street response – Reference number 1685

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1686

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1687

I object to the proposed changes.

Greed, greed, greed.

Off-street response – Reference number 1688

I object to the proposed changes.

It would be coming at a time when the cost of living has increased significantly.

Off-street response – Reference number 1689

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1690

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1691

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1692

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1693

I object to the proposed changes.

The town has a limited amount of shops to attract visitors and an increase would further detract from any need to visit. Having lived here for over 25 years weve witnessed the decline of the high street and no longer feel the need to use the car parks regularly as they are so expensive. Friends and family that would once have visoted the town now visit Maidstone or Tunbridge Wells.

Off-street response – Reference number 1694

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1697

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1698

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1700

I object to the proposed changes.

Car parking fees are already high. Any further increase could be detrimental to the mainly small local businesses. The council need to support our high streets

Off-street response – Reference number 1701

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1703

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1704

I object to the proposed changes.

How can people afford the cost

Off-street response – Reference number 1705

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1707

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1708

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living is already expensive and businesses are already struggling. Increasing parking charges won't help anyone

Off-street response – Reference number 1711

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1712

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1713

I object to the proposed changes.

It will mean people attending town churches will have to pay to park

Off-street response – Reference number 1714

I object to the proposed changes.

Residents across the Borough and beyond are struggling with the cost of living crisis already, not the time to increase charges. So many shops are already closing in what was such a vibrant and lovely high street, this would put off more shoppers which would effect trade

Off-street response – Reference number 1715

I object to the proposed changes.

The prices need to be lower than Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks by a considerable margin in order to draw people in to the town. Full parking charges on weekends will crush the leisure market.

Off-street response – Reference number 1716

I object to the proposed changes.

Increase charges but not the times at which they are free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1717

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1718

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1719

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1720

I object to the proposed changes.

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 1722

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking fees should not increase - this will deter people who may then take their valuable business elsewhere to the detriment of the high street businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1724

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1726

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1730

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1731

I object to the proposed changes.

We are suppose to be supporting local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 1732

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1733

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1734

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1735

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1736

(no comment supplied)

This does not have an impact on Thornhills Medical Practice

Off-street response – Reference number 1737

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1738

I object to the proposed changes.

It will discourage visitors from coming to the T&MBC area and drive locals to do their business outside the T&MBC area.

In the last few years, six friends of mine (three separate couples) came to Tonbridge to join me for lunch at one of the High Street café /restaurants once a month. They, now, all refuse to come to Tonbridge because of the high parking charges. I now travel to Frant, Crowborough and Maidstone each month for lunch with each couple in a café or pub in those areas - FREE parking available in all these places.

Off-street response – Reference number 1739

I support the proposed changes.

Seems fair to increase the prices by small amounts over time.

Off-street response – Reference number 1740

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1743

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1744

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1745

I object to the proposed changes.

Already costs enough

Off-street response – Reference number 1747

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1748

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1749

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1750

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1751

I support the proposed changes.

I recognise that there is a need for the council to generate more income and the increases seem reasonable.

Off-street response – Reference number 1752

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1753

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking the car is already expensive so risk driving more people away to the likes of North Farm where parking is free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1754

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1755

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1757

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1758

I support the proposed changes.

Only if it stops you paving over green spaces.

Off-street response – Reference number 1760

I object to the proposed changes.

Charging for short term stays will have a detrimental effect on local West Malling retailers who need every support they can get. They are essential for a thriving local community. And they pay rates! The proposal would also encourage longer term parking in presently short term spaces which again is detrimental to local shops in West Malling. By all means, increase charges in the longer term car parks if money is the be all and end all, but don't do it to the detriment of small local retailers!

Off-street response – Reference number 1763

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1765

I object to the proposed changes.

absolutely outrageous , especially removing free parking on Sundays and bank holidays

will start to use out of town shops where there is free parking

Off-street response – Reference number 1766

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1767

I object to the proposed changes.

If charges keep going up then people will ho to the industrial estate in Tonbridge or Twells where parking is free and will avoid the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 1768

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1769

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1770

I object to the proposed changes.

Car parking is already expensive an increase I see as greed also I feel the disabled parking should be chargeable with less disabled spaces as they are not used to there full extent.

Off-street response – Reference number 1771

I object to the proposed changes.

The reason for my objection is simple: the business case associated with this change and the impact assessment is not clear enough for any reasonable decision to be made.

For example:

How much additional revenue will the Council make from implementing these changes?

How will that revenue be spent?

What impact will the increase in charges have on footfall within the areas serviced by the car parking spaces in scope?

What proposals has the Council considered to reduce costs in other areas to offset the need to increase car parking charges? For example: restructuring Council operations to become more efficient and lower cost including reducing the number high income Council employees, offshoring, nearshoring, and automation.

Are there associated costs to increasing the charges? For example: less time spent browsing in shops, or dining in restaurants leading to lower spending within the areas serviced by the car parks. Or less use of leisure facilities leading to a decline in health in the area and higher mortality rate.

On the surface this just seems to be a lever that the Council thinks it can pull to generate more revenue without a detailed business case and impact assessment to support whether or not it will achieve whatever goals it's setting out to achieve.

I think those documents should be provided prior to going to the public for consultation.

Off-street response – Reference number 1772

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1773

I object to the proposed changes.

It is about time TMBC and other councils recognised the damaging impact hiking charges has upon the High Street. This can only be acceptable if it is accompanied by a wider refund/discount scheme supported by a significant number of retailers/businesses in the vicinity. Currently only Sainsbury's and Waitrose participate. The car parks are in large measure for their benefit and it is not unreasonable for them to support car parking costs in a way that should increase business. Other towns do it so why not Tonbridge?

Off-street response – Reference number 1774

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1775

I object to the proposed changes.

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As above.

Off-street response – Reference number 1776

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1777

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1778

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living crisis.

Off-street response – Reference number 1779

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1780

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1781

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1782

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1783

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1784

I object to the proposed changes.

They are set at a reasonable level already. This exercise is being undertaken just to raise overall revenue for the authority. The problem is that the net affect on local businesses by making either street or formal car parking difficult or expensive will be catastrophic certainly in respect of west Malling.

Off-street response – Reference number 1786

(no comment supplied)

The issue is not whether to revise the parking charges; it is to provide modern, reliable parking machines that are suitable for the modern world! They are often out of order, regularly fail to accept random coins, do not give change and do not accept card payments - which is essential in today's world. Increasingly people simply do not carry cash - even less so the correct coinage for the precise amount that particular car parks decide to charge. The app is a very poor substitute, given that it costs more, you cannot get a refund from supermarkets for the shopping time spent at their store, and their ability to function depends entirely on the whims of the local wifi service. Many older people use and always carry payment cards, but not all have smart phones. I am relatively tech savvy, yet I often struggle with parking apps. I would support the revised off-street parking charges...ONLY IF THE PAYMENT MACHINES ARE MODERNISED AND FULLY FIT FOR PURPOSE. Otherwise, I feel that an increase in tariffs will just deter people from using the high street.

Off-street response – Reference number 1787

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1788

I object to the proposed changes.

I couldn't easily see the proposed % change under consideration. I appreciate costs have increased over the last two years but such changes may encourage residents to shop elsewhere in the area where frankly there is more diversity in the type of shopping available.

Off-street response – Reference number 1791

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1793

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1794

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1795

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking outside your own home for yourself and your visitors is already expensive, another stealth tax on the home owner and motorists

Off-street response – Reference number 1796

I object to the proposed changes.

This proposal may deter people from visiting local town and village centres and make them less competitive and appealing than out-of-town centres. The Council needs to be supporting local shops and businesses through difficult times.

Off-street response – Reference number 1798

I object to the proposed changes.

The parking charges have gone up hugely in recent years and frequently stops me from shopping in town as a result, opting instead for out of town shops where parking is free. I believe that parking in Tonbridge for those who pay council tax in the town, should be free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1801

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing prices will deter me from visiting the high street, swimming pool, park etc

Off-street response – Reference number 1802

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1803

I object to the proposed changes.

The town will die completely

Off-street response – Reference number 1805

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1806

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1807

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1808

I object to the proposed changes.

I believe the current charges are just about affordable for the short stay periods.

The cost of high street shopping has increased exponentially and increased parking fees will drive away shoppers to 'industrial type' shopping areas.

Off-street response – Reference number 1809

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1810

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1811

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1814

I object to the proposed changes.

Same as my answers above

Off-street response – Reference number 1815

I object to the proposed changes.

This reeks of cash generation.

Off-street response – Reference number 1816

I object to the proposed changes.

They are already very expensive and by using the Ringo they are even more expensive

Off-street response – Reference number 1817

I object to the proposed changes.

Reduced footfall of visitors to West Malling shops and businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1818

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1819

I object to the proposed changes.

Increased charges increase the incentive for users to take their business elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 1820

(no comment supplied)

Parking charges for those who pay by cash should be rounded to the nearest £, especially as most machines do not give change. Paying by card can be difficult or impossible for some people.

Off-street response – Reference number 1822

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1823

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1826

I object to the proposed changes.

I think the level of increase is excessive when taking into account also extending when such charges are applicable (which I support). It is also high time meters were upgraded to allow card payments as most other towns and cities support this. A shorter period should also be introduced for Haysden. I doubt many visitors are there for longer than an hour so how about offering one hour parking at the same rate as town car parks in addition to 4 hours.

Off-street response – Reference number 1828

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1829

I object to the proposed changes.

This will kill off trade in the local area and put more money into the pockets of the large retailers. Also there will be an increase in traffic.

Off-street response – Reference number 1830

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1831

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1832

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges in Tonbridge are already too high.

Off-street response – Reference number 1833

I object to the proposed changes.

Another increase in charges adds to the cost of a visit to Tonbridge High Street. It is not a relaxing experience when you need to rush back to your car before the ticket expires. The cost of driving and parking will exceed the cost of purchasing goods online and paying for postage. It makes visiting out of town shopping areas more attractive such as Newham Court, Maidstone and the Designer Outlet at Ashford. It feels like people who want to get out into the fresh air and make use of the Racecourse Sports Ground are being penalised for choosing to take part in exercise.

Off-street response – Reference number 1834

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1835

I object to the proposed changes.

This will be just another nail in the coffin for the High St. Why not allow one hour free parking and then charge a little more for longer periods

Off-street response – Reference number 1836

I object to the proposed changes.

Any revision of the parking charges will put people off coming to the town

Off-street response – Reference number 1837

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1838

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1840

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1842

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1843

I object to the proposed changes.

I understand the price increases to hour charges but you can't honestly justify a £35 to £385? Honestly in today's climate how do you come up with that number?

Off-street response – Reference number 1844

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1845

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1848

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1849

I object to the proposed changes.

In the current climate this would be politically suicidal.

Off-street response – Reference number 1850

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1852

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing charges will be another reason for people to not use Tonbridge High Street and support local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 1854

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1856

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1857

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living is expensive enough without you charging more!!!!

Off-street response – Reference number 1859

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1861

I object to the proposed changes.

It is just another tax for a pensioner to pay.

Off-street response – Reference number 1862

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1864

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1865

I object to the proposed changes.

It's high enough.

Off-street response – Reference number 1866

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1869

I support the proposed changes.

Parking charges should only increase in line with costs and kept reasonable to avoid discouraging shoppers to visit the town centre

Off-street response – Reference number 1870

I object to the proposed changes.

Additional parking charges will damage the economy of Tonbridge.

Off-street response – Reference number 1871

I object to the proposed changes.

It's already expensive to park in town and so puts shoppers off using the high street. The council should be enticing residents to use the high street and hiking prices won't do this.

Off-street response – Reference number 1872

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1873

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1874

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1875

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1877

I object to the proposed changes.

TMBC is great for parking and I don't feel I am being ripped off which is encouraging to visit places often and I don't mind paying the current charges

Off-street response – Reference number 1878

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1879

I object to the proposed changes.

The overall effect on the will inevitably drive the foot fall 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 1880

I object to the proposed changes.

A plan to increase parking charges and parking provision is counter intuitive- higher charged will further deter people driving into town, resulting in reduced need for capacity. This will put people off from driving into Tonbridge and choke local businesses and the high street further during a cost of living crisis.

Off-street response – Reference number 1881

I object to the proposed changes.

