

**Off-street response – Reference number 1**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 4**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 5**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You will ruin Tonbridge high Street if you start charging these additional hours! No one will come to the markets on Sunday or go to local bars for a drink if we have to start paying for parking, everything already costs too much.

**Off-street response – Reference number 6**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is a short, term money grabbing idea that serves no benefit other than to raise short term cash for the council but this will be lost by reduced business rates from shops who will go bust because people can't be bothered to visit and be ripped off by the council for parking and this will severely impact people's desires to support local high streets.

**Off-street response – Reference number 7**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This town is becoming run down. The fact I can park for free to watch my son play Sunday football is important.

**Off-street response – Reference number 8**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again money grabbing excuse that will free up spaces yeah it would because no one will pay and visit town anymore so then what would happen to shop owners?

**Off-street response – Reference number 9**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Increasing the car parking payment times will have a big impact on members who use the Angel centre gym and the swimming pool, especially in the evenings. I think the centre will lose customers, as they will have to pay for parking on top of their membership, when the evening is a popular time for many people to visit the facilities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 10**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Absolutely object strongly on all points here.

People of Tonbridge well know that parking charges do not apply after 6pm, or on Sundays and bank holidays. This is a good thing for the people and to introduce charges would be detrimental to Sunday shopping and Saturday evening dining for the many restaurants in the town centre.

Furthermore, people can park their cars on a Saturday evening and leave them be until ready to collect on a Sunday. This encourages responsible attitudes to drink driving which removal of is likely to result in more people taking a risk after several drinks over dinner or whilst out with friends.

**Off-street response – Reference number 11**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I work in retail and it is suffering enough in this town, some people wait until sundays/later to park. Also you are happy enough to charge for resident parking when there aren't enough spaces so these residents have to use car parks when they return from work, this would make them pay twice.

**Off-street response – Reference number 12**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 13**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This move is also anti-business. Small businesses rely on people who will avoid the town if they cannot afford to part. Residents use the car parks in these hours to save money. People who can barely afford their weekly shop do not need additional parking charges thrown at them. In addition to this, the council should be looking at ways to encourage and enable to community to use alternatives to cars.

**Off-street response – Reference number 14**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Why does the council want to introduce parking on a Sunday that will likely affect businesses and people and again no clear indication of what the council will do with this additional revenue stream

**Off-street response – Reference number 15**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 17**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 18**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 19**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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.

In my opinion it should be a lower hourly charge and then these changes would be acceptable.

**Off-street response – Reference number 20**

I support charges until 8pm.

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 charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 22**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People are really pressed right now. These increases/changes seem too much, especially charging on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 24**

I support charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 25**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 26**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 27**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 28**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 29**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 32**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Once again taxing the motorists, why up until 8.00 p.m, surely most commuters will have gone home by then. I presume the rationale behind this is once again to raise more revenues by fining people who would not adhere to the new proposed restrictions. Is the Council seriously proposing to enforce parking charges on Christmas day. Also assume that you will need more parking enforcement people to enforce these Draconian measures, you may as well go the full hog and make it 24 hours!!

Furthermore, these measures will simply put people of visiting the High Street that is already suffering due to various reasons. Instead of taxing the motorist up to the hilt, why not think of something else like fining the litter louts in Tonbridge, now that's an idea you could make a bomb. It just an easy win, simply raise prices to the motorists. I for one, will never be voting Tory in the Council elections.

**Off-street response – Reference number 33**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 35**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 36**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 38**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I already pay council tax and road tax and fuel tax I object to being charged for parking too. Also when an issue happens the fines are disproportionately high.

**Off-street response – Reference number 39**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This would reduce footfall at the local businesses and effectively prohibit certain population from visiting local towns at all - affecting people's life's and health too. Right now on Saturdays all the places within 15 minutes walk from the town centre that allow free parking is absolutely packed (the south side of the Woodgate Way bridge is an example) with cars of the people who do not want (cannot afford?) to pay for parking in town. On Sundays they can park in town and access the businesses which they do. If this proposal goes through it will amount to excluding people from the community. Again that's the opposite of what the council is supposed to be about.

**Off-street response – Reference number 40**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 41**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Give us a break. I do my food shopping after 6 to save money and go to church on Sundays. BH are for fun. Let us enjoy our town without rinsing us.

**Off-street response – Reference number 42**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 43**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 44**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 45**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 46**

I object to charges until 8pm.

While i appreciate that the cost to man car parks might need to increase taking away the chance for people with less available funds to park i.e elderly or people on low incomes to have a day where parking is free seems a bit harsh especially in a cost of living crisis that has been going on for nearly 2 years now. I am sure this will also impact the high street in tonbridge even further as there seems to be more shops closed this year than ever. This would be driving more potential business away from an area that desperately needs it

**Off-street response – Reference number 47**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If you introduce parking fees on a Sunday abd bank holidays you will drive any remaining local trade out of the town to places like bluewater

**Off-street response – Reference number 48**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 49**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Totally unwarranted to charge on a Sunday or public holiday. This just seems like a money grab by council and will stop people visiting the high street shops for any length of time.

**Off-street response – Reference number 50**

I object to charges on Sundays.

We are in a cost of living crisis, why make people pay even more. Free parking in Tonbridge on Sundays and Bank hols has always brought people into the town to support Farmers Market and other events that take place in the Summer. Surley we want people to use the high street and town cafes. I think people would think twice about visiting the town. I don't agree with increasing to 8pm but if this happened couldn't the fee be offset against not charging Sundays at least.

**Off-street response – Reference number 51**

I object to charges on Sundays.

You have already reduced the length of time that can be claimed back at Sainsburys, majorly reducing footfall to the high street. Now you are proposing to charge people on Sundays as well. Please could you explain why you want the few shops that are left, due your high rent prices, to fail?

**Off-street response – Reference number 55**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 56**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Whilst there is some truth in parking difficulties in some car parks around Tonbridge on Sundays and Bank Holidays, this can only really seen around the car parks close to the swimming pool. Congestion and ease of parking at both Botany and Angel car parks is not a problem on Sundays or Bank Holidays so this reasoning is wrong for a blanket change across all car parks. Similarly, no car parks are anywhere near capacity from 6pm onwards, therefore extending times to 8pm is simply a money making exercise and nothing to do with making parking easier.

**Off-street response – Reference number 58**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I visit tonbridge on a Sunday because parking is free. If parking charges are introduced on a Sunday people will go elsewhere. Free parking helps the high street thrive.

**Off-street response – Reference number 59**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 60**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 61**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 62**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

If you want to drive more people away from using any of the high street or surrounding services this is the right way to go about it.

This is similar to what Tunbridge Wells have in place and I stopped going there shopping years ago.

All this will create is pushing people out to shop on the industrial estates which is already congested in the parking and road through. There are limited shopping options in the town already so people will go further afield which more choice and free parking.

If this goes ahead expect to see more shops to close and companies pull away from the town!

**Off-street response – Reference number 63**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again, this is just another way to increase revenue.

**Off-street response – Reference number 64**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 65**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It will kill off the early evening trade for restaurants and supermarkets in the town by charging until 8pm. You will drive shoppers to out of town free parking at shopping outlets if you charge on Sundays. Local businesses will suffer if these proposals go through. Tonbridge can ill afford to lose visitors to the town at a time when the High Street is trying for regeneration.

**Off-street response – Reference number 67**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 68**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 69**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object to the charges after 6PM since most of the businesses close anyway by 6PM and car parks are used by non business travels like going to park in summer, this will be a big deterrent to go to the parks with kids in summer. I strongly suggest not to extend the charging period beyond 6PM

**Off-street response – Reference number 70**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 71**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If you want car park running costs to go down, then don't get your staff to work extra days and longer hours. A bit of give back time for your staff and the community

**Off-street response – Reference number 72**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 73**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 75**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 76**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 78**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think council need to let residents have some money left to eat. We are already paying council taxes and we are not cash cows.

**Off-street response – Reference number 79**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 80**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I have never had a problem parking in Tonbridge on a Sunday or Bank Holiday there is always plenty of space. This is just a revenue grabbing scheme by the council and will discourage me from going into town on those days thus depriving local business of customers.

**Off-street response – Reference number 81**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 82**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 83**

I support charges until 8pm.

Parking should be charged at all times. If people don't like it and local businesses can demonstrate that they are suffering as a result, then it could be reconsidered.

**Off-street response – Reference number 84**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 85**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will kill the town in the same way it did in Tunbridge wells, reduce evening usage of the angel centre and encourage more food shopping at Aldi, marks and Spencer or on the industrial estate in Tunbridge wells. I am a member of Tonbridge community singers held in Tonbridge parish church and because of the lack of parking available at the church many of our members drive and park on our practice nights which start at 7pm. We moved to be central to attract more local members , but introducing parking charges will mean we have to rethink where we meet.

**Off-street response – Reference number 86**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 87**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will further kill the high street. The council needs to manage the parking more effectively. People need to be attracted to the high street. This is very short sighted.

**Off-street response – Reference number 88**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As above

**Off-street response – Reference number 89**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 90**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There are no shops, Cafés or many businesses open on the highstreet after 6pm so this is not a valid argument. It would negatively impact restaurants/bars that remain open.

Introducing pricing on Sundays and Bank holidays is outrageous. Traditionally these days must be protected from charges to ensure visitors during these lower trade days.

**Off-street response – Reference number 91**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Other towns have much better parking models than this to encourage better throughput through car parks and also boost the towns shopping potential. Many towns offer 2 or 3 hours free parking and a charge after that to encourage shoppers but discourage people parking for the station all day. The shops in Tonbridge are obviously already struggling and declining so I think this will probably prove the end to the town to be honest. I think it will make the council money in the short term but in the long term lose money with the impact.