The level of charge already discourages me from visiting and shopping in West Malling I appreciate that local authorities are short of revenue but adding cost and hassle to parking in towns only makes it more likely that I will shop elsewhere. If other people avoid costly parking your retailers will be adversely affected.

Off-street response – Reference number 1882

I object to the proposed changes.

On one hand the TMBC is wanting to create more parking spaces and "encourage" more parking. Then on the other hand it's "discouraging" car park use by increasing the charges. There's a reason why many people don't go to Tunbridge Wells... its parking is too prohibitive. Also, it's MASSIVELY annoying that you cannot pay by card at the parking machines. Using the Parking App adds a big levy onto the rates as well. Please update your parking machines.

Off-street response – Reference number 1883

I object to the proposed changes.

I think the current charges are high enough and lead to me avoiding shopping in Tonbridge during car park charging periods. If I have to travel to London the parking charges for all day parking already add a considerable chunk to the costs of the journey.

Off-street response – Reference number 1884

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1888

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1889

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1891

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1892

I object to the proposed changes.

Like we're not all finding it hard enough to live, let alone extra charges for parking!

Off-street response – Reference number 1893

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1894

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1896

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1899

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1901

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1902

I object to the proposed changes.

Manage existing funds more efficiently. It's all a money making scheme

Off-street response – Reference number 1903

I object to the proposed changes.

Again it will drive more people to online shopping!

Off-street response – Reference number 1904

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1905

I object to the proposed changes.

This will really put people off visiting the town, harming businesses and the community.

Off-street response – Reference number 1906

I support the proposed changes.

As answered previously, this is not unreasonable to help the Council cover its costs.

Off-street response – Reference number 1913

I object to the proposed changes.

No to increasing parking charges. No need for it.

Off-street response – Reference number 1915

I object to the proposed changes.

They are extortionate already! If local businesses are to survive, and people encouraged to visit the town centres then parking should be free.

Off-street response – Reference number 1918

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1920

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking fees are extra taxes on an already squeezed community.

Off-street response – Reference number 1922

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1924

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1926

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1929

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1931

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1932

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1934

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1936

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1937

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1940

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1941

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1943

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1948

I object to the proposed changes.

The money is never used for the things that the road users need so I don't think you should be increasing anything.
The council has so much money from fines.

Off-street response – Reference number 1950

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1951

I object to the proposed changes.

I understand the councils are under increased cost burdens every year however this also translates to the public they serve.

Off-street response – Reference number 1952

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1953

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living crisis... really?

Off-street response – Reference number 1954

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1958

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1959

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of parking is expensive enough

Off-street response – Reference number 1961

I object to the proposed changes.

The car parking is expensive enough already. Increasing charges will encourage people to abandon local shops and head for out of town shopping.

Off-street response – Reference number 1962

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1964

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1965

I object to the proposed changes.

Please don't be greedy - this is a cost of living crisis and you are forcing people into isolation at home or to shop online, killing our local economy

Off-street response – Reference number 1967

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1968

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1969

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1970

I object to the proposed changes.

Charges should an absolute minimum and we should support 1 - 2 hours free parking prior to charges being applied.
Charges are killing the high streets

Off-street response – Reference number 1971

I object to the proposed changes.

Everyone's struggling. Drivers are hit at every angle to pay out. Give us a break.

Off-street response – Reference number 1972

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1973

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1974

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1977

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1979

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1983

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1984

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1985

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living crisis !!!!

Off-street response – Reference number 1986

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1987

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1989

I object to the proposed changes.

They are already high enough and will put off shoppers from using the high streets whose retailers are already suffering.

Off-street response – Reference number 1991

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1992

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1993

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1997

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 1998

I object to the proposed changes.

We pay too higher charges all ready. As a business owner, my time is currently governed by the hours charged on the app, rather than check in check out which then gave me flexibility to stay longer. We would also encourage more visitors if we had a policy of 30 minutes free parking which may lead to longer parking and therefore more income not only to the council by to the small businesses in Tonbridge.

Off-street response – Reference number 2002

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2004

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2005

I object to the proposed changes.

I believe you are already stretching Tonbridge and surrounding area residents with present charges and will put people off shopping in the high street

Off-street response – Reference number 2006

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2007

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2008

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2009

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2013

I object to the proposed changes.

We moved to Kent 12 years ago and we're shocked at parking charges. It's not even possible to get 30 mins free to pop to the shops. Where is the evidence that paying for parking supports local business? Those on low incomes will be most penalised. What does the council do with the funds raised from parking?

Off-street response – Reference number 2014

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2016

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2017

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2018

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2019

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2021

I support the proposed changes.

Reluctantly, I agree. But there should be some proportionate increase and have a justification. Often increases do not seem based on economics.

Off-street response – Reference number 2022

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2023

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2024

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2026

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2028

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2029

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2030

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2031

I object to the proposed changes.

You state shops open for 24hrs we do not in tonbridge have retail facilities open for 24hrs. By making these changes it will become too expensive to park and shop in the town and would make residents shop outside the area which would cripple our failing town. I for one would not be able to afford to pay these fees and by doing away with free parking will stop visitors to the town including myself. There is no way that extra costs involved would amount to the income you would generate by making these changes as most of the car parks are not kept in a satisfactory state for both car park users and pedestrians as it is now and we all know extra income already generated by parking tickets just lines tmhc pockets as will any changes

Off-street response – Reference number 2032

I object to the proposed changes.

The town already is nothing like the town it used to be and hitting the residents with even more charges when we are all suffering with the cost of living just shows the greed of the council and lack of understanding. A disgraceful idea yet again

Off-street response – Reference number 2033

I object to the proposed changes.

Simply put, I note that I no longer come into Tonbridge (or Sevenoaks for that matter) unless I have to. Why come into town when there are other places I can visit that don't charge me to park? My money can go further and I don't need to worry about spending a bit more time doing what I want to do. The High Street and local trade must be

suffering and putting charges up and not attracting people in are a part (not all) of the problem.

Off-street response – Reference number 2035

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2036

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2038

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2040

I object to the proposed changes.

People are already struggling and this will deter people from frequenting places and supporting the local economy

Off-street response – Reference number 2041

I object to the proposed changes.

So long as the increased charges accurately reflect the increased costs I have no objection. However I do object to the premium charged to use parking apps like Ringo.

Off-street response – Reference number 2043

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2044

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2048

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2050

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2051

I object to the proposed changes.

I completely object to increase parking fees. People pay enough council tax and other bills and can often see little value for money. Parking is a way for the council to show some generosity and awareness of the current economic situation. Many people have had no pay increase, in fact their income might have been reduced in the last 2 years. There is a cost of living crisis so increasing parking fees is most unwelcome. Parking allows residents and visitors to visit amenities, take part in activities, or simply go for a walk, or do shopping which is revenue for council and businesses alike.

Off-street response – Reference number 2052

I object to the proposed changes.

I will simply drive to Bluewater to shop where parking is free and there is a greater choice of shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 2053

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing the cost, the chargeable time and the chargeable days all at the same time is a huge impact for low to middle income families. Parking cost is already a premium in Tonbridge compared to other areas around Kent and is a further discrimination to Tonbridge car users on top of other punitive measures TMBC and KCC have imposed against their wishes. The sunk cost of charging bays which are not being used and removes useable spaces is also an example of the folly of current policies!

Off-street response – Reference number 2054

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2056

I object to the proposed changes.

The town is suffering enough, if you continue to increase charges everywhere even less people will go into town. People should be encouraged to go to town.

Off-street response – Reference number 2057

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges are already at such a level that drivers are parking in residential roads to avoid paying excessive fees. This is unfair on local residents, and should be addressed by decreasing charges to encourage use of town centre parking provisions.

Off-street response – Reference number 2058

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2059

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2062

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2064

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2066

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2068

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2070

I support the proposed changes.

No one will mind a low cost fee to park for a short time to visit local shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 2071

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2072

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2073

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2074

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2076

I object to the proposed changes.

Bearing in mind the current economic challenges which everyone is experiencing, including TMBC, I understand why increasing the charges is attractive but do not believe now is the time to do this - the high st is being challenged sufficiently now and this will increase those challenges.

Off-street response – Reference number 2077

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2078

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2079

I support the proposed changes.

The council needs to make spaces bigger, cars are getting bigger, just look at new electric cars, and they are not getting smaller.

I would not object to paying a little bit more in a space that could accommodate my car without getting damaged.

Please consider developing some car parks with bigger spaces, where user pays a little more for a space where car does not get damaged.

Tonbridge is terrible for its car park spacing size.

Off-street response – Reference number 2080

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge gets more visitors than T Wells as the parking charges are cheaper. Don't raise your charges or you'll end up like them and have less shops as customers don't visit

Off-street response – Reference number 2081

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2084

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2085

I object to the proposed changes.

It is already expensive to park in Tonbridge if visiting for a short amount of time and this will only serve to discourage people to come to our town and support local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2088

I object to the proposed changes.

You will push people to shop out of town.

Off-street response – Reference number 2089

I object to the proposed changes.

You will just drive away even more Tonbridge shoppers to North Farm (free parking) and Bluewater. This proposal is so short sighted.

Off-street response – Reference number 2091

I object to the proposed changes.

This will start to dissuade people from visiting our town centres, which are already struggling. I think this idea is completely counter productive

Off-street response – Reference number 2092

I object to the proposed changes.

Local business needs to be supported. Increasing charges, where no charges should be made, adversely affects visitor numbers and discourages those who are financially challenged. Local business will suffer.

Off-street response – Reference number 2093

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2094

I object to the proposed changes.

The cost already puts me off going into town, it will be the death of the town if parking increases further.

Other councils I know of such as Cheshire, do free parking after 3pm in their car parks and this has revitalised the city centre and encouraged businesses to open stores there.

I feel for anyone trying to open a business in Tonbridge as people are being pushed to North Farm or the industrial estate where parking is free.

Off-street response – Reference number 2095

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2099

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2101

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2106

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2107

I object to the proposed changes.

People are struggling to make ends meet as it is, this will only make matters worse.

Off-street response – Reference number 2108

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2109

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2110

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2113

I object to the proposed changes.

Until Tonbridge & Malling council decide to put in more reliable machines and those that accept card payments I object to this. As an increasingly cashless society, it is harder to find change for these machines and using a phone app is not always easy for all and can be forgotten to end the parking time for some.

Also increasing these charges impact heavily on those working in the town. I work in a retail store and have to pay for a full day's parking, these increases will hit those earning the lowest hard. Because the supermarkets in Tonbridge are in town, it means those just going to get their weekly shop have to pay. Even though you can claim some back it will put people off coming to Tonbridge and they will shop elsewhere and Tonbridge shops may lose their customers.

Off-street response – Reference number 2114

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2115

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2116

I object to the proposed changes.

Raising prices to the car parks close to town will in my opinion drive more people out of town to places like M&S in Tonbridge and North Farm. This will impact footfall in the high street and ultimately impact occupancy on high street shops at a time when more and shops are closing. More thought needs to be given in attracting people to the high street which will in term increase occupancy and income from business rates. I'd suggest a temporary trial of reducing car parking charges to see if this increases footfall and therefore income. It the general decline in people using cash this forces more people to use parking ups which already charge a premium. An increase it parking charges will just encourage people to park elsewhere or walk both resulting in a loss of revenue.

Off-street response – Reference number 2117

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2121

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2123

I object to the proposed changes.

The high street is already losing businesses rapidly, increasing parking charges will continue to put people off accessing the town centre and will instead draw them to out of town supermarkets and shopping centres where parking is free, further eroding our local businesses and facilities.

Off-street response – Reference number 2124

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2127

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2130

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2131

I object to the proposed changes.

With public transport being so poor, driving is often the only solution. Car parks are already expensive and often full.

Off-street response – Reference number 2132

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2133

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2134

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2135

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2137

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2138

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2138

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2139

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2140

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2143

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2147

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2148

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2151

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2152

I object to the proposed changes.

Because of the absolutely appalling bus services in Tonbridge many people have to drive and park so its unacceptable to increase charges when there is no alternative.

Off-street response – Reference number 2154

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2155

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2157

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2158

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2160

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2162

I support the proposed changes.

Increasing the charges at existing times and extending the chargeable period seems excessive. Surely one or the other would be sufficient to meet any rising costs. For the reasons noted below, I would support increasing charges at existing times over extending the charge periods. Increase in business rates is cited as a reason for cost increase. My understanding is that these are paid to TMBC and are therefore an internal allocation not a true cost. As a result, these should not be factored in to the calculations for price increases.

Off-street response – Reference number 2163

I object to the proposed changes.

It's already too expensive which is why the car parks are only half full most days. The high street is dying already without your trying to price people away

Off-street response – Reference number 2164

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2165

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2166

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2168

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2170

I object to the proposed changes.

You will kill the trade

Off-street response – Reference number 2172

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2173

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2174

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2175

I object to the proposed changes.

It is already far more expensive to park in Tonbridge than many other places and the increase simply prevents the growth of the high street as a business destination. This reduces the use of the high street, I no longer use any of the car parks during the day, instead I use out of town car parks or shop near to my office in Maidstone.

Off-street response – Reference number 2176

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2177

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges should be REDUCED! Parking is merely to facilitate use of and patronage of our towns and villages. Parking is a right due to the shocking lack of public transport that KCC and local councils have FAILED to invest in. Keep parking FREE or a reduced charged.

NO INCREASED PARKING CHARGES ACROSS TONBRIDGE AND MALLING BOROUGH.

Remember, like a car park- councillors are there to serve US THE PEOPLE! Not the other way round.

If these parking charges are passed, I will NOT be voting Conservative at the next local elections and I will be encouraging and debating with my friends and acquaintances to also NOT VOTE CONSERVATIVE!

Off-street response – Reference number 2178

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2180

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2181

I object to the proposed changes.

As an electric car owner with on street parking,I am reliant on using the chargers located in the car parks. Increasing charges makes this more expensive.

Would be happy if there was some form of exception for cars charging in the car parks. (That is charging and not using a charging bay to park in.)

Off-street response – Reference number 2182

I object to the proposed changes.

You should be encouraging people into our towns to shop etc not putting further obstacles in their way.

Off-street response – Reference number 2183

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2185

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2187

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2188

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2189

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2190

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2191

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2193

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2194

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2195

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2196

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking in Tonbridge is already expensive and to increase costs will further deter people coming into Tonbridge to shop and will lead to more people opting for Bluwater or Lakeside.

Off-street response – Reference number 2197

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already more expensive than in other areas. Introduction of charging to areas which are currently subsidised by charging areas should be the only measure

Off-street response – Reference number 2199

I object to the proposed changes.

More than happy to pay but with price increases everywhere it's cheaper to do shopping online and go to Bluewater for shopping and coffee

Off-street response – Reference number 2200

I object to the proposed changes.

It seems year on year the prices are increased but if I take the Ryarsh Lane car park as the example given it is where I have office permits, we are still not guaranteed a space for the cost paid (remembering when we were paying at one point something like £75 per space). RingGo has now been introduced to charge for parking when it was previously free so I just don't understand how the additional fees can be justified when trying to argue costs have increased. If the intention is to kill of the opportunity for businesses to be able to stay viable then please continue. One alternative to make things more affordable would be to allow businesses to have a certain number of permits that can then effectively be shared amongst staff given that many still operate flexible working where staff may only be in 1-2 times a week. Allowing a permit to be shared across staff would at least address any increase in costs to make it less painful to administer.

Off-street response – Reference number 2202

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2203

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2204

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2205

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2206

I object to the proposed changes.

We pay enough already and I firmly believe that it will keep local residents away from Tonbridge as it will be just another Sevenoaks or Tunbridge Wells. Its just a 'money earner' for the Council

Off-street response – Reference number 2207

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2208

I object to the proposed changes.

Mean and uncalled for ... will keep people away ... should be a free hour to allow people to pick up prescriptions, fish and chips etc..

Off-street response – Reference number 2209

I object to the proposed changes.

The proposed introduction of parking charges in West Malling High Street and Swan Street will only push visitors to park in the free residential areas, thus annoying residents and putting off visitors from shopping in West Malling detriment to local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2212

I object to the proposed changes.

I strongly object to a revision in charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 2213

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2214

I object to the proposed changes.

If you increase the tariff, the already dying high street activity will completely disappear

Off-street response – Reference number 2215

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2217

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2219

I support the proposed changes.

Whilst increasing car park charges has a detrimental effect on lower income families, I can understand the need. However, it will increase parking on road sides and bays outside of the car parks whether legally or not. As a suggestion is it possible to have a parking charge system that allows charging in increments of an hour rather than hourly?

Off-street response – Reference number 2222

I object to the proposed changes.

You should be encouraging people to support their local community, not charge them to do so

Off-street response – Reference number 2223

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2224

(no comment supplied)

No comment

Off-street response – Reference number 2226

I object to the proposed changes.

The introduction of higher charges and extending to overnight, Sundays and Bank Holidays will also help towards the the move of businesses to out of town facilities and will further kill high streets. It also will impact on people wishing to use recreation facilities and given the obesity and other medical issues in the UK population then TMBC has not thought through the implications of their strategy. It just the case of looking to increase revenue but then businesses leave so less income to TMBC and health declines with costs increasing for TMBC to cover the increase in demand for associated health services.

Off-street response – Reference number 2227

I object to the proposed changes.

Local businesses are already suffering and this will just drive people away

Off-street response – Reference number 2228

I object to the proposed changes.

I no longer shop in Sevenoaks or Tunbridge Wells because of the parking charges. If Tonbridge bring in these new parking chargers I shall stop coming to Tonbridge. It will be Bluewater only. Far fewer people will visit Tonbridge on a Sunday and so shops will suffer. You should be encouraging people to visit Tonbridge and spend not the other way round

Off-street response – Reference number 2232

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2233

I object to the proposed changes.

You already charge too much...like I said, greedy

Off-street response – Reference number 2235

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2236

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2237

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2238

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2239

I object to the proposed changes.

It will affect the business levels for local businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 2241

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2242

(no comment supplied)

Problem with website so unable to read proposals. Very disappointing.

Off-street response – Reference number 2244

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2245

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2246

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2247

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2252

I object to the proposed changes.

Already expensive enough.

Off-street response – Reference number 2254

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2256

I object to the proposed changes.

I have to take my car to church, as I can't walk far i don't qualify for a disabled badge. Increase charges will drive people away from the town I already shop where I can get free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2257

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2258

I object to the proposed changes.

The charges are effectively 'taxed' if one pays via a mobile phone because Ringo App charges an additional 20p for no extra benefit. The previous App (ParkMobile) provided flexibility in that one paid for the time (to the nearest hour) one was parked so you didn't have to guess what length of time ticket to buy from the outset, but that facility does not come with Ringo which is a much poorer option.

The mobile signal in the whole area is poor as well.

Off-street response – Reference number 2259

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2260

I object to the proposed changes.

I do not necessarily object to an increase in tariff. I have, however, some comments: I believe Tonbridge High Street is struggling to compete with out of town shopping and North Farm both of which have a good selection and free parking. Tonbridge High Street shops need support I don't think raising the fees as much as this will help. I don't understand why you penalise shoppers who want to spend three hours in Tonbridge. I do this regularly - combining using the Angel Centre for some sports or swimming with shopping and a coffee. Surely you would wish to keep this vibrancy of use? I would suggest a smaller hike of fees for periods up to three hours. Beyond three then there's the all day car parks to use. Tonbridge also struggles to attract night time users. Taking away free parking after 6pm seems counter productive. Sundays are vibrant in Tonbridge during the day. The parkland known as the Racecourse is buzzing, especially in the summer. I believe you will kill off this vibrancy. People will go elsewhere. My suggestion would be: 1. To raise fees, where fees are already in existence, by a smaller proportion and to do so for up to three hours. 2. To charge for car parking beyond 6pm, Sundays and Bank Holidays as a nominal fee of say, £1 or £1.50. This sum, I feel, won't deter people but will still bring in revenue where none was had before. You may also be aware that Sainsbury's in Tonbridge no longer pays you back for two hours of car parking. Limiting their payout to 1 hour only. Although I can see this is not something within your remit - shoppers have, in effect, already had a car park fee increase there. Also there is a discrepancy between the amount you pay on line and the amount you pay by cash. I feel this needs to be brought together in line. If more people were paying on line then there would, surely, be less need for maintenance and collection of the machines. There is another anomaly - you need to pay by cash and gain a paper ticket in order to gain a refund at Sainsbury's and the Swimming Pool. As more and more organisations and individuals are paying on line and we become a cashless society surely this needs to be rectified too? I hope you will feel that the above comments are positive and considered and look forward to hearing the results.

Off-street response – Reference number 2261

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2262

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2263

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2264

I object to the proposed changes.

The price is already high and people are already staying away from Tonbridge in favour of free parking on the industrial estate. I expect you had more people parking when the charges were cheaper.

Off-street response – Reference number 2265

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2266

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2267

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2268

I object to the proposed changes.

Its just a money generating scheme. Most shops close at 5.30pm

Off-street response – Reference number 2269

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2270

I support the proposed changes.

Inevitable in inflationary times.

Off-street response – Reference number 2271

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2274

I object to the proposed changes.

Again, just don't be greedy

Off-street response – Reference number 2276

I object to the proposed changes.

Where are people meant to park cars, when local public transport provision is so poor in some places (e.g. Aylesford and Larkfield)? This is NOT serving the needs of the community.

Off-street response – Reference number 2277

I object to the proposed changes.

The increase in charges are too steep and will affect the poorest most.

Off-street response – Reference number 2278

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2280

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2281

I object to the proposed changes.

In a time where money is already very tight for many charging more money for people that live in the area and have no other options for parking is disgusting especially when the service being offered isn't a premium one, also the cost for a season ticket for the sovereign way car parks is very high compared to road based permits

Off-street response – Reference number 2282

I object to the proposed changes.

I think it will damage the business in west Malling

Off-street response – Reference number 2283

I object to the proposed changes.

The cost of parking is already a deterrent to people using the High Street. This is leading to increased struggles for high street shops and small businesses who are already battling the increase in online shopping. If we want to keep a thriving high street we need to encourage people into the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 2284

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2286

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2287

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2288

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2292

I object to the proposed changes.

This is just to get more revenue on will not be spent on improving the roads

Off-street response – Reference number 2293

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2294

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2296

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking fees and fines are too much as it is. They should not increase.

Off-street response – Reference number 2298

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2299

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2301

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2302

I support the proposed changes.

I agree with some revision, but to achieve objectives, and ensure spaces on a frequent turnover are available to boost business access and spend, charges should encourage short stay and be reasonable for longer stay. Otherwise this is just a money making exercise that will guarantee to be at the cost of shoppers and businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2303

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2304

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2305

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2306

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2308

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2309

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2310

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2311

I object to the proposed changes.

This is clearly the council attempting to increase the TAX burden without reason or evidence.

Off-street response – Reference number 2312

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2313

I object to the proposed changes.

Already too expensive. People will be driven away from the town and all it has to offer.

Off-street response – Reference number 2314

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge town centre needs people to be enticed into the town to keep it thriving. People choose to go out of town to shop already and to increase the car park fees will just encourage this even more. If no one comes into the town, there will be no fees paid at all! Better to keep encouraging shoppers in by keeping the car park fees as they are and to make Tonbridge a more popular destination.

Off-street response – Reference number 2315

I object to the proposed changes.

These fees have increased recently.

Off-street response – Reference number 2316

I object to the proposed changes.

Daylight robbery.

Off-street response – Reference number 2317

I object to the proposed changes.

Extending the parking period from 6pm to 8pm seems simply to gain additional revenue, no additional benefit to the community. Blaming some shops opening later is an excuse, the level of charges is excessive and this is a penal development.

Off-street response – Reference number 2318

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2319

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2320

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2321

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing parking charges will drive people away to out of town shopping areas and local businesses will suffer.

Off-street response – Reference number 2323

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2326

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2327

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2328

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2329

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2330

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2332

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2333

I object to the proposed changes.

Increased car parking charges drives people away.

Off-street response – Reference number 2334

I object to the proposed changes.

We don't have the spare money to pay. More parking charges. Each penny is already accounted for maybe you should take a pay cut for a change

Off-street response – Reference number 2335

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2336

I object to the proposed changes.