**Off-street response – Reference number 92**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 93**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 95**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 97**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think this will be really detrimental to the businesses on our high street and will reduce footfall in the town centre.

**Off-street response – Reference number 98**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 100**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge is a quiet town as it is. If you extend parking charges into Sundays, bank holidays and after 6pm it will be even worse! More people will head to Bluewater for shopping where parking is free, and less people will use Sainsburys and use the supermarkets that are on the industrial estate

**Off-street response – Reference number 101**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Please don't increase parking charges any further!

**Off-street response – Reference number 103**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 104**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

In my opinion this is pure greed by the council. Tonbridge is busy on a Sunday, charging on a Sunday will affect the Farmers market as well as local businesses. I know a lot of people who only go into Tonbridge on a Sunday due to the parking costs.

**Off-street response – Reference number 105**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This will stop people going out and spending money on the evenings and will turn the place into a ghost town on a Sunday.

**Off-street response – Reference number 106**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Given the high amount of permit parking it's extremely hard for non locals to park and support the local businesses and public areas. By increasing costs of parking, we are putting the support of these businesses at risk.

**Off-street response – Reference number 107**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Give us a break! Again these should not change unless the parking facilities are being run at a loss! These should be viewed as a service not a money making scheme.

**Off-street response – Reference number 108**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 109**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 110**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There's not many things that are small bonus's but this is some. Again totally just another method of making more money - I completely object.

**Off-street response – Reference number 111**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It's nice to be able to visit the town in the evening for a meal or use leisure facilities without having additional costs to think about.

Free parking on a Sunday is great. It enables me to visit shops, cafes, the park without rushing or needing to extend parking. I have never had an issue finding a parking space.

**Off-street response – Reference number 112**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 113**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Another blatant money raising exercise. There is NO benefit to residents and simple FINANCIAL benefit to the council. It is particularly mean to charge for parking on Sundays and Bank holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 114**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 115**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am in the Tonbridge Community Choir and charges after 6pm means we may lose members of our choir. I'm sure other community organisations would say the same thing. Councils are very adept at pricing people out of their towns instead of encouraging them. And Sunday parking charges? Lots of people go to Tonbridge instead of Tunbridge Wells on Sundays because it's free parking. Tonbridge will be a ghost town on Sundays with parking charges, like Tunbridge Wells. You reap what you sow.

**Off-street response – Reference number 116**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 117**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 119**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 120**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 121**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will impact churchgoers, families attending sports clubs etc. that's not acceptable. This will also impact footfall for shopping on Sundays, are you trying to kill the town??

**Off-street response – Reference number 122**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Council is devising cheap way of earnings. Sundays & Bank Holidays should not be charged as currently. It gives customers more incentive to go out.

Extending parking charges to 8pm should also include keeping highstreet shops open till 8pm, not just eating joints or bars.

**Off-street response – Reference number 124**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 125**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We will make sure these changes dont take place

**Off-street response – Reference number 127**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

As a Council you should be encouraging leisure and a healthy lifestyle.

Parking costs will massively impact the ability of many users coming into Tonbridge to use the park, swimming pool and surrounding area. Business will be impacted as people will reduce the time (&money) they spend in Tonbridge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 128**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 129**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 130**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Council should stop making road users an scapegoat for its incompetence in managing it's monies. It's shameful that TMBC has decided to increase the charges despite regulatory failing to provide a decent level is serviced. You should encourage more people in town rather than push people away. You should look at alternate way to generate revenue by utilising the council assets and properties effectively.

**Off-street response – Reference number 131**

I object to charges until 8pm.

More charges are disrespectful at a time when people are struggling to make ends meet and drivers particularly are being penalised by higher costs.

People will either avoid Tonbridge, which will affect businesses, or seek free parking in residential areas.

This is a cynical attempt to rake in more money which will ultimately be frittered away. It is sheer exploitation of hard working people who will probably not see any tangible benefits from the the funds generated. It is nothing but a 'leisure time tax'. This will ultimately harm pubs, clubs and other social activities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 133**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 134**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 135**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Because the parking charges are already so extortionate, people utilise the free parking times. Taking that away will kill the trade more.

**Off-street response – Reference number 136**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 137**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending the charging period during the week and adding charges for Sundays and Bank Holidays will discourage even more people from coming to Tonbridge, leading to less footfall on the High Street and ultimately to more vacant premises as businesses lose custom.



**Off-street response – Reference number 138**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 139**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 141**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Appalling during a cost of living crisis

**Off-street response – Reference number 142**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 143**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I already avoid going into town during the day if I can. This will cause me to avoid town altogether

**Off-street response – Reference number 144**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 146**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 147**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 148**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The charges are already killing the high street, driving customers to free, out of town retail parks. Extending the charges even later and on Sundays and public holidays will only go to make this situation even worse. It will also likely end use of some major parts of town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 149**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Traditionally, meter bays are not chargeable on Bank Holidays. Bringing in Sunday charging in off-street car parks removes a benefit from those wishing to use the Racecourse. Then raising parking charges in tandem and durations seems a stark disregard for the Council Tax payer.

**Off-street response – Reference number 151**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Free parking is important in these times of financial hardship. We should be considering reducing parking costs to support the town centre rather than putting this extra burden on it.

**Off-street response – Reference number 155**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Lots of sports clubs will be impacted by these proposed charges

**Off-street response – Reference number 156**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 157**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Support Business, keep parking free

**Off-street response – Reference number 158**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 159**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 160**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 161**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 162**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 163**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 164**

I object to charges until 8pm.

All these extra charges will be the death of our high streets. I would rather drive to bluewater and park for free

**Off-street response – Reference number 165**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I agree with paying on a Sunday, as it's not the 'day of rest' that it used to be. But Paying to park after 8pm is unnecessary and will have a bearing on people who use the town in the evening. If you are going out for the evening and meeting friends, paying to park after 8pm puts everyone in a bad mood and makes them less likely to visit the town again. It will also have a negative effect on the hospitality business which is still suffering in the wake of covid.

**Off-street response – Reference number 166**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 168**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is completely unacceptable for council to increase the charges as well as the time and day. As a common people living in Tonbridge already stretched with their budget and council with excuse to increase and impose the charges on common public. It is completely unethical and unacceptable. I strongly oppose this. How the parking works right now. Its enough for the people of Tonbridge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 169**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 170**

I support charges until 8pm.

Sundays and BHs free parking always brings visitors into town which in turn increases our economy; even if they are here to sightsee at the castle/river, they tend to use our eateries and coffee shops so keep it free on Sundays and BHs please.

**Off-street response – Reference number 171**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 172**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

The angel centre is struggling to attract users if you start charging to use the carparks after 6pm and on Sundays this will make people think about going elsewhere

**Off-street response – Reference number 173**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

This will have a devastating effect on local shops and businesses, people will make the decision to go elsewhere.

**Off-street response – Reference number 174**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 175**

I object to charges until 8pm.

One day out of seven should be free. Many people attend church or sporting activities on Sunday.

I understand that as a local council you have been starved of funds from central government but this is the consequence of Tory government. Perhaps you should all think about the consequences of your political allegiance.

**Off-street response – Reference number 176**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 177**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will kill off any visitors to the town and also people's ability to access after school clubs for their kids due to extortionate costs. Shops will lose business and the town will become a much less pleasurable place to be.

**Off-street response – Reference number 178**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 179**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Very few shops in Tonbridge are open past 6pm. You are effectively hammering people who do their supermarket shopping after work, and people using their cars when local hospitality businesses. You are particularly targeting families who go out to eat earlier in the evening. Instead of exacting yet more stealth taxes on the Borough's motorists, you should increase the council tax by the amount of your shortfall, so the entire electorate can pay for the shortfall.

**Off-street response – Reference number 180**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is a terrible idea. 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. People will go elsewhere.

**Off-street response – Reference number 181**

I object to charges on Sundays.

See answer to number 15 as the same reasons apply.

**Off-street response – Reference number 182**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 183**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 184**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Really fed up with coucil paying for parades for minorities - non essential, then gouging people everyday to pay for.it.

**Off-street response – Reference number 186**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 188**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 189**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The transport system in Tonbridge isn't exactly great. To get to and from town is not only expensive but buses are infrequent and in the evening I wouldn't feel safe using public transport. Bank holiday services are even worse. Again you will be driving people away from the town to other places when they would be spending money in our shops and supporting local events. I would nip into town if I could park for an hour without charge instead I visit other places, buy on line or buy with a bigger shop.

**Off-street response – Reference number 190**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We need to promote the use of the communal resources we have and encourage people to use them to get fresh air and exercise. Introducing parking fees we do the exact opposite.

**Off-street response – Reference number 191**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The notion that these charges are required is incorrect, and very unwanted by locals and visitors alike.

Which shops exactly are open until 8pm? I can only think of the supermarkets. I would imagine that the people that shop after 6pm, are there only for a short period of time. This is not necessary.

The high street is struggling and needs assistance rather than more charges on the visiting public. We should be celebrating the events that happen in our town rather than cynically seeing them as a untapped revenue stream.

**Off-street response – Reference number 193**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The free parking is one of the reasons I choose to visit Tonbridge High St on a Sunday. This will deter visitors. Let's not make it more difficult to support our local high street and vibrant community

**Off-street response – Reference number 195**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The high street already has a number of empty properties and feel concerned this would impact the high street retailers and potentially also restaurants and bars. I am able to walk in to town but only drive on a Sunday to do heavier shopping

**Off-street response – Reference number 200**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 201**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 202**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

Families should be encouraged to use local green spaces at weekends the provision of free parking does this. It also prevent congestion in local roads. It also helps local businesses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 204**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 206**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Brings people into the town, more charged, less people.

**Off-street response – Reference number 207**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 208**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Give us a break from car parking charges, we currently often shop in Tonbridge on a Sunday due to there being no charges. If charges were introduced we would not bother.

**Off-street response – Reference number 209**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 210**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The introduction of evening charging is likely to particularly impact the restaurant trade - already struggling with inflation imposed costs. Tonbridge has been unique for not charging beyond 6 pm, Sundays and Bank Holidays.

What is likely to be the knock-on effect of these charges in residential areas close to the town centre? Will it necessary to extend parking restrictions in residential areas?

**Off-street response – Reference number 211**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Charging on a Sunday will greatly affect footfall to the High Street and I feel the Council should support.

**Off-street response – Reference number 212**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 214**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 215**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 216**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 217**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 219**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.



I'm not sure of the point of extending from 6pm to 8pm, when you walk through Tonbridge after the shops shut at 5/5.30 it's really quiet. Are there many trying to park then??

I think Bank Holidays should still be free, especially for visitor permits. Many have relatives visiting on the bank holidays. Also it would be helpful if TMBC could actually tweet or put something on their website about parking charges on Bank Holidays as I usually have to chase this up and check on behalf of our residents.

**Off-street response – Reference number 220**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 222**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 223**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will massively impact businesses, not just retail but restaurants too

**Off-street response – Reference number 224**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There are always spaces in the car park in West Malling so this is totally unnecessary. (Ryarsh Lane Car Park) This is pure greed and not a necessity.

**Off-street response – Reference number 225**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 226**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 227**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 229**

I object to charges until 8pm.

again, the extension to charging periods will reduce the number of people visiting the town during these times. People who cannot afford the parking charges at other times choose to visit retailers during the evenings and on Sundays to avoid the parking charges.

If parking charges are introduced during early evenings and weekends shoppers will use out of town retailers which will have a negative impact on the traders in the town and further demise to the high street.

**Off-street response – Reference number 230**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Thus will deter me using the small independent businesses the car parks serve. Our high streets will change for the worse

**Off-street response – Reference number 231**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People are struggling financially and taking away free parking and extending the times will cripple people and businesses will lose out as people won't go there anymore

**Off-street response – Reference number 235**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I use the Angel Centre and Swimming Pool in Tonbridge and purposely attend classes during times where there are no parking charges. If there was an additional cost of parking this would discourage me from attending as the costs would be significant and I would look elsewhere for leisure facilities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 236**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 237**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 238**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 239**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 241**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Incentivising parking at off-peak times (e.g. 6-8pm outside of rush hour/school runs when the traffic in town is often gridlocked or Sundays/Bank Holidays) helps to smooth out the amount of traffic in town at a given time. Without these incentives there is a risk that traffic in peak hours will increase further. The statement of reasons on the TMBC website talks about 24 hour supermarkets - this is disingenuous - none of the supermarkets in town open beyond 10pm with Iceland and Waitrose closing at 7pm and 8pm respectively. In the 6-8pm period, both shops and car parks are quieter so there is no need to implement charging. None of the major retailers or facilities in town have significantly changed their opening hours in recent times and therefore there is no need for parking charge periods to change either.

**Off-street response – Reference number 242**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 245**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 246**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

As you have mentioned in the consultation notes, on Sundays many of these car parks are used by people partaking in activities around the town. As a member of the baseball club the parking on Sunday is difficult but to start charging, making the facilities even more exclusive flies in the face of everything our community is working towards regarding inclusivity. The lower castle field car park is a hive of activity with a real community of people paddleboarding , playing football, rugby baseball and to attempt to exclude people who cannot pay the charges and are struggling enough as it is does not sit well with me.

Please take this into consideration.

Many thanks

**Off-street response – Reference number 247**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 248**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 250**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 251**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Nooo please don't do this!

**Off-street response – Reference number 252**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 253**

I object to charges until 8pm.

What is the justification for extending the charging periods. It's not like car parks are mobbed during this time. The free parking on a Sunday draws people into the town, perhaps many of whom, like myself wouldn't otherwise bother. I might choose to shop at Waitrose or Sainsbury's (Botany Bay Group 1 car parks) on a Sunday simply because I don't have the hassle of getting a ticket. Both of these stores refund the cost so its not about the money on such occasions. It's the aggravation factor.

**Off-street response – Reference number 254**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I strongly object to this. Putting people off coming into the town after 6pm or on Sundays will deter people even more than they are now! 2 hours free parking will encourage and enrich our slowly deteriorating high street!

**Off-street response – Reference number 255**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As above. Surely you want to encourage people to come to town? This is pretty outrageous.

**Off-street response – Reference number 256**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 258**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 259**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Please see comment above - you're just making it less attractive to visit tonbridge, and this will impact whether people go out in the evening. I hardly even drive myself, this is genuinely about the impact on our town

**Off-street response – Reference number 260**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will affect everyone visiting Tonbridge also those working that need to park in town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 261**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It will drive away custom and customers, undermine businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 262**

I object to charges on Sundays.

You will completely destroy the town if u decide to do this.

I work at Waitrose Tonbridge and work the hours to avoid the parking charges - some times I think twice about going into work or to Tonbridge so as to avoid parking charges !

This will impact heavily on the money I earn and the colleagues.

I hate to think of the businesses in the area - small business in the area that will close down if you take this action.

You will create more traffic and illegal and parking in the streets surrounding - where people will go to drastic lengths to avoid the parking charges ! They will also idle and pull over on pavements and park in areas out of town that are more residential. Which will in turn make those areas built up and affect local residents.

Tonbridge is a thriving town and Tunbridge wells is no longer a thriving town - because they introduced parking charges. I no longer go to Tunbridge wells and come to Tonbridge to shop. If u do this I will not come to Tonbridge as to be frank - the choices that Tonbridge provides are worthy of a free parking spaces and if u make them payable on Sundays and bank holidays the town will be completely destroyed and go down hill rapidly just as Tunbridge wells has. The damage has been done there -

People still come to Tonbridge

People in the outer areas will travel to other areas to shop - like Eastbourne - crowborough - Bluewater - East Sussex areas !

They won't come to Tonbridge

This is a very very bad idea indeed! Do not make this mistake !

**Off-street response – Reference number 263**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 264**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 265**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The suggested charging increase is excessive. The proposal to introduce charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays will act as a deterrent to those coming to Tonbridge.

I already only park in Tonbridge on limited occasions. Bluewater is easily accessible from Tonbridge and parking there is free and the choice of shops far wider. If the proposed changes in Tonbridge are implemented, I ( and I suspect many other residents) will vote with their feet and only travel into , and park in, Tonbridge when absolutely necessary.

**Off-street response – Reference number 266**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 267**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See answer above. Nobody will come to the vast restaurants Tonbridge has to offer when they have to add a hefty amount on to their bill. Stop killing our high street- nobody wants this.

**Off-street response – Reference number 268**

I object to charges until 8pm.

With the cost of living crisis and our town fighting against out of town centres it will stop people coming to our town and using lovely restaurants, pubs and shops which are struggling and for us that work within the town we will cost us hugely to

**Off-street response – Reference number 269**

I support charges until 8pm.

These are far better ways of covering the increased operating costs than increasing charges. Doing both is unnecessary and this is likely to have less impact

**Off-street response – Reference number 270**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These should remain as they are

**Off-street response – Reference number 271**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 272**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There are also many local charity/support/self help groups in Tonbridge at the Christ church near Sainsburys that rely on this free parking in the evening. These are self supporting groups and rely on access to our meetings which includes free parking.

Extending charging period time will also greatly effect restaurant/hospitality business.

**Off-street response – Reference number 273**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Are you really trying to drive all visitors and shoppers away from Tonbridge for good, because that is what it feels like. TMBC treat Tonbridge as either a cash cow or as an irrelevance, depending on whether its assets can be exploited or not. Extending the charging periods will just drive people away from the town if they have the option to not come here, or make them resentful and exploited if they do have to come here.

**Off-street response – Reference number 274**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 275**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Insane suggestion. Sunday, evening, bank holidays free parking the only reason to shop in Tonbridge. Public transport provision inadequate to compensate from Hildenborough end of town

**Off-street response – Reference number 276**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Having recently moved to the area I was shocked at the high cost of parking. To extend the cost to later in the day & bank holidays will have a detrimental effect on the high street & encourage shoppers to go to retail parks with free parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 279**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 280**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Charges on these days will result in driving people out of town and away from the leisure facilities. Also many events in the town are on Sundays and the introduction of charges will result in the reduction of footfall for these charity events.

**Off-street response – Reference number 281**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 282**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 283**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Introducing these charges will have a strong impact on many local businesses. With a young child, eating in a restaurant at just after 6pm is perfect timing, and knowing that we don't have to pay for parking helps make the choice to eat out. We would not do this if parking charges were introduced later, and also on Sunday/Bank Holiday's. I do not believe the council understands the positive impact on the economy that free parking has on a town and area. It's an active encouragement to go there.

**Off-street response – Reference number 284**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 285**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 286**

I object to charges until 8pm.



Negative impact on local businesses and increased parking in surrounding areas

**Off-street response – Reference number 287**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 288**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

This is beyond greedy & really not thinking of a family approach for living in Tonbridge. All weekends/ bank holidays when we have family / friends around - Tonbridge council wants to charge for this privilege? Absolutely not.