This will contribute to destroying the high street

Off-street response – Reference number 2337

I object to the proposed changes.

I strongly object to these proposals.

As a resident of Tonbridge for 48 of my 50 years and now a shop owner in the town, I am passionate about the rejuvenation of the High Street. Our local representatives speak of supporting the area, sending us residents literature detailing their examples of helping our town then, propose this!

I have only been trading for 6 months and I have lost count of the number of times customers in my shop have cut short their time with me due to their parking ticket running out... or have not even come at all blaming the the parking prices and complications. Thankfully I do have an online offer but this is doing nothing for the vibrancy of our High Street. To increase charges to 8pm and over the weekends is deplorable! Not satisfied with the daytime businesses being affected, now it's the turn of the night time economy. Restaurants and bars have had such a tough time following Covid, this will just add to their woes or potentially be the final nail in their coffin. More visitors will stay away until parking becomes free or charge at 8pm, or visit out of town areas where these restrictions do not apply. More empty units are inevitable.

In my 6 months since opening I have met many people who have recently moved to Tonbridge from the London area. I take pride knowing that they felt Tonbridge was such a great prospect.

One particular woman's comment really sticks with me however. She said she had heard how great Tonbridge was and judging by the house prices could tell that it was a wonderful place to live. She is now bringing up her family here. However she said, now she is here she finds it a confusing place. Tonbridge has so many fabulous features but the High Street, in her words, is a 'real let down, not reflective of the area and its residents'. I know she is not alone in her views having spoken to many Tonbridge residents during the 18 years of running my business.

Parking increases will only exacerbate this issue! Independent businesses like myself don't stand a chance and will come and go. Town centres will be emptier and the increase in anti social that we already see, will only rise. Increased parking charges have far reaching consequences for our struggling High Street.

Rather than increase them make them more user friendly.

Offer 1st hour free- this way more people will 'pop' into town and in doing so will discover more places they want to visit for longer and return.

Change the parking process to make it more bespoke. Pay for the minutes you're there. Don't pay out for an hour when you only need 10mins etc. This will turn over visitors quicker so enabling new visitors to find a space more easily. This format will also take the pressure off the customers coming to the High Street shops. Rather than dragging themselves away they can enjoy a more relaxed shopping experience, building relationships with their local shop keepers, building community.

If the outdated, unfair business rates model is likely to change then something else has to help our High Streets! Please do not add to the burden and the struggle.

Every resident wants a High Street to be proud of. This will only encourage the exact opposite.

Off-street response – Reference number 2338

I object to the proposed changes.

This will only dissuade people from using the high street. the market was killed off by having its free parking removed,

Off-street response – Reference number 2339

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2340

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2342

I object to the proposed changes.

Greedy basterds charge enough already

Off-street response – Reference number 2343

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2344

I support the proposed changes.

If you intend to raise charges please get the parking attendants to cover more roads to tackle illegal parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2345

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2346

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2347

I object to the proposed changes.

You are killing Tonbridge high Street by making it too expensive to shop there, as previously stated why would you pay exorbitant fees when you can park for free in towns/shopping centres that have more and better shops ?? STOP KILLING OUR TOWN

Off-street response – Reference number 2348

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2350

I object to the proposed changes.

This should be the councils responsibility to deal with the costs from tax payers money, as it was our government who put the economy in this state in the first place

Off-street response – Reference number 2351

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2352

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2355

I object to the proposed changes.

I lead a new social club for 60-85 year olds, many of whom already face closure of so many facilities on which they rely, as well as increased costs of fuel, taxis and hire charges. Ringo is an extremely irritating non-starter for them, especially with it's extra "(in)convenience" charge on top. It would be much easier and fairer to pay with an ordinary

credit or debit card, and touch in and out as you can at Tunbridge Wells when you don't know how long you will need to be in the town.

I've noticed how often events are I put on are ruined, because people have to arrive late / leave early because of car existing parking costs, or inconvenient bus times in from rural areas. I myself have to drive from Yalding. Only around 30% of our members turn up as it is. These changes could close us permanently.

Tonbridge is nothing but charity shops now. Increasing parking charges will be the death knell for the few proper shops that remain, since it is certain to reduce footfall yet further.

Extending the charging period to 8.00 is the most short-sighted proposal of all. This makes the difference between survival and death of most restaurants, that fill most of the spaces between the charity shops. Food inflation remains much higher than the general rate, and neither businesses nor customers can go on absorbing the cost if charges rise. All it will do is increase the profits of operators who hire out private driveways.

Contentious and unpopular, this is a sure way to lose Council administration votes. Your intention is to penalise locals for parking for long periods to free up short-term places, but it is visitors who have no option but to use these and are thus discouraged. Only local people can walk, realistically use buses, and park outside their homes.

Despite time restrictions and charges becoming ever more onerous over more than half a century, there is little empirical evidence on their effects on parking duration. Evidence suggests parking demand being inelastic (Marsden, 2006, Pierce and Shoup, 2013). Evans (2005)

Better to encourage Sainsbury's to refund more than just an hour in their car park, as they used to.

Off-street response – Reference number 2358

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2359

I object to the proposed changes.

Objection to changes is based on no provision of 30 minutes free at suitable locations. A period of free parking should be provided to support shop customers for example around the high street in Tonbridge.

Off-street response – Reference number 2360

I object to the proposed changes.

Already too expensive, i rarely park in town now & this will finish it off for myself!!

Off-street response – Reference number 2361

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2364

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2365

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2366

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2367

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2369

I object to the proposed changes.

This will greatly affect business in the local area, there are currently many shops left empty due to increasing costs and I feel that extending parking charges will only make this worse for the local community. It will encourage more people to go to trading estates where parking is free.

Off-street response – Reference number 2370

I object to the proposed changes.

To have to pay on a Sunday and bank holidays is ridiculous.

Car park Wardens will have to be paid extra or extra staff hired.

The High St is dying, full of charity shops and hairdressers, shops closing, for example, Beatles, Peacocks, Poundland.

The Sunday market will be affected, the Saturday market closed a long time ago, as did the Friday antiques market in the Angel centre.

Off-street response – Reference number 2371

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2372

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2373

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2374

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2375

I object to the proposed changes.

I do not support charging on Sundays or 8-8. Increased charges seem fair.

Off-street response – Reference number 2376

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2377

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2378

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2379

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2380

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already expensive and increasing these further will impact residents who live in that area, their visitors and drive people away from shopping in the town..

Off-street response – Reference number 2381

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2382

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2383

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2384

I object to the proposed changes.

Although the council is inevitably facing cost concerns, this is not the right time to increase costs. Unless the council can commit to providing more CEOs to police parking restrictions then this will only aid in increasing the misuse which in turn impacts safety. We are told constantly that businesses are struggling with patronage which this will also exacerbate.

Off-street response – Reference number 2385

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2386

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2387

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2388

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2389

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2390

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2392

I object to the proposed changes.

Things are hard enough without you making it worse!

Off-street response – Reference number 2393

I object to the proposed changes.

There is minimal cost associated with provision of the car parks. But better to increase cost for the current times rather than extend hours.

Off-street response – Reference number 2394

I object to the proposed changes.

The council tax and all other costs are continually rising. Our salaries (for those who work) and pensions cannot keep stretching in line with constant increases.

Off-street response – Reference number 2396

I object to the proposed changes.

surely there aren't any off-street parking available... you've already revised this with Permit only parking bays..!!

Off-street response – Reference number 2397

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2398

I object to the proposed changes.

Car park administrators already collect additional fees from drivers as the machines do not always issue change when paying for tickets which is basically theft.

Off-street response – Reference number 2399

I object to the proposed changes.

In my opinion this would be excessive. Current charge levels are more than 3.

Off-street response – Reference number 2400

I object to the proposed changes.

You will end up driving visitors out of town, you should be encouraging trade in the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 2401

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2402

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2406

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2407

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2408

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2409

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2410

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2411

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2412

I object to the proposed changes.

Compared to other counties the parking charges are already much higher

Off-street response – Reference number 2413

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2414

I object to the proposed changes.

Car parks are well used and create a thriving town, increasing charges is likely to reduce town visitors and trade

Off-street response – Reference number 2416

I object to the proposed changes.

At a time like this, in a cost of living crisis, it's unbelievable that the Council would even consider this. We should be doing the opposite and reducing parking fees.

Off-street response – Reference number 2417

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2418

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2419

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2420

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2422

I object to the proposed changes.

It does not appear that you have maintained these very well so far - cannot see what extra spending has been incurred except for electric car chargers which while welcome are clearly not maintenance.

Off-street response – Reference number 2423

I object to the proposed changes.

Already too expensive.

Off-street response – Reference number 2424

I object to the proposed changes.

This will damage shopping in Tonbridge for people who are attracted to twilight shopping that reduces congestion during the day. There is also no extensive evening public transport to support the night time economy in Tonbridge. If Tonbridge gets too quiet in the evenings it will become a no go area with vandalism etc.

Off-street response – Reference number 2425

I object to the proposed changes.

It's all too easy for you to say your costs have gone up so you need to charge more. Instead, you should work the costs to the revenue. With technological advances you have the opportunity to cut labour costs. You also need to completely review why you are charging for in town car parking and what you are trying to achieve from it. I anticipate that you are just myopically seeking revenue whereas you should be using the car parking as a tool to support the success and longevity of Tonbridge town centre.

Off-street response – Reference number 2427

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2428

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2429

I object to the proposed changes.

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 2431

I object to the proposed changes.

We are already struggling with customers shopping in tonbridge because of parking charges and no decent shops

Off-street response – Reference number 2432

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2433

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2434

I object to the proposed changes.

It will discourage people visiting the area

Off-street response – Reference number 2435

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2436

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2437

I object to the proposed changes.

Already so expensive

Off-street response – Reference number 2439

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge has very little available on street parking that this affects everyone especially those who are more impacted than others in the cost of living crisis.

Off-street response – Reference number 2441

I object to the proposed changes.

I suggest free parking for up to two hours

Off-street response – Reference number 2442

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2444

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing parking prices will continue to reduce footfall in town, impacting businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 2447

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2448

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2449

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2450

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2451

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2452

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2453

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2454

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2456

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2457

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2459

I object to the proposed changes.

Current charges are more than adequate. Parking charges should be applied across the borough rather than overcharging current users

Off-street response – Reference number 2460

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2462

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2463

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2464

I object to the proposed changes.

Local businesses need trade and increased charges would impact them, I would go to Bluewater where you park for free and local business would miss out.

Off-street response – Reference number 2465

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2466

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2468

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2469

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2470

I support the proposed changes.

The charges seem broadly in line with inflation, but clearly at the upper limit!

Off-street response – Reference number 2471

I object to the proposed changes.

The income generation from car parks must be considerable and at a time when people are struggling with the cost of living increases will hit them hard meaning less use and less visitors to the town

Off-street response – Reference number 2472

I object to the proposed changes.

In a time of public hardship and rising costs this just adds more pressure on the public.

Off-street response – Reference number 2473

I object to the proposed changes.

This will inhibit my ability to visit elderly parent living in West Malling

Off-street response – Reference number 2474

I object to the proposed changes.

This will directly impact grass roots football on Sundays and penalise low income families that use the public park. The council should be encouraging healthier lifestyles at weekends by upgrading the local facilities and extending free parking rather than trying to disadvantage local groups and businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2475

I object to the proposed changes.

This is another cynical attempt for

More money making for the council without any attempt to outline what increased costs they are facing and why these are duly being passed on to the consumer

Off-street response – Reference number 2476

I object to the proposed changes.

Why do councils think that parking charges answer problems rather than create new ones. Whilst some parking should be discouraged parking charges are not the answer.

Off-street response – Reference number 2477

I object to the proposed changes.

I thought the idea was to encourage visitors to the town...High Street etc Not everyone has access to public transport or is able to use it due to mobility issues. Increasing the fees will discourage visitors and encourage them to shop elsewhere i.e. out of town complexes : Bluewater etc

Off-street response – Reference number 2478

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2479

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2480

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2482

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2483

I object to the proposed changes.

This is a sure fire way to kill tue High Stret. A short-term gain in income all result is all slapping their backs but in a five year time there will be a session dedicated to "how to save our High Street". By that time it will be too late

Off-street response – Reference number 2484

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2486

I object to the proposed changes.