**Off-street response – Reference number 290**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will kill local restaurants etc

**Off-street response – Reference number 291**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 292**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Allow locals to park on Sundays free of charge and don't put charges on for later periods. We want to get out and support our local towns and villages. We pay enough council tax to have this free parking available

**Off-street response – Reference number 293**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Please see answer above

**Off-street response – Reference number 294**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 295**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will be the end of our high street and a blow for small businesses. I will not use the high street if Sunday parking and evening charges are introduced. We should be encouraging people to shop in our town not driving them away.

**Off-street response – Reference number 296**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Free parking brings people into the town to shop & use Angel Centre .

**Off-street response – Reference number 297**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Greed!

**Off-street response – Reference number 298**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Why do you want to stop people coming to Tonbridge?

**Off-street response – Reference number 299**

I object to charges until 8pm.

EXTENDING TIMES WHEN VISITORS HAVE TO PARK WILL EXTEND THE MISERY WE SUFFER IN THE SLADE.

**Off-street response – Reference number 300**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 301**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 304**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 305**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 306**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 308**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 309**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 311**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I agree that drivers should be charged on Sundays, but I don't agree with the charges after 6pm and on Bank holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 312**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Shops will suffer greatly, especially on Sundays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 313**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 314**

I object to charges until 8pm.

In a cost of living crisis all you're doing is damaging the high street and local economy. Think of your constituents not greed.

**Off-street response – Reference number 315**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is further squeeze. I know lots of people who will wait to shop on Sundays for the sole reason of the parking charges. Businesses will suffer further if this takes on as people will be discouraged. Lots of sport activities take place on Sundays around this area so again families will be further squeezed

**Off-street response – Reference number 316**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 318**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Give people a break, and let them afford to go out and enjoy Sundays and bank holidays. Get your money from somewhere else

**Off-street response – Reference number 319**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 320**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Introducing charges on Sunday and Bank Holidays will destroy businesses. Few shops open on those days, but rely on footfall - charging will stop that and destroy the high street completely.

**Off-street response – Reference number 321**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 322**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As above charging more and for longer will stop people coming into town and will be detrimental to local businesses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 324**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This would sound the death knell of our High Street. For a lot of people the only reason they choose to come to Tonbridge on a Sunday to shop is that parking is free.

**Off-street response – Reference number 325**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 326**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will absolutely kill Tonbridge, there will be noone shopping on the high street anymore. Supermarkets should have 2hours free parking, like in most other towns and cities around UK

**Off-street response – Reference number 328**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will kill local restaurants and pubs as I will for one go where I don't have parking charges.

**Off-street response – Reference number 329**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I attend well being and health support meetings at the church from 7pm. If charges were to be introduced as a pensioner I could not afford to attend and my health would be greatly affected.

I also shop on Sunday in Tonbridge to avoid charges. This would have to stop and my interaction with society would be reduced as I would only shop at my local store and chemist in Hildenborough.

I think it would cause problems for many shoppers in Tonbridge with the town being deserted late at night and on Sunday

**Off-street response – Reference number 330**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 331**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Just a revenue drive nothing for the benefit if residents

**Off-street response – Reference number 332**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 333**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is a terrible idea. It will affect not only the shops but also the restaurants. Every time another business closes down you lose the business rates. Isn't it in your interest to keep the town vibrant? Sundays is currently the day that seems busiest in town, largely because the parking is free.

**Off-street response – Reference number 335**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 336**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The town is busiest on a Sunday because parking is free. By charging, even less people will be visiting shops and cafes etc....instead they will go to bluewater or the industrial estate where parking is free. Which means local businesses will miss out and start to close.....which will give people even less reason to visit.

**Off-street response – Reference number 337**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 338**

I support charges until 8pm.

As above, if alternatives were in place i would have no objection the price rise. The council needs to raise money, and i believe cars should be discouraged when there are alternatives. However, there aren't. The increase would be far more palatable if we had cycling and bus alternatives that were affordable. The bus into town and back costs my four person family £16. At these prices, the car is the only viable alternative without safe cycle lanes.

I feel that Sunday and bank holiday trading seems to be a thing of the past. There is little discernible difference anymore to trading days, so it makes sense to levy a fee to use the car parks then if money can be reinvested into the community.

**Off-street response – Reference number 339**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge is suffering greatly, and becoming a 'ghost town' Retail staff already pay a high rate to park. This is the final nail in the coffin of a once great town !

**Off-street response – Reference number 340**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 341**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again will kill the town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 342**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It will deter people from visiting Tonbridge during the evenings, Sunday's and bank holidays. The business currently suffer because of the cost of parking putting people off.

**Off-street response – Reference number 343**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 344**

I object to charges until 8pm.

By charging for parking on Sundays and bank holidays this will have a negative impact as people will then seek free parking in residents bays etc and therefore will cause more carnage, certainly in the Slade in Tonbridge

**Off-street response – Reference number 345**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Residential streets should still have free parking on weekends but charge in town

**Off-street response – Reference number 346**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 347**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Every store is struggling to retain customers and they won't be able to attract customers if they have to pay to park.

**Off-street response – Reference number 348**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Ridiculous idea which will only create even more issues for resident parking in the slade and surrounding areas. If you are going to do this please just make most of central

Tonbridge resident parking all day every day!

**Off-street response – Reference number 349**

I object to charges on Sundays.

These are the days and times it is most difficult to use public transport as an alternative

**Off-street response – Reference number 350**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 351**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 352**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Being part of a local sports club which uses this car park regularly, this may cause a decrease in participation due to costs involved in parking at the proposed timings which people may not then be able to afford

**Off-street response – Reference number 353**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The town will be empty if you go ahead with this proposal.

**Off-street response – Reference number 355**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 356**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Why? Again pure greed.

**Off-street response – Reference number 357**

I object to charges until 8pm.

In relation to all of the above, I think it is ridiculous that you're proposing to increase parking charging / tariffs in the Tonbridge and Malling area and it is ridiculous that you're proposing to extend the charging periods as well. It is already too expensive to park in the town and things are already tight enough for people financially in the area without this additional increase. Increasing the prices will only discourage people from parking in Tonbridge and using the local area and I fear that by increasing the prices you're only going to push people out of shopping in this area and instead force them to out of town shopping areas that do not have the same / any restrictions.

It was bad enough when you increased the cost of residents parking permits; with no added benefits to residents such as increased periods of residents only parking but now you're making it even more impossible for people to be able to afford to live in Tonbridge and use the facilities it has to offer. You're only forcing people out of the area rather than incentivising them to come here.

**Off-street response – Reference number 358**



I object to charges until 8pm.

If the logical is to open up parking space for those using the leisure facilities why not make the car park only available to them in Sunday? This just seems like a case of making money out of those wanting to use the leisure facilities. Taxing them for taking part in outdoor activities

**Off-street response – Reference number 360**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 361**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 362**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 363**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Changing it to 2000 is just another money grab so admit to it. Charging for Sunday parking will harm all children's sports as well and I would have thought you would like to encourage that.

**Off-street response – Reference number 364**

I object to charges on Sundays.

As a member of a local sports team who uses the car parks on weekday evenings for training, and Sunday daytimes for matches (lasting 6 hours or more), changing the payment periods would be very detrimental to club participation and attendance. This would cost our members a significant amount to attend each week, along with any visiting players in the league - this would be very damaging to our club, and the reputation of sports in Tonbridge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 365**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 366**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Adding Sundays and Bank Holidays to the parking charge bracket would impact the Slade Residents more, as above. People would park in The Slade bays to avoid the charges in the car parks. Sundays and Bank Holidays are a popular time for Slade residents to have visitors (along with most families)

so changing the conditions of the resident parking scheme to prohibit non residents parking on Sundays and Bank holidays as well, would again adversely affect Slade Residents

**Off-street response – Reference number 368**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The last slice of good value and the lifeline to many small businesses. Don't kill off our town. The draw to visit off peak will be destroyed. Do you want Tonbridge to thrive or die? I absolutely do not support these greedy charges

**Off-street response – Reference number 369**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 370**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 373**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 374**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 375**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge is a thriving town, increased charges may be its downfall

**Off-street response – Reference number 376**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 377**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I don't understand the rationale behind this proposal. Living on Western Road we often advise family to visit on Sunday (when parking is free) and not clogging up space for local business during the week. Small numbers of local business even open on Sunday in Borough Green...

**Off-street response – Reference number 378**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 379**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I strongly object to these introductions of extensions to parking again deterring visitors and locals using the towns facilities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 381**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I regularly use Tonbridge to shop, walk and meet friends during the day and evening. I also use the farmer market and other events on Sundays. This is because I want to support local businesses and keep the high street alive. Tunbridge Wells already have ridiculous parking prices which is why I go to Tonbridge. Please don't be short sighted and lose your high street and wonderful community

**Off-street response – Reference number 382**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Shops on main street are closed at 6pm, extending the parking charge is putting people off dining out in town on weekdays. Many people do their weekly shopping in town and Sainsbury's/ Waitrose, attend classes in sports centre/ swimming pool on Sundays. Adding a charge on Sundays/PH increases the family expenditure and put people off going to town centre at all. It is killing Tonbridge!

**Off-street response – Reference number 383**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 384**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 385**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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. Don't turn Tonbridge into a ghost town like Tunbridge Wells.

**Off-street response – Reference number 388**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Just ridiculous and will ruin tonbridge

**Off-street response – Reference number 389**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Our high street is already less lively. Adding charges on bank holidays and Sundays will negatively effect the whole town. And as someone on a low I come I rely on post 6pm free parking to shop in sainsburys and again will take my business to a different town if charges are introduced.these charges would be a terrible idea for the town forcing shoppers elsewhere

**Off-street response – Reference number 390**

I object to charges on Sundays.

My child plays rugby at Tonbridge Juddians on a Sunday and whilst I can just about afford for her club subs I couldn't afford to pay parking on top of this and that would stop her playing, taking part in physical exercise, spending time with friends, socialising and all the other benefits that come from team sports

I also think it would massively impact local businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 391**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 392**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Yet again an easy way to make

Money. We are trying to keep businesses going , this will only kill them

**Off-street response – Reference number 393**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 394**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The current parking charge periods give people who are already on a low income, or with budget constraints, a much-needed opportunity to do their shopping or visit the high street without the additional car parking expense. I think we should be given this opportunity for some much-needed relief wherever possible.

**Off-street response – Reference number 395**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 396**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Soon you'll be charging for 24 hour service. Shops may be open later but someone popping out at 7pm when it's quieter shouldn't have to pay to pop in somewhere.

**Off-street response – Reference number 397**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 399**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 400**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It will kill trade in the town

And all the sports groups!

**Off-street response – Reference number 401**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 402**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 403**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is a most unwelcome proposal, which will impact the sustainability of all evening leisure activities in Tonbridge. Having to deal with parking changes is an inconvenience as well as an expense and will also make short shopping trips much less viable.

**Off-street response – Reference number 404**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 405**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Parking charges make me avoid using the towns facilities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 406**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 407**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 408**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 409**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 410**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 412**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 413**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I live in Higham Wood, I frequently travel into tonbridge town Center at 6pm to meet with friends or be active or visit the board game café. In this cost of living crisis the free parking is invaluable to accommodate these important Social connections. We also live in a loneliness Epidemic. some late opening shops and courses depend on the footfall. If there were parking charges it would put me in the difficult position to choose at times between going to town or not as the costs add to the costs of being out that late to meet people. That would be especially true if charges were at the same cost as the daytime charges. I also wait specifically for Sundays and bank holidays to use the lower castle car

park to use the park and river for activities being already put of on Saturdays due to the added costs. The same thinking applies to shopping in town and when to use the train station. I love tonbridge as a town above most other cities in this country but since we moved we lost a lot of banks, some bigger shops, and parking charges in the proposed time feel like another reason not to go into town and spend money in the local economy. Surely it is in the interest of TMBC to keep the town center alive and help its communities to be able to connect and the proposed time is when people usually meet so they are not lonely.

**Off-street response – Reference number 414**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Thievery. Pure thievery.

**Off-street response – Reference number 416**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Sunday is an imporrant day for recreation, socialising and retail sales. Currently towns like Tonbridge prosper on a Sunday. Introducing charges would likely curtail such prosperity.

**Off-street response – Reference number 418**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You are killing our high street. People will go elsewhere where they can park for free

**Off-street response – Reference number 419**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This can have long term consequences. The mental health of people is directly connected with social life and spending time outdoors. Also will affect local businesses. People will go less to the town center instead will be choosing spend time on the countryside.

**Off-street response – Reference number 420**

I support charges until 8pm.

Better to extend car parking charges than raise tariffs.

**Off-street response – Reference number 421**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

These charges will hugely affect the ability of some to continue attending their evening and weekend sporting events and is therefore detrimental to the health and wellbeing of residence especially if you are going to charge from 1minute. If there is say a 2 hour FOC grace period that would assist

**Off-street response – Reference number 422**

I object to charges until 8pm.

With the increase in the cost of living and many people on the bread line you want add to the misery ,

**Off-street response – Reference number 423**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 424**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 426**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These proposals are just a money making scheme which will affect local businesses adversely and people wishing to access chemist and shops which includes elderly, disabled and those with families . The public already pay to use car park street parking should remain free as insufficient car parks already

**Off-street response – Reference number 427**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 428**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I come to fitness classes in the evenings and this would add an additional nearly £3 a session which then makes it very expensive and will result in a lot of people leaving the classes which would be a huge shame.

**Off-street response – Reference number 430**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This would be a disincentive to people to visit our town and thus impact in our local economy and community. There are many popular all day events that would suffer if this happened. Our high street businesses would suffer due to the impact on footfall.

We need to encourage visitors to our town.

I suggest you need to improve public transport - people would use cars less if the bus services were improved - for example if you want to visit Sevenoaks on a Sunday the train station is too far out of town and there is one bus an hour. You need to make it easier for us to travel by bike and public transport.

**Off-street response – Reference number 431**



I object to charges until 8pm.

This would deter visitors to the town for social and leisure activities and church services. Similar charges in Tunbridge Wells are destroying the heart of the town. Increase 8 - 6 parking but please don't extend the periods. This would also increase parking in already crowded side roads and defeat the councils objective

**Off-street response – Reference number 434**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 435**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 436**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 437**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Free parking is the reason so many shops do such a good trade on the weekend and visitors come to events. I am fit and able to park and walk in if I don't want to pay parking charges, but many residents and visitors are not. Also, many residents in TMBC work night shifts outside TMBC, but pay council tax to TMBC. Being able to park for free, whilst working in London overnight, for example, should not be penalised.

**Off-street response – Reference number 439**

I object to charges until 8pm.

With regard to charging for parking in the evening I'm not sure what this achieves. If it makes people less likely to come to Tonbridge in the evening then the only people losing out are bar and restaurant owners and surely the entertainment industry has had a hard enough time already over the past few years.

**Off-street response – Reference number 440**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 442**

I object to charges until 8pm.

With an already dying highstreet and participation in grassroots football I think it's selfish to start charging on Sundays since many of the sports clubs are run by volunteers and to start charging later in the evening is an insult to those who work in shops on the highstreet. For example I start work at 6pm and I'm a part time worker for a supermarket therefore I use their carparks and I don't have to pay due to the time my shift starts but with this rule I'd have to pay £2 when the carpark isn't particularly busy either.

If these are the rules you want to set, let there be a public vote within Tonbridge and Malling.

**Off-street response – Reference number 443**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 444**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 445**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There seems no logic to this. Car parks are full because people have come to enjoy leisure facilities so charge to make space for people who have come .....to enjoy leisure facilities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 446**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 448**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Free parking and parking availability is ALWAYS a reason why shops local to the parking do so well. When people want to "quickly pop to the shops" they do not want to have to pay on top of their shopping costs. It will only deter shopping there and send them to the FREE car parks at the large supermarkets, causing the demise of the local shops. The free parking in Tonbridge after 6pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays is why the high street is so vibrant at these times. Also, many people are struggling financially so have to shop at these times, or at the likes of Aldi on Canon Lane and at the Home Bargains car park opposite, where the parking is free. It's why the shops there do so well! The small number of shops (not charity shops!) that there are left on the high street will suffer and possibly decide it's not worth the expense of opening, turning it into a ghost town during these times. Additionally, expensive parking charges are not a good way to encourage the uptake of the old Bournes shop in Tonbridge town centre. These proposals are an EXTREMELY short sighted idea and, I suspect, are purely conceived to raise money and not to support Tonbridge shops or residents!

I also strongly object to ANY of the above being redacted before being passed forward!

**Off-street response – Reference number 450**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 452**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 453**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 454**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I don't understand the argument. If the car parks are full around the swimming pool etc. on a Sunday what is everybody doing? Walking around the river, along the high street? Isn't that what we want the town to be? Thriving, bustling? Don't stop Tonbridge folk coming into the town in the evenings and Sundays. It'll kill the town off, just like the shops!

**Off-street response – Reference number 455**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is purely a way to make money. Unfair to residents.

**Off-street response – Reference number 456**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Re extending the days to Sundays and bank holidays, I see this as a mean way of deterring families, who might go for a walk by the river or use some other facilities, such as the castle or playgrounds nearby. Regarding extending the hours to 8pm, I strongly object to this. I use the Angel Centre to play badminton with other pensioner friends at 6pm. We pay for the use of the Angel Centre. It's our only weekly exercise, but extending the hours to 8pm will inevitably result in our cancelling this as the court fee plus parking charges will almost certainly deter us from using this facility. I cannot stress enough how strongly I oppose this.

**Off-street response – Reference number 457**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Charge people not in possession of Tonbridge parking permits on Sundays and Bank Holidays.... We live here

**Off-street response – Reference number 459**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 460**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 461**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I attend an evening exercise class and I couldn't afford to do it if I had to pay over £2 parking charge on top of the class charge. This would be detrimental to my health. Also it's nice to be able to have a wander around Tonbridge or a walk in the park on a Sunday, but I wouldn't do it if I had to pay parking.

Presumably you'd have to be paying staff to cover these extra hours, so that would impact your added income.

I always thought Tunbridge Wells Council were being very mean when they increased the hours, and stopped going there. Please TMBC have some generosity of heart and leave the hours as they are.

**Off-street response – Reference number 463**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Parking should be free on these days to support local economy for these small towns

**Off-street response – Reference number 464**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I purposefully don't go to Sevenoaks to eat or drink as I have to pay for parking. I choose Tonbridge and support those restaurants and the none payment of parking is a big pull. Businesses will suffer with these new measures. I use the park on a Sunday for its free parking facilities but will drive elsewhere to walk and exercise if you introduce parking charges.

**Off-street response – Reference number 465**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am lost for words and, believe me, that does not happen often. Congratulations!