The parking charges are already expensive, especially compared with the charges ten-years ago.

Off-street response – Reference number 2488

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges have increased massively over the past decade, including a large increase around the time the use of apps was brought in. It now makes more sense for me to drive all the way to Bluewater to shop for anything over one or two small items rather than use Tonbridge town centre.

Off-street response – Reference number 2490

I object to the proposed changes.

At a time of increasing hardship for large numbers of people, those that through necessity have to drive a vehicle should not be further penalised by significant increased parking charges (in some cases increases of 20% are proposed).

Off-street response – Reference number 2491

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2494

I object to the proposed changes.

Although some increase is necessary too much will deter visitors and the local people from shopping and enjoying the amenities of the town. It will also have a detrimental effect of members of the many volunteer clubs and societies who provide many evening meetings such as lectures and other events. These help to spread the knowledge of our interesting and historic town.

Off-street response – Reference number 2495

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2496

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2497

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2499

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2500

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2504

I object to the proposed changes.

This is just a money making exercise. I can't see any provision of service in these car parks. All you need is someone to empty the cash from the machines. It does nothing to benefit the small businesses in the towns, it just drives people out further afield. You cannot even provide reasonable public conveniences. If I could see any benefits to the towns by increasing parking fees I might have agreed. However, places like West Malling need to be supported, not run down even further just to make more money for the councils coffers. We pay our council tax and see little or no benefit from it.

Off-street response – Reference number 2506

I object to the proposed changes.

Places additional financial burden on users discouraging use and therefore visits to immediate area, reducing economy to shops and/or town centre and/or facilities

Off-street response – Reference number 2507

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2508

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2509

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2510

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2512

I object to the proposed changes.

In the current climate it is hard for businesses & shops to survive. An increase in 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 the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2514

I object to the proposed changes.

I am a residential season ticket holder and often have difficulty in parking in my own street. Extend the parking restrictions for these residential roads longer than 10-11am

Off-street response – Reference number 2516

I object to the proposed changes.

Car parks in town have already been increased year on year. The footfall in town is already suffering. By increasing again, you will just push people further away, and then penalise those(most likely the elderly or vulnerable) who have no choice but to park and grocery shop locally for their groceries. You could u destined if we were a town with a

lot to draw people to it at all times (like T wells or sevenoaks) but we are in abundance of coffee shops, and hairdressers. Aside from Sainsbury's and Waitrose, what else are the main draws to the town. Stop hiking up parking. It will be to the detriment of our growing elderly population.

Off-street response – Reference number 2517

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2518

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2520

I object to the proposed changes.

Many people have relatives, friends etc who visit them on Sundays and Bank Holidays. if they have pay then this is quite likely to affect how often they visit. There are elderly people who attend my church and elderly people who I know through outreach activities, that look forward to their children, grandchildren and other friends and relatives, visiting them on Sundays and bank holidays. Many of these elderly people live on their own. If you introduce these you will be guilty of depriving these elderly people of seeing there love ones on Sundays and Bank Holidays. You yourselves perhaps have never been in a situation like that so cannot see the importance of this. I hope you never will find yourselves in such a situations and if you have elderly relatives they are perhaps you are able to make sure they are never in such a situation.

Off-street response – Reference number 2521

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2523

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2524

I object to the proposed changes.

Strongly object and believe that increasing the charge times from 6pm to 8pm will create a significant enough barrier to deter people from visiting during evenings, resulting in a drop in footfall.

Off-street response – Reference number 2526

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge high street needs to draw more visitors in, increasing the parking charges will put off people from shopping in Tonbridge when the out of town retail parks have more to offer with no parking charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 2527

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2528

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2529

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges are already very high in Tonbridge. On a lot of occasions it is not always possible to walk (time is limited, or the weather is very wet, or shopping has to be carried). I regularly now shop in alternative locations which have free parking. If I need to pop out for something of low value I can't justify spending the same amount on parking too. Later parking charges could mean a family having to pay multiple fees throughout the day. Perhaps for a club at the angel centre followed by shopping in the morning then a football match at the park in the afternoon and a meal out in Tonbridge in the evening. Having to pay on all these occasions would quickly become difficult. I would like to enjoy our town rather than have to consider if I can afford to go every time. (REDACTED)

Off-street response – Reference number 2531

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge is really struggling at the moment to attract shoppers to the area. An increase in parking fees would make this worse.

Off-street response – Reference number 2532

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking already costs enough

Off-street response – Reference number 2533

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2534

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges have been devastating to local businesses. More shoppers than ever are going to out of town shopping venues which offer free car parking, or are using internet shopping. Both are causing increased road congestion and air pollution. To increase the car park charges will accelerate the decline of the High street. Traditional shoppers should not be penalised for the funding crisis created by central government policy. Do not add to the cost of living crisis.

Off-street response – Reference number 2536

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2537

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing parking charges will always impact negatively on local businesses. There is no inflation costs incurred by the council for parking spaces so this increase is unjustifiable.

Off-street response – Reference number 2538

I object to the proposed changes.

They should be free anyway. Add the money to the rates. That will get passed down to the customers. However the increased revenue due to lack of fine risk and no need for the cost of meters etc should cover it.

Off-street response – Reference number 2539

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2540

I object to the proposed changes.

People are already struggling with cost of living. Increase parking charges with discourage people visiting Aylesford village and even more businesses will be closing and the council will also be losing out on their rates and taxes.

Off-street response – Reference number 2541

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2542

I object to the proposed changes.

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 2543

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2544

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2545

I support the proposed changes.

I understand fully the need to increase charges at a time of dwindling Government support for local authorities.

Off-street response – Reference number 2546

I object to the proposed changes.

We pay enough now

Off-street response – Reference number 2547

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2548

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2549

I support the proposed changes.

I think they are reasonable.

Off-street response – Reference number 2550

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2551

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2552

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2553

I object to the proposed changes.

The fees for parking have steadily increased over recent years in line with inflation and don't need to be further increased

Off-street response – Reference number 2557

I object to the proposed changes.

It's extremely expensive living in Tonbridge. The Council already makes an extreme amount of money from charging local residents to access their own town. Increasing charging times and the amount charged is a move against the people of Tonbridge. Let me give you some examples. As a volunteer youth football coach who coaches our young people on Saturdays and Sundays and weekday evenings at the racecourse ground and sacrifices much of my spare time to ensure the very best for our town's young people, this would add between £5 to £10 a week to my expenses, annualised this is £250-£500. Surely we should be encouraging people to help out our town's young people rather than punishing them.

Off-street response – Reference number 2558

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2559

I object to the proposed changes.

Ordinary motorists are being priced-out of parking in the town. This obviously is ruining the High St as a shopping centre. This is evident by the number of vacant shops, which is as a result of high parking costs. Consequently several shops have closed. This greed is killing the town centre for shopping and will do the same for those who wish to eat out in the restaurants in the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 2560

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2561

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2562

I object to the proposed changes.

With the cost of living crisis it seems unjust to expect members of the public to pay even more for parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2564

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2565

I object to the proposed changes.

Technology is there to help make things smarter. It doesn't have to be so costly.

Off-street response – Reference number 2566

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2569

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2570

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2571

I object to the proposed changes.

See 17

Off-street response – Reference number 2573

I object to the proposed changes.

This will drive people to take their business elsewhere and have a negative effect on the economy of Tonbridge businesses. A greedy money grabbing proposal.

Off-street response – Reference number 2575

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2576

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2577

I object to the proposed changes.

This will further deter people from using the car parks and will affect businesses and shops

Off-street response – Reference number 2578

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2579

I object to the proposed changes.

Shouldn't need to raise parking charges regardless of whether it's not been done for 2 years. Be a shepherd council not a sheep.

Off-street response – Reference number 2580

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2581

I object to the proposed changes.

The charges are already high enough.

Off-street response – Reference number 2582

I object to the proposed changes.

Are you joking? You're killing businesses. You're killing the high street. Stop.

Off-street response – Reference number 2583

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2584

I object to the proposed changes.

Madness, do you want to destroy the high St there is free parking elsewhere

Off-street response – Reference number 2585

I object to the proposed changes.

Any increase will encourage people to go to places parking is free

Off-street response – Reference number 2587

I object to the proposed changes.

Charges are high enough

Off-street response – Reference number 2588

I support the proposed changes.

Ideally there would also be improvement to public transport and cycling facilities so people don't have to drive

Off-street response – Reference number 2590

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2591

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2593

I object to the proposed changes.

Seems a lot of issues relate to long term parking, and yet stores refund an hour but often only against a receipt. To encourage shoppers in the High Street, and discourage so called "blue badge" parking on double yellows around town, the first hour should be free against possibly higher charges for longer periods. (as they do in Paddock Wood.). Where they have an attractive small high street and not just a parade of charity shops...

Off-street response – Reference number 2594

I object to the proposed changes.

The high street is being killed off by parking charges. No one can afford to shop there any more. It is cheaper to order online

Off-street response – Reference number 2595

I object to the proposed changes.

One hour free would still stop long stay parking but support shoppers and businesses. Evening payments would deter people using the many eateries.

Off-street response – Reference number 2596

I support the proposed changes.

The council should be looking at ways to reduce the number of cars and ways to keep and enhance all green spaces

Off-street response – Reference number 2597

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2598

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2599

I object to the proposed changes.

Increasing the cost of car parking affects footfall to local businesses which need all the support they can get - you should be lowering the costs not increasing them!

Off-street response – Reference number 2601

I support the proposed changes.

I support increased charges but only subject to previous comments.

Off-street response – Reference number 2602

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2607

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already very expensive, I would tend to try to use centres with free parking. This would damage the prospects of local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2608

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2609

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2610

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2611

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2612

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2613

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2614

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2615

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2616

I object to the proposed changes.

motorist are not a cash cow for inefficient council

Off-street response – Reference number 2617

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2619

I object to the proposed changes.

Will stop people coming to the town, and will affect small businesses

Off-street response – Reference number 2620

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2621

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge high street is already failing! Increasing both times and charges will finally kill off the town!!!

Off-street response – Reference number 2623

I object to the proposed changes.

This will reduce people coming into town and will not be good for already suffering high street. This will also negatively affect people trying to shop in the supermarket or go to the gym or visit the high street in general

Off-street response – Reference number 2624

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2625

I object to the proposed changes.

If you do this you will discourage people coming into the town, a lot of gym goers use the carpark after hours, this will affect the gyms membership uptake as they have also increased prices, times are hard with out the council penny pinching

Off-street response – Reference number 2626

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2628

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2629

I object to the proposed changes.

Why in a trouble time even consider this, the town don't have enough variety to warrant the charges now

Off-street response – Reference number 2630

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2633

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2634

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2636

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already too much

Off-street response – Reference number 2638

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2639

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2640

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2643

I object to the proposed changes.

Disgusting! What do you expect local businesses to do when times are tough enough

Off-street response – Reference number 2646

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2647

I object to the proposed changes.

With the current financial hardships we all are suffering with an increase in charges is quite tone deaf.

Off-street response – Reference number 2648

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2649

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2653

I object to the proposed changes.

Again it will deter people from shopping locally - they will go to the big stores that have free parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2654

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2655

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2656

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2657

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2659

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2660

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2664

I object to the proposed changes.

Again your doing this for your own greed! Which doesn't surprise me but it does anger me.

Off-street response – Reference number 2665

I object to the proposed changes.

The proposed increases are at rates in excess of inflation. Many residents are already struggling with increases to the cost of living and such high increases in parking charges will keep residents away from the town centre, thus having a knock on effect to the businesses operating in the area. This will push yet more shoppers to the out of town retail parks where parking is free of charge.

Off-street response – Reference number 2667

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2668

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2671

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2673

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2674

I object to the proposed changes.

I would rather see the first hour free for places like Martin Square, which are only used by local people. In other areas across the borough a flat rate of £1 for the first hour to encourage local shopping and then to pay after that. If not, you run the risk of pushing people out to large supermarkets that either don't charge for parking or charge a flat fee. This would put more pressure on local business and take money away from the local economy.

Off-street response – Reference number 2675

I object to the proposed changes.