**Off-street response – Reference number 466**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 467**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As previously stated we should be supporting local business by getting more people in to Tonbridge not pushing them away to the retail parks/ Bluewater etc where parking is free. Many people choose to shop during these periods so that they don't have to pay the parking charges .. eg click and collect at Argos. Collect after 6pm so that you don't pay a charge.

You are trying to destroy the town by being greedy having seen an opportunity to make money!!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 468**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 469**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Yet more greed from the council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 470**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 471**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This proposal has got nothing to do with increasing capacity and everything to do with making money. Any increase in charges will backfire and people will choose to park elsewhere or go elsewhere.

**Off-street response – Reference number 472**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is a cheap cash grab which will dissuade locals from visiting Central tonbridge, with an accompany knock-on effect on footfall for local businesses further contributing to the death of the high street.

**Off-street response – Reference number 473**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I don't see how historic basis and busy Sundays links to extending payment hours and days. I don't understand what the Council are trying to achieve that will benefit the public and local businesses. This sounds like nothing more than a cynical, exploitative move to generate more income.

**Off-street response – Reference number 475**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See question 15

**Off-street response – Reference number 476**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I play for Tonbridge Baseball Club, us and our opponents use the lower castle carpark every Sunday. Implementing charges on Sundays would majorly increase the cost for our members and visitors to take part in the sport we all enjoy. I believe charging on Sundays would damage what is a growing sport in Tonbridge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 477**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As above

**Off-street response – Reference number 478**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 480**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As above

**Off-street response – Reference number 481**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object to these changes.

**Off-street response – Reference number 485**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 487**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As answered above

**Off-street response – Reference number 488**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 489**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 490**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Bus services do not run full services on these days making transport increasingly challenging therefore, driving is the only option. The town is also buzzing on these days as a result of no charges

**Off-street response – Reference number 491**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 492**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As above.

**Off-street response – Reference number 493**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 494**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 496**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As if retail doesn't have a hard enough time anyway. Seriously have you nothing better to do.

**Off-street response – Reference number 497**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 498**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again, this will make it less and less likely that people will use their local facilities and support local businesses. Being able to park for free after 6 in west malling is what is keeping the pubs and restaurants alive. I'm honestly surprised the area has survived the introduction of day parking charges.

**Off-street response – Reference number 499**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Increasing days and times will affect local businesses and impact the already precarious High Street.

The consultation states that retail hours have changed and this is a response to that. There are no shops on the High Street open beyond 5.30 or 6.00pm so this does not justify the extension to parking charges. It will also discourage people visiting on Sundays and Bank holidays affecting businesses.

This is all about making more money for TMBC

**Off-street response – Reference number 500**

I object to charges on Sundays.

It's more money being wrung out of visitors and locals. It would drive custom away from restaurants and bars too

**Off-street response – Reference number 501**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object to the extension of charging time to 8pm plus Sundays and bank holidays on the basis it will detract from people enjoying their free leisure time. I don't want to go to the park for a casual jog one evening, or with my family at the weekend and have to be conscious of how many minutes I have left in parking. I want to fully relax and take my time at leisure activities, which can often extend far longer than originally intended because of the facilities on offer around the park.

You say you want to extend evening parking charges from 6pm to 8pm as more businesses are staying open longer. Are they? Mainly Sainsbury's in Tonbridge, as it has always done. This charge is going to hit the evening hospitality trade in the town a lot. I will be far more inclined to look for a pub or restaurant in T Wells or Sevenoaks (where there is more and varied choice) if I have to pay £3.20 to park for a local one for a couple of hours.

The extra hours of these charges is also going to discourage me from using the tactive leisure facilities at The Angel Centre and the swimming pool at weekends and in the evening. It will be cheaper for me to pollute the atmosphere and drive to Larkfield Leisure Centre and park for free there, or join another health club around Tonbridge that offers the same, or better, facilities but does not charge for parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 502**

I object to charges on Sundays.

There should be some periods of free parking for locals and visitors to enjoy equity regardless of income -perhaps consider charging more for large vehicles such as SUV



**Off-street response – Reference number 503**

I support charges on Sundays.

Given the town is used in the same way on Sunday and Bank Holidays as Saturdays, to me it makes sense to charge for parking. However, the town has seen a marked increase in cars parked on pavements, partly or in some cases wholly parked on pavements in the early evening on the high street. If you're planning to charge for parking until 8pm, you have to also do a much much better job of enforcing safe and sensible parking outside the car parks - otherwise we'll just see the high street turning into an unofficial car park to an even greater extent than it is currently.

**Off-street response – Reference number 504**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Why in this time if a cost of living crisis are you raising parking to a ridiculous sum on Sundays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 505**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 507**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I feel this would heavily impact in-town retail businesses. Also, people would start parking in the already busy residential streets in the local area instead, creating blocked roads and increased risk of emergency vehicles being unable to access residents.

**Off-street response – Reference number 509**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 510**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 511**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 512**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 513**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 514**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 516**

I object to charges until 8pm.

it would put people off go to these places.

**Off-street response – Reference number 518**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Many people park when it is free after 6, or on Sundays. This takes a lot of pressure off parking at the busiest times during the week days when the car parks are full. Extending the charging time will make the bad situation during the day much worse as there will be no incentive for anyone to wait until after 6 p.m.

**Off-street response – Reference number 519**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 520**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 522**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Currently my perform my weekly shop at Sainsburys on a Sunday. This is my preferred day because it saves me with from having to muck about with cash. Like many people during covid I basically abandoned the use of cash. Yes there is the option of pay by phone but this is a system that to date I have avoided and have no inclination to adopt. I note that Tunbridge Wells uses pay and display machines from the same manufacturer as you do and these are fitted with readers for contactless cards. If you are to introduce Sunday charges I would want you to introduce these readers. As it stands my inclination would be to move my major shop to Tunbridge Wells. Last I knew the Sainsburys there still has free parking and the council car parks are better geared up for cashless payment. I would still use the high street for minor shops which I can conduct on foot. I am not

entirely convinced by your rationale for the change. If the proposed redevelopment of the Angel Centre into a multiplex and restaurant complex had gone ahead I could see this but currently I am slightly surprised that there is an issue. Re-reading the justification it would seem to me that the case is for Sunday charging at specific car parks not all car parks

**Off-street response – Reference number 523**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will stop people from coming into town for the very events and functions that you want to extend the castle car parking for. This will be counter productive. We are not Tunbridge Wells who don't care about their town. The free parking after six and on Sundays and bank holidays is a gift that is within your remit to continue to give the people of our town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 525**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 526**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Most of the shops are closed by 6 pm so every good reason not to extend the charging period in the town car parks.

I object strongly to the proposed introduction of parking charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Tonbridge has a beautiful park area and leisure facilities for individuals and families. We have Farmers markets, Artisan markets, many events at The Castle throughout the year. You will drive people elsewhere if you charge for parking on Sundays and BH's. Trade in the town will diminish and more shops will go out of business.

Parking on a Sunday in town is a great joy for me. It's so convenient and one of life's little pleasures.

There has to be another way of raising funds. Include it next years council tax bill.

**Off-street response – Reference number 529**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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**Off-street response – Reference number 530**

I object to charges on Sundays.

So basically you planning on charging people to participate in local community activities, events and sports all of which is vital to the health and well being of the nation! The Angel Centre is apparently running at a loss so why introduce later parking charges and Sunday/Bank Holiday charges as that will discourage use of health and community facilities even further. It would serve you better if you

concentrate on improving the flow of traffic in the town centre rather than or amusing those that support community facilities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 531**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 532**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You stated that people leave their cars parked all day on High St this is not a truthful statement the parking wardens regularly are around checking this and if overtime issue tickets just another ripe off from the nasty party to steal our money!

**Off-street response – Reference number 534**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge is a vibrant town, by additional charges and costs increasing will deter people from attending the town and bringing their business to the economy.

**Off-street response – Reference number 536**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 537**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 538**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 539**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 540**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Charging on Sundays and bank holidays will affect footfall in shops and the restaurants in Tonbridge. Bank holidays are bank holidays for a reason not to then charge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 541**

I object to charges until 8pm.

To enforce this you will either need to invest in new technology to read number plates or pay for wardens to check vehicles.

The costs will surely outweigh the gains.

Greed once again from council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 544**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If you want to encourage folk to move their cars more regularly then you can have a 1 or 2 hour free if you get a ticket rule on Sundays/after 6

**Off-street response – Reference number 545**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The high street shops will be negatively affected as people will not want/ be able to! pay to park. Many use the car park for Sainsbury's in the evening and on Sunday. Evening gym users (who have already paid for membership) will be affected and priced out of maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

**Off-street response – Reference number 546**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 547**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 548**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Making people pay to keep fit, play sports and go to church?! Shame on you TMBC

**Off-street response – Reference number 550**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Give people some financial respite on quiet days!

**Off-street response – Reference number 552**

I object to charges on Sundays.

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 charges until 8pm.

When Medway introduced free parking on Mondays, I visited one of the Medway towns every Monday. Now they stopped it because they were losing money, I don't bother, I just go to Maidstone as you get 1 hour in Sainsburys. The point is, people just won't bother going to that town, there's plenty of other choices for them.

**Off-street response – Reference number 554**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 555**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Council greed.

**Off-street response – Reference number 556**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 557**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The argument it's busy and hard to find a place won't change by putting up the price it will just mean poorer families will find it harder to access local services. Parking charges are already staggeringly high and it 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. This box really isn't big enough to express my displeasure with the proposal.