The cost to park is high as it is and the economic climate as it is at the moment people cannot afford to pay more. They avoid the towns because of this and only go in when they have to whereas if you keep the cost down more people will visit for other reason rather than necessity . The retail shops are struggling and need as much footfall as possible- especially the small independent shops.

Off-street response – Reference number 2677

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2678

I object to the proposed changes.

These parking charges will of course impact on our already stretched budgets. Council tax has gone up I believe that councils are not spending money wisely.

Off-street response – Reference number 2680

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2681

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2682

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2683

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2689

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2690

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2692

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2693

I support the proposed changes.

This appear proportionate.

Off-street response – Reference number 2695

I object to the proposed changes.

Currently I shop and eat in Tonbridge rather than Tunbridge Wells because of cost and free parking times and days. This move will turn Tonbridge into a dead town as it has in Tunbridge wells. It will be self defeating

Off-street response – Reference number 2696

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2697

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2699

I object to the proposed changes.

The new parking times & charges are going to cause so many limitations on peoples leisure time.

We have extensive leisure & sports facilities in Tonbridge with the Angel Centre, Sportsgound, Castle, River and walks.

Also for the restaurants/café's for socialising.

As well as regular Church services, lots of regular social community groups take place in Church halls within the town, daytime & evenings.

It could limit volunteer workers within Charity Shops who are unpaid.

We are advised to get out and do sport and socialise for our mental health.

The buses only run at limited times, if at all, on Sundays & Bank Holidays.

It could be very costly for anyone/families wanting to spend the day taking advantage of our Tonbridge amenities.

Off-street response – Reference number 2700

I object to the proposed changes.

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 the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2704

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2707

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2708

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2710

I object to the proposed changes.

If the plan is to make parking charges fair and equal through the whole of TMBC why is the new proposal for some village car parks to be cheaper than others? Why is the car park in Wrotham less than the car park in Aylesford? Why is parking in Tonbridge more than Martins Square?

Off-street response – Reference number 2711

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2714

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2715

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2717

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2718

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2724

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2725

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2726

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2727

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2728

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2729

I support the proposed changes.

There is no mention of motorcycle parking, new or existing.

Off-street response – Reference number 2731

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2732

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2733

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2734

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2735

I object to the proposed changes.

Increase in parking charge will discourage people to go shopping or have leisure at High Street areas.

Off-street response – Reference number 2738

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2739

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2740

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2741

I object to the proposed changes.

The parking charges are high enough already

Off-street response – Reference number 2742

I object to the proposed changes.

It's expensive enough now. I don't shop in sevenoaks or T wells because of the charges which are extortionate

And you have to use an app as well. I go to out of area shops and restaurants where there are no charges. It is very short sighted policy and eventually there will be no need for car parks as there will be no shops or restaurants!!

Off-street response – Reference number 2744

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2745

I object to the proposed changes.

On the one hand, I support measures which encourage people to walk into town rather than drive, for both public health and environmental reasons. On the other hand, I believe raising parking tariffs in towns such as Tonbridge only kills off the highstreets further, and does nothing to support local businesses. For this reason, I object to the increase in tariffs.

Off-street response – Reference number 2746

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2747

I object to the proposed changes.

Council tax is already high enough, cost of living is awful, no more increases

Off-street response – Reference number 2749

I object to the proposed changes.

We're aying enough

Off-street response – Reference number 2750

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2751

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2754

I object to the proposed changes.

Now is not the time to raise parking charges. People are struggling and this will cause greater financial hardship or encourage them to go elsewhere, where parking is free.

Off-street response – Reference number 2755

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2757

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2758

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking is already very expensive in tonbridge

Off-street response – Reference number 2759

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2762

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2763

I object to the proposed changes.

What exactly would you need to increase the parking charges for?? It's a road that costs no money to maintain if there are standstill cars on it.

Off-street response – Reference number 2764

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2768

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2769

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2770

I object to the proposed changes.

I believe that short term, higher turnover usage should be encouraged, so believe a reduced tariff for 30 minutes should be introduced (say 50p), retaining the existing hourly charges, but agree with increasing 60+ minutes rates.

Off-street response – Reference number 2771

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking shouldnt be chargeable

Off-street response – Reference number 2774

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2775

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2776

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2778

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2779

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2780

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2781

I object to the proposed changes.

It's annoying to have to pay when you live locally. I have two children and have to wait until Sunday to drive to the supermarket to get items.

Off-street response – Reference number 2782

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2785

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2786

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2787

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2789

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2791

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2792

I object to the proposed changes.

I appreciate that the council has a difficult job. I am very concerned that increasing car parking prices will negatively impact on local businesses- hair dressers, restaurants and cafes where people will now have to pay even more. I want to have a relaxing time not feel rushed

Off-street response – Reference number 2793

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2794

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2796

I object to the proposed changes.

The town centre is already in danger of dying with the empty Beales site and threats to town centre leisure facilities. People are already put off using the Angel centre (and high street shops) because parking charges make classes and gym use too expensive. One example is that the Tuesday walking football relocated to Tonbridge Farm during covid and never returned because of parking costs. You must at least offer special dispensation to those using tactive facilities while they remain in town. Other councils manage to offer free limited time parking (Paddock Wood, Southborough) and as a consequence keep local shops and facilities thriving. If TMBC want to kill off Tonbridge town centre, making parking even more prohibitive is an excellent way to do it.

Off-street response – Reference number 2800

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2801

I object to the proposed changes.

It's too expensive already for parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 2802

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2803

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2805

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2807

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2808

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2810

I object to the proposed changes.

West malling car park was free when we moved here 9 years ago.Wonderful.

Please do not make any more changes to parking.you need to support the high street and help shops to survive,we have already lost so many.I had heard you were going to extend the charging hours and include Sundays.I hope this has been cancelled.

It is heartening to see people ,especially theyoung filling the pubs and restaurant on evenings and weekends.I fear parking charges would drive them elsewhere.

Off-street response – Reference number 2811

I object to the proposed changes.

Pushing more people away from local traders, Great Business Sense!

Who is voting for this, please could I have a list of names and addresses so I can ask questions directly of the committee.

Off-street response – Reference number 2812

I object to the proposed changes.

The increases proposed exceed inflation by some margin. Presumably, the costs of running the car parks have only increased by inflation.

Off-street response – Reference number 2813

I object to the proposed changes.

Whilst consultation still live, parking charges increase already advertised on pay machines. Foregone conclusion and lip service only. Appears not democratic as decision already made.

Off-street response – Reference number 2814

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2817

I object to the proposed changes.

The proposed increases would have a significant impact to the Society's members, especially the proposed increase to the 3-4 hour rate bands. These increases have the potential to have a detrimental effect on the total number of our members and guests attending The Society's November afternoon meeting.

The meeting is The Society's headline event, at The Angel Centre, and routinely attracts one of our highest attendances. Anything that adversely affects these numbers, could leave The Society having to question the future of this tradition. We are still struggling to attract the same numbers as prior to Covid.

Off-street response – Reference number 2819

I object to the proposed changes.

Rising costs to operate an area of tarmac with painted lines? Can only be warden wages which are unlikely to have risen comparatively. A rise in charge has already restricted how much time acquaintances can spend attending mental health support services in the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 2820

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2821

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2822

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2824

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2826

I object to the proposed changes.

The high street struggles enough bringing in people to spend money.

With the lack of regular & reliable bus services and public transport to the town for people living on the outskirts of town, we should be facilitating as much as possible fair parking fees.

Off-street response – Reference number 2827

I object to the proposed changes.

Our High Street and Town centre needs more visitors, not fewer. Introducing more expensive parking or getting rid of free parking on Sundays or Bank Holidays will not support local businesses, but drive customers to other places where parking is free.

Off-street response – Reference number 2828

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2834

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2835

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2836

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2837

(no comment supplied)

Parking Charge Proposals Martins Square (REDACTED)

We oppose the proposals to charge for parking in Martin Square because we are likely to face bankruptcy due to loss of clients and staff. The time spent by customers at our premises is proportionately longer than that for other businesses. For example, 50% of our clients visiting for hair colours and beauty treatments are with us for around 4 hours. It is therefore a significant charge to our clients in particular – clients making a short visit to the butcher or post office face a charge of 60p whereas 50% of our clientele face a charge of almost £4 and the other 50% at least £2.

By charging for parking, the Council is therefore indirectly increasing our prices, leaving us zero opportunity to increase our own prices in line with inflation. Like many businesses, our running costs have increased substantially, but due to the nature of our business, we are more affected than other businesses by the huge increases in gas and electricity because we have a greater need for hot water and to keep clients warm with wet hair or, in the beauty salon, where many clients need to remove clothing. We have already been 'swallowing' these additional costs for the past 18 months.

Our margins are therefore already seriously compromised we cannot therefore afford any risk of loss of clients who are likely to use other salons where parking is free (eg Snodland).

We predict we will lose long-term and reliable staff, because they now have to pay parking charges, and because we cannot increase our prices (due to customers parking fees) we cannot increase wages. Our staff will therefore, in reality, and as a direct result of these parking fees, experience a wage cut. Our businesses operate in a market where recruitment of suitably qualified and experienced staff is already impossible. We will lose staff as a direct result of the financial restrictions imposed by parking fees in Martin Square (because they have to pay out large sums for parking, and we cannot afford to increase wages as a result of not being able to increase prices, which is a direct result of council parking fees). Council income increases through parking, and business profits reduce. Result = businesses closing down.

Our profit margins were already seriously compromised. If we cannot increase prices due to the council imposed parking charges, we run risk of folding two otherwise successful shops in Martin Square. The council therefore has a direct hand in the degradation of the commercial area in Martin Square, a place that is now more commercially viable than it has ever been. Whether long term in the Square like ourselves, or a newer investor like the Butchers shop, every one provides vital services which boost the local economy and community. Local people who have the opportunity to walk to the Square for local services, will likely experience all of these small businesses folding up one by one, negatively impacting their lives.

The decisions of business owners to start up in Martin Square, was taken on the basis that client and staff parking was free. The parking prices are so high for hair and beauty in particular, because the time customers spend with us on average, is up to 20 times higher than the other businesses in the Square, it is therefore, our clients who will be most disadvantaged by this. The knock-on effect on our ability to increase prices and wages in line with inflation will be hugely compromised to the extent we fear the loss of 30% of our clients and around 50% of our staff.

The Council talks of wanting to be fair. This scenario for Hairdressing and Beauty is not fair, due to the nature of our work. Staff parking season tickets also do not benefit our staff equally, because some work part time.

Off-street response – Reference number 2839

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2840

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2842

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2844

I support the proposed changes.

These are in line with inflation so don't have any major concerns

Off-street response – Reference number 2846

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2847

I object to the proposed changes.

People are struggling with life and can't afford more costs or increase in cost when wages are not meeting the increases.

Off-street response – Reference number 2848

I object to the proposed changes.

I object to your proposed increases because any increase will drive more people to park within the Slade residential area for the above reasons.

Off-street response – Reference number 2849

I object to the proposed changes.

As a resident of the Slade area, with its very restricted on-street parking, I have to ask guests to park in local car parks and walk to my house when they visit. I do not want them to have to pay even more just to visit me.

Off-street response – Reference number 2850

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2854

I object to the proposed changes.

Not in the current financial crisis we are in. if you have to raise them, can this not be done when the country is in a better economic state and when people aren't paying such inflated prices just to live?

Off-street response – Reference number 2856

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2858

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2859

I object to the proposed changes.

Without full justification that cost have actually increased commensurate with the additional income projected by the increased charges I object to this proposal

Off-street response – Reference number 2861

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2862

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2863

I object to the proposed changes.

There is no need to increase charges during the cost of living crisis.

Off-street response – Reference number 2864

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2865

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2866

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living crisis

Off-street response – Reference number 2867

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2870

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2871

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2872

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2873

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2874

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2876

I object to the proposed changes.

I believe parking charges have been raised at least twice in the last two years based on my experience.

Off-street response – Reference number 2877

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2879

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2880

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2881

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2883

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2886

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2887

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2888

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2889

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2890

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2891

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2892

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2893

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2894

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2895

I support the proposed changes.

Providing they are reasonable

Off-street response – Reference number 2896

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge is currently a thriving town. Much of this is due to parking being free on both a Sunday and a bank holiday. If you start charging for these days, less people will come here. One of Tonbridge's attractions is the free parking on these days.

Off-street response – Reference number 2897

I object to the proposed changes.

Cost of living is hard as it is people shouldn't have to pay to be able to do their food shop plenty of other towns don't charge

Off-street response – Reference number 2899

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2900

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2901

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2902

I object to the proposed changes.

Car parks are already too expensive and I avoid using the shops unless I also need to go to Sainsbury's so will get my money back. I often go into town purposely on a Sunday to avoid the parking costs. Instead I will just stay with the options on the industrial estate or go to Bluewater. You are driving people from the high street which is already struggling.

Off-street response – Reference number 2903

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2904

I object to the proposed changes.

Not thinking of the cost of living just want more money.

Off-street response – Reference number 2905

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2906

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking in local villages should be free or with minimal charges to increase traffic into the local businesses that rely on local customers

Off-street response – Reference number 2907

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2908

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2910

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2911

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2912

I object to the proposed changes.

Sure fire way to kill a dwindling high street and the livelihoods of those that work there. So much positive community events take place such as sport on Sunday, don't penalise local residents for improving their health and wellbeing by

taxing them on travelling into the area by car

Off-street response – Reference number 2914

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2916

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2917

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2919

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2920

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2921

I object to the proposed changes.

With rising cost of living - but no additional costs to parking on land that the council already owns, it's a daylight robbery by the council yet again

Off-street response – Reference number 2922

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2923

I object to the proposed changes.

Everything is expensive enough, the high Street is dying. Plus we pay more than enough in council tax. We are being fleeced, again.

Off-street response – Reference number 2924

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2925

I object to the proposed changes.

The cost of parking is already excessive in Tonbridge.

Off-street response – Reference number 2929

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2930

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2932

I object to the proposed changes.

Disgusting! Rising cost?? What about our rising costs of council tax and household bills and food. Let alone paying more to park.

Off-street response – Reference number 2933

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2936

I object to the proposed changes.

It reduces footfall on the high street and is causing closure of local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 2937

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2938

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2939

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2940

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2941

I object to the proposed changes.

As I said in my response to the “On-street parking consultation” I feel that increasing parking charges would impact on businesses, and other amenities within Tonbridge, which are already struggling in the current economic climate. Increasing parking charges will encourage people to use the local out of town retail developments, where parking is free. The impact of these increased parking charges would also be felt by other amenities, including the library, charities (eg: Age Concern), clubs (eg: Scouts), support groups, sporting venues, churches and many more. It is also important to remember, that increased charges will have the greatest effect on those on a low income, to whom many of these services are crucial.

Surely, the Council doesn't want to deter people from using Tonbridge centre, by making the parking more expensive, with the net effect of more closed buildings, reducing the revenue for the Council and generally making Tonbridge a place that no one want to go to.

Off-street response – Reference number 2942

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2943

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2944

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2947

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2950

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2952

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2953

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2955

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2956

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2957

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2959

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2960

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2961

I object to the proposed changes.

The prices are expensive enough and discourage shoppers already. If you put up prices then you should introduce 30 mins free parking in all council car parks.

Off-street response – Reference number 2962

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2963

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2965

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2966

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2967

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2968

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2969

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2971

I object to the proposed changes.

I think increasing charges will push more people yo show out of town. Bluewater and Lakeside are free.

Off-street response – Reference number 2972

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2973

I object to the proposed changes.

Awful idea. We need to encourage people to come and support local businesses, high car parking charges are a deterrent. We should be creating happy hours and regular promotions to encourage people to shop locally or we will have more and more empty units in town.

Off-street response – Reference number 2974

I object to the proposed changes.

So when it is important to combat inflation it's important our own councils do not contribute to it.

Off-street response – Reference number 2975

I object to the proposed changes.

We pay heavily for using car parks regularly to shop in the town that we live in. Higher charges will drive out more shoppers at a time when our high street needs the footfall. Car parking charges are in effect 'fines' for coming in to town by car. This is unjust. Large out of town or industrial estate shops are now taking away the very customers we should be encouraging in to town, to independent shops and for leisure.

Meeting a friend for a coffee and a walk round the castle may take two hours, and the parking charge makes it an occasional treat, which is bad for business and bad for well-being. Other towns (eg Paddock wood) do an hour or two of free parking then charge for longer stays. This model would reap enormous benefits for our whole town.

Off-street response – Reference number 2976

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2977

I object to the proposed changes.

I object to the increase as you are making it more difficult for people to just shop locally. All parking machines should accept cash and card (not phone payments only)! It is not fair on local businesses and community spaces, i.e. libraries.

Off-street response – Reference number 2979

I object to the proposed changes.

I think this is a short-sighted action and it will result in more people driving to North Farm or other out of town sites for their shopping thus depressing the Tonbridge High Street further. It is cheaper to park in Tunbridge Wells in covered parking than in Tonbridge so people may be encouraged to shop elsewhere leading to more empty shops and less in business rates.

Off-street response – Reference number 2980

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2983

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2984

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2985

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2986

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2987

I object to the proposed changes.

I think parking is expensive enough in Tonbridge and the increase will not only discourage visitors to the limited shopping offer but discriminate against the less well off. I have no choice but to drive to Tonbridge as I live in Penshurst and there is no public transport option even though I am a pensioner.

Off-street response – Reference number 2988

I object to the proposed changes.

They are reasonable as is. Any increase could deter visits to different areas. No need to be greedy.

Off-street response – Reference number 2989

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2990

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2994

I object to the proposed changes.

Expensive enough already.

Off-street response – Reference number 2995

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2998

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 2999

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3000

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3001

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3002

I support the proposed changes.

However additional consideration should be given to reduced fee for electric cars- thus encouraging less pollutant vehicles in the centre of town.

Off-street response – Reference number 3003

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge is a town that does not provide regular high street shops and charging more will drive people further away, I only go into the high every few weeks just for an appointment and may pop into Sainsbury's.

Personally I drive to Bluewater that has all shops that a shopper needs and no parking charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 3004

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3005

I object to the proposed changes.

Local business are struggling, by increasing charges you will reduce footfall thereby reducing their profits and causing them to cease trade. This will leave you without their vast rates paid to the council.

Off-street response – Reference number 3006

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3007

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3008

I object to the proposed changes.

Use council tax more efficiently

Off-street response – Reference number 3009

I object to the proposed changes.

With out of town shopping areas/retail parks now offering a better selection of shops and parking there is already little need to visit high streets. Parking should be free for everyone. Just like it is on other countries.

Off-street response – Reference number 3010

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3011

I object to the proposed changes.

This discourages visits to local central businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 3012

I object to the proposed changes.

Visitors are already parking in residents' streets, occupying the residents' spots. Increasing tariffs risks pushing even more cars on residential parking places.

Off-street response – Reference number 3013

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3016

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3018

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3019

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3021

I object to the proposed changes.

TMBC should be trying to increase the footfall in Tonbridge High Street. We need new businesses and a more varied selection. Increasing prices will encourage people, me included, to shop out of town.

Off-street response – Reference number 3023

I object to the proposed changes.

The council is trying to increase income at the cost to trade in the areas concerned

Off-street response – Reference number 3024

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3025

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3028

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3029

I object to the proposed changes.

You are supposed to be encouraging more people into the town not putting them off with higher charges.

Off-street response – Reference number 3031

I object to the proposed changes.

This will put off more people coming to park in the town. When our high street is already reduced in the amount of shops we have.

Off-street response – Reference number 3032

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3033

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3034

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3035

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3036

I object to the proposed changes.

Charges are already high and for many are unaffordable in the current cost of living crisis. It deters people from shopping or spending time in town which impacts on local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 3037

I object to the proposed changes.

In the current economic climate these charge increases are punitive and inappropriate

Off-street response – Reference number 3038

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3039

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3040

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3041

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3042

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3044

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3045

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3046

I object to the proposed changes.

Charges are already very high and increasing them will prevent people coming into town

Off-street response – Reference number 3047

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3048

I object to the proposed changes.

An increase in parking charges will further damage our high street

Off-street response – Reference number 3049

I object to the proposed changes.

With the costs increasing overall this would not be a beneficial move and would reduce parking reducing overall income to the council

Off-street response – Reference number 3050

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3051

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3052

I object to the proposed changes.

I have a disabled blue badge but in Kinnings Row, there is only one disabled space so if this is not available I still have to pay for parking as I am often more than 3 hours. If you increase your charges, please consider putting more disabled bays throughout the town. Secondly, Sainsburys and Waitrose are only reimbursing a set fee of car parking now (2hrs & £1.45 I believe?). We are already paying too much for fruit, veg, electricity and our home. Please don't add to our burden.

Off-street response – Reference number 3053

I object to the proposed changes.

People will stop coming to Tonbridge, I know I would go and shop elsewhere if there was free parking

Off-street response – Reference number 3054

I object to the proposed changes.

This is entirely greed. As a resident in Tonbridge there is nowhere to park in the town now without payment. I feel like a visitor in my own town (for which incidentally I am already heavily charged to live) when it should be encouraging me to visit and shop. Increased charges again and no all day Sunday and extension till 20.00. I certainly object to this particularly when other areas of the Borough are not charged at all.

Off-street response – Reference number 3055

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3056

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3057

I object to the proposed changes.

You need to support local businesses and forcing people to pay for parking will only deter people. At Lear offer 1-2 hours free and pay after.

Off-street response – Reference number 3058

I object to the proposed changes.

There is hardly anywhere already to park for free for limited time visits. This will undoubtedly make it impossible to pop into town briefly without incurring parking charges and people will go elsewhere taking custom away from the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 3059

I object to the proposed changes.

I think the council make enough from parking already.

Off-street response – Reference number 3060

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3061

I object to the proposed changes.

It seems that very soon if anyone us stuck in a tragic jam that we will be charged for parking. Tonbridge appears to be going downhill. Lots of people complaining about the parking charges. Other councils, up and down the country, don't charge as much , if any at all, and they survive. Why can't Tonbridge survive ? Greed.

Off-street response – Reference number 3062

I object to the proposed changes.

The car park charges are already high. As someone who uses the car parks in Tonbridge 4-6 days a week. In Maidstone, Electric Vehicle Charging is free in their Maidstone Borough Council Car Parks on Ringo. I fail to understand how Tonbridge can want to add charges when they can't even ensure their electric charging devices are working. The chargers in the car park opposite the farmers market has had black bags over it for ages. Come on TMBC fix the existing problems first.

Please don't let Tonbridge become a ghost town like Sevenoaks due to the high charges. Tonbridge high street is already full of coffee shops, vape stores and nail shops- adding further charges will just make people go to bluewater where every shop is available and you can park all day for free!

Off-street response – Reference number 3063

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3064

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3065

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3066

I object to the proposed changes.

Need 1 hour free to encourage use of the town. Then step up charges in round pound amounts.

Off-street response – Reference number 3067

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3068

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3069

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3070

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3071

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking charges are expensive enough and are, in my opinion only just on the border of what is reasonable. Increasing them will only discourage people from visiting Tonbridge to use the shops and amenities. Charges are already too expensive or restrictive for long stay parking so any lack of spaces is because the current charges are acceptable to many people, indicating that current charges are adequate. Why bite the hand that feeds the coins into the pay and display machines? It is difficult to see how the council is not making money from parking and it is staggering that it charges itself business rates on car parks that it owns and operates!

Off-street response – Reference number 3072

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3073

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3074

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3075

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3076

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3077

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3078

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3079

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3080

I object to the proposed changes.

We want to encourage people to the town and I'm not advocating free parking as people overstay and there's more issues but raising the car parking charges will potentially stop people coming to Tonbridge and damage our existing high street. The cost of living is challenging enough as it is

Off-street response – Reference number 3081

I object to the proposed changes.

Unfair with current cost living

Off-street response – Reference number 3082

I object to the proposed changes.

Many of us have had no cost of living rises over the last 2/3 years, increasing parking makes the town more expensive to access

Off-street response – Reference number 3083

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3084

I object to the proposed changes.

While I understand the council's need to raise revenue given the wider context, I'm not sure that blanket increases are the most suitable approach to support the town.

Off-street response – Reference number 3085

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3088

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3089

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3091

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3092

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3093

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3094

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3095

I object to the proposed changes.

The charges are already high enough.