**Off-street response – Reference number 558**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 560**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 561**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Detrimental to local businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 562**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 563**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 564**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 565**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 566**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sundays and bank are the only days that we can park without being ripped off. Sainsbury's is a prime example of a rip off parking service

**Off-street response – Reference number 567**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 568**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I moved to Tunbridge Wells KW area two years ago but after living in Tonbridge for 8 years and children still in schools there I'm there every day and choose to shop or just go to the cafe on Sundays as don't have to worry about paying for parking, it's tough enough for most people with the cost of living at the moment and it's tough on those businesses and shops trying to survive on the high street. Due to parking charges I never go into Tunbridge Wells town and rather do shopping in Maidstone where I can park for 2 hours at Sainsbury's and then spend £15 and park for free with the

shopping centre right next to it while my son is in Saturday school there. All the councils seems to be working on is to kill the what's left of the high street rather than make it the centre of town full of residents and visitors enjoying themselves. We have enough of the money you are wasting with stupid decisions like the one with removing flowers from the outside castle to make it look awful and then spending even more of taxpayers money to plant them back in there. Maybe employing the right people with the ideas how to make residents living in Tonbridge proud and happy would be best to start.

**Off-street response – Reference number 570**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking is already considerably high making it difficult for many with the cost of living crises! I fear in making these periods chargeable you will be taking away the leisure

Activity time for many in the community which will see an increase in people's mental health! Most activities are expensive enough, with additional charges!

Also this will then mean more parking attendants required or increased hours for current staff!  
Everyone deserves a day off!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 571**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 572**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 573**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Please don't charge for parking on a Sunday, it will discourage the use of our town's wonderful facilities. Having free parking means more people come to Tonbridge on a Sunday, bringing their spending with them!

I also think parking charges after 6pm is a false economy. What about 3 hours free parking (where you have to get your free ticket), charging for those being more than 3hrs. Maybe this could be applied to every car park, 7 days per week, as a compromise?

Use the monies raised in parking fines for those that abuse the 3hr free parking 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 charges until 8pm.



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 charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge has been an excellent place to visit, to go and take part in activities, with great parking availability. I have never struggled to find a parking space when participating in the park run, or taking my sons to their swimming lessons at Tonbridge pool. The park runners in the morning vacate the parking at the end of their run, some may stay for a coffee afterwards (bringing business to local cafes and shops). So there are always parking spaces available after the park run in the lower car parks. By bringing in higher/longer parking charges, you are going to deter people from wanting to spend longer in Tonbridge. Less people will want to attend events if the parking is too expensive. Tonbridge high street has suffered already with the closure of shops due to lack of businesses/high rent costs. I feel that by keeping the costs low, you will keep a thriving area full of activity. I must emphasise again I've never struggled to find a parking space.

**Off-street response – Reference number 577**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Because it is just a money spinner

**Off-street response – Reference number 579**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Further to my previous comments:

The Racecourse and the river are extremely well used for leisure and recreation, especially during summer weekends and evenings. Increasing the charging hours will penalise these people and deter them from using the facilities. People from outside Tonbridge also use the river for boating, paddle boarding and fishing where stays of several hours are necessary. Extending parking times will deter these people also. Just a money making scheme and not for the benefit of the residents!

**Off-street response – Reference number 581**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See 15

**Off-street response – Reference number 582**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 583**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is pure greed on behalf of TMBC

**Off-street response – Reference number 584**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Sunday - used by churches who provide a lot of community support.

**Off-street response – Reference number 585**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sunday charging has killed T Wells its part of the attraction for people to come and visit the town. People will not come into the town as often and the expected revenue will not materialise and impact on already struggling local businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 586**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 587**

I object to charges on Sundays.

SEE ABOVE

**Off-street response – Reference number 588**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 589**

I object to charges until 8pm.

By making the cut off time for parking charges 8.00 p.m. everyone attending events in Tonbridge will have to pay extra on top of any tickets purchased. Especially in Tonbridge town centre this will increase the number of visitors parking in streets to avoid the charges which causes problems for local residents trying to park overnight.

**Off-street response – Reference number 590**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 591**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Let us keep it free for families to be encouraged to come to Tonbridge on a Sunday and in quieter periods. People will be put off coming to events at weekends and Bank Holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 592**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge needs to attract as many people to the town as possible. Regular visitors to the Angel Centre (ie gym users or people attending classes) will effectively be paying a large increase in their gym membership. People will leave the Angel Centre gym. Perhaps this is what the council want to happen to support their wish to knock it down.

**Off-street response – Reference number 593**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 594**

I object to charges until 8pm.

A truly regressive policy - with no purpose other than to raise money for council services. To suggest that this is being done to control demand and because shops are open later (the only shop open in the evening is the Sainsburys supermarket). For some they are choosing to delay their weekly shop to Sunday or after 6 to save money - if you charge then there will be no incentive to do this and you will find even more pressure on parking at earlier times. You would be better spending time sorting out traffic flow through tonbridge and working out how to manage the increased demand on services due to the increased numbers of residents from new flats and houses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 595**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 596**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge benefits as it has free parking on Sundays and bank holidays, unlike Sevenoaks and tonbridge wells. I take my charity donations, which often full a Sainsburys trolley to charity shops on Sundays. This allows me to give large amounts of items and in some cases I've had to take two trolley loads. Introducing charges on a Sunday will make it harder for people to give large donations to charity.

I also belong to Tonbridge rock choir and use the car park near the rugby club. Our choir starts at 7:30 and this all members if our choir and other clubs within the town using the pool, sports centre and other facilities will Find this affects their membership. Parents may decide not to take their children to clubs if they have to pay for parking where they are not able to drop them at the door, or have to wait for the club to finish to take them home.

**Off-street response – Reference number 597**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Fewer shops are open on Sundays and restaurants that have been had hit in the pandemic need to see people coming into town. Nil charges on Sundays also give low income people an opportunity to plan to shop on a cheaper day. Tmbc make plenty of money from car parking, and indeed are raising the normal rates. Tunbridge Wells charges on Sundays, so this point of difference give Tonbridge businesses a competitive advantage that should not be squandered. Tax revenue is already substantial. Maybe Councils should be looking to recover revenue from stateless multinational companies who use council managed road infrastructure to deliver goods and have replaced businesses that used to contributed business rates and then offshore their profits!

**Off-street response – Reference number 598**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Greedy greedy horrible people you are

**Off-street response – Reference number 599**

I object to charges until 8pm.

More blatant profiteering by this corrupt council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 600**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am not sure that restrictions going to 8.0pm will do anything other than harm the 'eating out ' trade.

**Off-street response – Reference number 601**

I object to charges until 8pm.

more greed

**Off-street response – Reference number 603**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 604**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I do support a slight increase in charges but object to the increase in the hours. 6-8pm is a time that many full time workers use for social activities, be that sport eg use of the swimming pool or Angel centre or groups such as WI. All crucial for physical and mental well-being. Increasing charging hours is likely to reduce attendance and involvement in these activities which with the current health and financial crisis I do not think the council can afford to do. Sundays and bank holidays are also days many do activities as a family eg visit the park and I fear by introducing charges will impact on these. Worst case, could a limit be placed on free parking eg offer max 2-3 hrs free on Sunday or bank holiday. As mentioned, I would support a slight increase in charges, if it meant sticking to the current

charging hours ie 8~6pm. Thank you for the opportunity and taking the time to take on board my opinion.

**Off-street response – Reference number 605**

I object to charges until 8pm.

At the moment, Tonbridge can benefit from the extended parking charge in both Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks. If Tonbridge also brings in Sunday, bank holiday and evening charges then there is no benefit to people visiting Tonbridge for shopping and leisure and they will return to Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks.

**Off-street response – Reference number 606**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Church goers on Sundays should not have this cost and imposition to deter them going to worship.

**Off-street response – Reference number 607**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am a District Nurse and we community Nurses work 365 days of the year . We can not afford to pay for parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 608**

I object to charges until 8pm.

A cynical attempt to make money out of people coming to Tonbridge and supporting the local community.

The Farmers' Market and other events on a Sunday will be seriously affected.

**Off-street response – Reference number 609**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 610**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking is already more than enough for a small town. There is no need to charge in the evenings or Sundays and this would be terrible for small businesses and an already struggling town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 612**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I feel very strongly that charge periods should not be extended. Many people I know value the opportunity to visit the racecourse and restaurants in the early evening in Tonbridge without paying fees and may not do so if fees apply.

**Off-street response – Reference number 613**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 615**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

I think this will affect local business. I will shop online more rather than pay for parking. I think this will affect Tonbridge town centre and you will lose footfall across the board.

**Off-street response – Reference number 616**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I have rarely had trouble parking on a Sunday and I think the council and just using this as an excuse to charge on Sundays and bank holidays, and later to 8pm, to make more money. I think the principle is wrong, and I don't agree with it. If people genuinely have trouble parking on a Sunday they just need to allow more time or park slightly further away. I don't believe that charging for parking will necessarily change people's behaviour to not drive, this is naive.

**Off-street response – Reference number 617**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 618**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 619**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Churchgoers should not have to pay to go to worship on Sundays

**Off-street response – Reference number 621**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 622**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 623**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 624**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 625**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This feels like an extra tax on families who want to provide access to sport/fitness to children/family members as suggested by the government. I have to drive to Tonbridge to access the sports ground and also Tonbridge Swimming pool (as we are now members) multiple times during the weekday evenings and weekends. Extension of payment times and days will impact us greatly. I cannot see this will deter people from parking, only cause more expense.