Off-street response – Reference number 3097

I object to the proposed changes.

Why not put speed camera up on Quarry hill instead to gain the revenue

Off-street response – Reference number 3098

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3099

I object to the proposed changes.

Generally, in terms of parking charges it's very frustrating that to pay for parking via the app is more expensive than paying by cash. Also, can there not be a short stay option at Haysden Country Park for those people who just want a quick visit.

Off-street response – Reference number 3101

I object to the proposed changes.

This is a ridiculous idea. I will not be using West Malling if I have to pay for parking. It is greedy of the council and will affect the high street businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 3102

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3103

I object to the proposed changes.

This is an awful idea, why charge for parking when there is no need to. People will not use West Malling to shop if they can't park quickly on the road. This will affect the businesses, people will just go to shop at the bigger supermarkets. I visit the library for social events and am limited to an hour parking on the road, if charges are introduced I will not be able to attend.

Off-street response – Reference number 3104

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3105

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3107

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3108

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3109

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3110

I object to the proposed changes.

It is already prohibitive cost in visiting the high street and will cause the further degradation of our already dieing high street

Off-street response – Reference number 3111

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3112

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3113

I object to the proposed changes.

Parking in tonbridge is already SO expensive- far more than other local comparable towns. Eg 70p for 2 hours in southborough. You will deter shoppers and destroy the high street.

Off-street response – Reference number 3114

I object to the proposed changes.

It's already a prohibitive cost when visiting and will encourage further loss to our already failing high st!

Off-street response – Reference number 3115

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3117

I object to the proposed changes.

All businesses will be affected as customers would rather drive elsewhere where free parking exists. Enough local businesses are struggling as it is.

Off-street response – Reference number 3119

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3122

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3125

I object to the proposed changes.

Towns and villages can only survive if it is easy for customers and clients to access their services. Increasing parking charges will add to increasing pressures on local businesses as customers would be put off by increased parking charges. The lack of public transport and its continued decline means there is often not an alternative option for drivers. The increase in parking fees can only be supported if there is an increase in affordable public transport.

Off-street response – Reference number 3128

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3130

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3133

I object to the proposed changes.

I train and coach volleyball three times a week which will hugely impact my monthly costs with parking.

Off-street response – Reference number 3134

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3135

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3136

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3138

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3139

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3140

I object to the proposed changes.

No need to increase costs

Off-street response – Reference number 3141

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3142

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3143

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3149

I object to the proposed changes.

Traders in the town are in constant competition with retail outlets and supermarkets who can grant free or reduced parking on supermarket bills. The Vale Road shopping area can be accessed for a specified period of time without cost - this again is unfair competition for High Street businesses. In Brittany vehicles are able to park for a limit of 2 hours free in designated Blue zones whilst displaying a blue card with clock denoting time of arrival. This makes a huge difference to small local businesses.

Off-street response – Reference number 3151

I object to the proposed changes.

The charges are already high and an increase will reduce visitors to Tonbridge town centre even further. Tonbridge is still a well used town centre, please don't kill it off with greed.

Off-street response – Reference number 3153

I object to the proposed changes.

Tonbridge and Malling are already charging too much.

Off-street response – Reference number 3154

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3155

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3156

I object to the proposed changes.

Again it adds to the stress of cost of living rise!!.

Off-street response – Reference number 3157

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3159

I object to the proposed changes.

Whilst you must generate income to fund other services the first hour should be free. A rise in the 2 to 4 rate could then be justified. Again, it will support local businesses in these difficult times.

Businesses closing are not good for council income

Off-street response – Reference number 3160

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3163

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3164

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3165

I object to the proposed changes.

It's an unjust tax on local people s pockets

Off-street response – Reference number 3166

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3168

I object to the proposed changes.

I do not support an increase in parking charges for the current car parks unless charges are introduced to all car parks where it is financially sustainable.

Off-street response – Reference number 3169

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3170

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3171

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3172

I object to the proposed changes.

No gain to the local public of rising off street parking, what increase dose the council cost increase to of street parking?

Off-street response – Reference number 3174

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3175

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3176

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3179

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3180

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3181

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3182

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3183

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3184

I support the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3188

I object to the proposed changes.

There is no justification for off or on street car parking charges in West Malling - ie. High St, Swan St, etc. TMBC does not provide any services for such areas. ie. consistent traffic warden services to monitor unauthorised parking. Ideally, there should be no parking on these streets for anyone other than householders via permit schemes. Car parking should be in car parks and those should be at minimal charge ie. Free on Sundays, free from 6pm until 7am. TMBC is killing trade in WM. This is short sighted; no business, no council tax. This is an attractive town with a strong economy at night time via pubs and restaurants. YOU have already damaged the daytime economy - no free short

period to purchase a newspaper - Newsagent closed. Many people will drive to Parkfoot as the nearest outlet to purchase a newspaper and pint/litre of milk. You cannot bully people into shopping at Tesco and you have contributed to the closure of the newsagent. The lack of joined up thinking is quite astonishing. The hostility your current plans have caused.....'I will never shop in WM'

You think this is a sensible strategy?!

Off-street response – Reference number 3191

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3193

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3194

I object to the proposed changes.

The increase in charge does not seem to align with the “increase in cost of provision”

Off-street response – Reference number 3196

I object to the proposed changes.

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 3198

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3199

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3200

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3201

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3202

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3203

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3204

I object to the proposed changes.

Fees are already high enough and made worse by the obscene 'convenience fee'; it should be cheaper to pay online than at a machine.

Off-street response – Reference number 3205

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3207

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3208

I object to the proposed changes.

I feel I contribute enough of my money to parking and strongly object that the Council wishes to take even more of my dwindling earnings in the form of extra parking charges. The cost of everything is high and many people do not have spare cash. How can we save for anything, if charges are increased.

Off-street response – Reference number 3213

I object to the proposed changes.

(no comment supplied)

Off-street response – Reference number 3220

I object to the proposed changes.

The town centre is already in danger of dying with the empty Beales site and threats to town centre leisure facilities. People are already put off using the Angel centre (and high street shops) because parking charges make classes and gym use too expensive. One example is that the Tuesday walking football relocated to Tonbridge Farm during covid and never returned because of parking costs. If you persist with these short-sighted changes, you must at least offer

special dispensation or a refund facility to those using ttractive sites in town. Other councils manage to offer free limited time parking (Paddock Wood, Southborough) and as a consequence keep local shops and facilities thriving. If TMBC want to kill off Tonbridge town centre, making parking even more prohibitive is an excellent way to do it.

Off-street response – Reference number 3224

I object to the proposed changes.

I appreciate the need to increase some charges but these are radical proposals. You are just pushing some of us to on line shopping and away from the shops in the town. Bluewater is not far away for those who wish to have an 'all in one place' experience with free parking all day.

Please reconsider these extra charges, perhaps keep the free parking on Sundays and bank holidays.

Off-street response – Reference number 3225

I support the proposed changes.

I am a TMBC resident. Although I support the proposed increases to parking charges in this order, I wish to object to the proposals to extend the chargeable period until 8.00pm and remove free parking on Sundays.

Off-street response – Reference number 3226

I object to the proposed changes.

can't believe you again are targeting small independent businesses with increasing the 12 month parking permits. The £35.00 increase taking the 12 month fee to £290 is out of order.

I support an employee with this fee making it £580 I have to find from within the business. In the current climate and the cost of the living crisis Hair & Beauty and education is not a priority for most people and my businesses are struggling.

I have no option but to pay whatever you increase the permit charges too as again there is no alternative parking option in West Malling.

The Borough Council are determined to stop foot flow in the high street by making it a very unattractive shopping, pampering, wellbeing and social high street. Sadly the takings show that people are showing their feelings with their feet.

Off-street response – Reference number 3229

I object to the proposed changes.

I am quite disappointed that you see the need to increase the prices of parking within West Malling. Parking is somewhat of a pain within West malling and it hasn't helped that for over 4 months of 2023, there was a car that was abandoned and it took so long for the council to remove it, during that period you could obviously not park there, effectively using one of the spaces that could have been used by paying residents in the high street Really feel that if you put prices up people will not come into the village and support local businesses you will be driving people away from popping into the village of west malling

Off-street response – Reference number 3230

I object to the proposed changes.

As a local resident I completely object to these proposals. All local independent businesses are on the verge of being unsustainable as it is, with the new proposals you're basically shutting them down.

I won't even bother shopping in town if they come into effect, I will go further afield like bluewater or twells industrial estate where its free. Greed is the reason tonbridge is struggling, this new proposal has no benefit other than pure greed and makes me want to change how I politically vote. It's disgusting, we need to protect and support what we have before we lose it for good.

I live down medway wharf Road and I'm already concerned about the safety of the flats down there with the new developments, majority of residents are ready to sell up and leave due to the over development, reduced safety and lack of opportunities within the town due to over development.

Off-street response – Reference number 3233

I object to the proposed changes.

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 arguements apply to the situation in Martin Square.

Off-street response – Reference number 3235

I object to the proposed changes.

You state that there will be a rise in the cost of parking. Why? Why does the price have to go up every year? You talk about covering the cost of your services but what services? The potholes in the roads throughout this county and others, are worthy of a 3rd world country.

Why can't the revenue raised from your exorbitant parking charges be used to cover your non-existent 'services'? Pothole damage to my car has cost me £600 this past year. I'm aware that this is to do with parking related matters but you are still the council and the state of the roads is disgusting. When contractors year up a road, why are they allowed to make botched repairs that result in holes and misaligned drain covers? Why are they not checked on using the monies you get from said exorbitant parking fines and charges? This is just another money making racket.

Off-street response – Reference number 3238

I object to the proposed changes.

Thanks for your efforts to raise awareness of this consultation on NextDoor.

I replied with link to my own ND post which includes my alternative ideas, which I've also put in response to consultation. To explain: my proposal is based partly on the success of LB Hillingdon - where we lived for nearly 30 years. Some years ago they introduced a free, residents-only Hillingdon Card, which gave us 30m free on & off-street

parking, plus very preferential rates for longer periods. Over time it transformed the way people used their local shops, & encouraged new & diverse businesses to open & created more vibrant & popular high streets.

Hillingdon is predominantly suburban, with residential areas centred on neighbourhood shops - much like T&M. There were problems with access to & abuse of residential parking - even in streets 15-20m walk from Tube stations. Parking management schemes proliferated - as far as 40m walk from the Tube! (due to knock-on effect of PMCs). When the Hillingdon Card was introduced, this parking problem was largely solved overnight. When residents found they could stop off at their local shops easily & cheaply, without clogging up local streets - they did. Over the years, more shops & restaurants opened, due to the increased footfall. More interesting shops, cafes & restaurants has in turn encouraged non-residents to come into the area - & they pay more for their parking. Some areas now have a very popular & vibrant evening environment. Of course - like everywhere - the pandemic did have an adverse effect but areas are gradually recovering.

Having a 'card' to achieve this may be too much for TMBC - not just cost of card but of new meters. And the 'local shop discount' additional benefits of the card were not very successful. But the same could be achieved with resident parking vouchers, for example. Buy a carnet of tickets, display 1 alone for short, free parking period, or together with a parking ticket to double (say) the parking time allowed.

If you price residents out of their local car parks - they do have other choices & will go elsewhere, with all the adverse effects stated in my post. These will be hard to reverse & their consequences will cost you even more money eg anti-social behaviour. But if you make it easier, not harder - your revenues will improve. You just have to have faith in your residents & businesses!

Off-street response – Reference number 3240

I object to the proposed changes.

Having looked at the parking charges consultation I have to seriously object to the changes to the car park in Western Road, Borough Green. As a retail business owner, the introduction of weekend parking charges will seriously harm the business of the shops in the area. Saturday is the premium trading day and taking away the free parking will be to the severe detriment of the businesses and our customers. We have already seen a high reduction of customer footfall in the area since lockdown and the onset of the current economical difficulties. The taking away of free weekend parking could be the final nail in the coffin for some retailers.

Also, as a permit holder, the changes to only Monday – Friday validity of permits would not be fair for me as I work Tuesday – Saturday so would have to fork out an extra £5.50 per week based on your new pricing proposals.

I hope that this consultation actually takes notice of the feelings of the public in general and is not just a box ticking exercise where the changes just go through on the nod.