**Off-street response – Reference number 626**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge is a thriving town unlike neighbouring Tunbridge Wells. T Wells is often like a ghost town and the shops are struggling. One of the reasons is the high car parking charges. Increasing the hours of parking charges will adversely affect the town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 627**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Not good idea at all

**Off-street response – Reference number 628**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I do my shopping on Sundays and on free parking times in the town due to the “free parking” and I will boycott Tonbridge high street car parks if these charges are introduced and use out of town stores which are free! I refuse to park in Tunbridge Wells now ! This will Kill our high street ! Where did you get your statistics about the free parking making no difference to shopping! It’s an educated guess and not reality ! Shoppers are happy to browse if parking is free but who wants to pay to browse the shops and maybe not even buy anything and be charged !

I understand the attraction of “ easy cash cow mentality “ but it will be detrimental to the high street shops !

**Off-street response – Reference number 630**

I support charges on Bank Holidays.

I haven’t a problem with extending the charges to 8pm in most car parks but those near the station in Tonbridge will have less people parking in the afternoon because currently those going to London

for the afternoon and evening pay less than in the station car park . This will change if charges are imposed beyond 6pm and you will receive less revenue .

I object to a graded fee on a Sunday near Tonbridge market .as it will deleteriously affect market trading . A flat rate charge for the day may be better at say £1.Tonbridge is historically a market town and everything must be done to keep and support the market .

I also think the car park charge on a Sunday will badly affect businesses open on a Sunday currently and may lead to closures . This needs to be discussed with your colleagues in Economic Development - if there is such a team .

Finally if car park charges are imposed on every day including bank holidays , I would suggest an encouragement for late night shopping and shopping in the high streets of our towns over the Christmas period by making some weekend parking near Christmas free as they do in other local towns . This would be at the council's discretion each year .

**Off-street response – Reference number 631**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 633**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 636**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 640**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 641**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 642**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 643**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 644**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 645**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This is just money grabbing. Please really consider what you are proposing.

**Off-street response – Reference number 646**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 649**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 651**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 652**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 653**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 654**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Town is already getting a kicking because of parking people just go to bluewater and shop  
It's costing too much to browse and all parking is paid predictive of time rather than of time used

**Off-street response – Reference number 655**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 657**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Pushing people away from shopping or using businesses locally

**Off-street response – Reference number 662**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 664**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 667**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 668**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 669**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 673**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 675**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The council need to be supporting local business and not determining people from parking free and supporting the business without additional charges. Get off the backs of freeloading motorists with extra costs. Support your residents and businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 677**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 678**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Start charging and business's will suffer as people will just shop online.

**Off-street response – Reference number 682**

I object to charges on Sundays.

People are struggling as it is and cannot afford the increases.

**Off-street response – Reference number 683**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 684**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 686**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 687**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 689**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 692**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 693**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 695**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 696**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 697**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 698**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 699**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 702**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 703**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 705**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 706**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 708**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Just need leave it as it or get permits for people that live around their why punish us who fight put support local businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 709**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 710**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 711**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 713**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 715**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 722**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Just money making for the council and hurts visitors and local businesses instead

**Off-street response – Reference number 724**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 726**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 727**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 728**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 729**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 730**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 732**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 733**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 735**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 736**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 741**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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**Off-street response – Reference number 742**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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**Off-street response – Reference number 743**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 746**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 747**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 749**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 750**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 752**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 757**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 758**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 760**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 764**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 765**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 768**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 769**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 770**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 771**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 772**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 774**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 776**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 778**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 779**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 780**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 782**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 783**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 784**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I cannot believe the greed in a financially strapped society!

**Off-street response – Reference number 786**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 788**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 789**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 791**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You are killing local business and people ..... Makes me wonder why people in top tier management at tmbc shouldn't take a pay decrease?!

**Off-street response – Reference number 793**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 794**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 795**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 796**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 800**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 801**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 802**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Public transport is poorly provided across the borough and this is just another tax on the motorists

**Off-street response – Reference number 808**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 809**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 812**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 813**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 814**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 815**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 816**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 818**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 823**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 825**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 826**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 828**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 829**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 830**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This again will result in less footfall for visitors and local support to the small businesses who are already struggling to survive

**Off-street response – Reference number 831**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 832**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 833**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 835**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 838**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 840**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 841**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 842**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 844**

I object to charges on Sundays.

People go into towns & villages in the evening for meals & socialising...which isn't cheap. Adding charges before 8pm will stop people using it until that time, there will then be no spaces. All parking, everywhere should be free Sundays & Bank Holidays as this is when people visit friends & families and go out together.

**Off-street response – Reference number 846**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 850**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 851**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 852**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 853**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 854**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Let's not make visitors' lives more difficult, but encourage increased footfall by NOT introducing extra parking charges.

**Off-street response – Reference number 856**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 859**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 860**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 861**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 862**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 865**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 866**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 867**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 868**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 869**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 870**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 871**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 872**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 873**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 874**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 875**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 877**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 880**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 881**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Just a money making scheme and should not be implemented

**Off-street response – Reference number 882**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It's all about Money, people are already struggling especially people on pensions, it's a joke expecting pensioners to live on basic pensions when they worked hard all their life and keep paying parking etc. People who work in government and councils don't know what is pensioners struggle with, perhaps they should be paid the same and see how they cope. Sorry for going on but putting charges on car parks and upping prices in shopping mails is not good.

**Off-street response – Reference number 883**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 884**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As previously noted.

**Off-street response – Reference number 886**



I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 887**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 888**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 890**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 891**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 892**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 895**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 896**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Weekends especially Sundays are family days for most families therefore why should children suffer or miss out on important quality fun times such as swimming because families can't afford parking every week on top of the costs of paying for swimming. Our taxes increase every year but I'm unsure what they are going to if we are paying for everything including parking. There should be some benefits for paying taxes and families keep being hit with cost of living crisis and one day a week families try and have a day with their children and parking should be free. Also, the elderly do their shopping on a Sunday and it affects everyone. I strongly object.

**Off-street response – Reference number 898**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 899**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Most leisure activities in Tonbridge happen during weekends and late night in Tonbridge castle area - the visitors want to park for free so they will choose Slade area to park their cars to avoid charges - something that is already happening. You should only introduce such charges if wardens are working late hours and weekends.

**Off-street response – Reference number 901**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 902**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 904**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 906**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 910**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 912**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 914**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 917**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 920**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 922**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 923**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 924**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 925**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 926**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 927**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 928**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It's so greedy and short sighted and will ultimately lose the council money as small businesses suffer and close.

**Off-street response – Reference number 929**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Don't we pay enough council tax to cover this?? What on earth is it all being spent on? We seem to be getting less and less and paying more and more.

**Off-street response – Reference number 930**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 931**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 933**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 934**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 935**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 938**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again! Killing business by still charging on public holidays!

**Off-street response – Reference number 940**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 944**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 945**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We will no longer shop at west malling due to parking charges not allowing a free 30 minutes parking

**Off-street response – Reference number 947**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 948**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 949**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sundays and bank holidays are meant to be enjoyed. This is penalising people again

**Off-street response – Reference number 950**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 951**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 953**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 954**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 955**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 956**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is an awful decision - again, as I have detailed, the rising cost of living would force people to think twice about going out at weekends due to the obscene parking charges they face.

**Off-street response – Reference number 957**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 958**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 959**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 963**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 964**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 965**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 966**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 967**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 968**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 970**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The high street will decline even further.

**Off-street response – Reference number 971**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again. Not needed.

**Off-street response – Reference number 972**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 974**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 979**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 980**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 983**

I object to charges on Sundays.

We need to support our local business and not hinder them by putting people off by adding to their steady ever increasing living costs

**Off-street response – Reference number 984**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 986**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 987**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again terrible idea that will have a massive impact on our town. The high street is a thriving place at the weekends, especially Sundays, being one of the few high streets in the area that offer free parking it draws custom not only from residents of Tonbridge but also from Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells. Short sighted and skeptical attempt to plug the financial holes in over areas of our wasteful council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 988**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 990**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 991**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 992**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 998**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We pay enough to live in the area we do with awful roads & paths not maintained, council tax increase crippling families. No support for our children with SEN. Yet we now potentially have to pay to park on Sundays and public holidays...

**Off-street response – Reference number 999**

I object to charges until 8pm.



I strongly object to all 3 ideas. Keep bank holidays & Sundays free!! Also 6pm cut-off should remain.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1000**

I object to charges until 8pm.

In particular strongly disagree with charging on a Sunday as this would impact people attending churches and places of worship. This is typically when car parks are not full anyway.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1001**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1002**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1004**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1005**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1007**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1012**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1013**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1014**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1015**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1016**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This encourages people to spend time out with families / just an additional cost on already burdened household budgets

**Off-street response – Reference number 1017**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1018**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1019**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1021**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1022**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1023**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Crazy! As above, it's a real shame to penalise children and families playing sport

**Off-street response – Reference number 1024**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1025**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The proposals for extending the charge periods to include 8am to 8pm on Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays is unfair to residents in Ryarsh Lane compared to other residents who live close to the Tesco car park. Surely in the interest of fairness, the charging periods for Ryarsh Lane car park should mirror those for the Tesco High Street car park. Sunday is considered by many to be a family day and we often have family visits on a Sunday and currently it does not cost my son or daughter to come and visit me on a Sunday. I also feel that the very popular monthly Farmers Market will suffer if visitors have to pay to park in the Ryarsh Lane car park. I feel your plans will have very negative effects on the attendance figures for our Farmers Market which would probably lead to its demise.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1028**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1029**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1030**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1031**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1033**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1034**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1035**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1036**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1037**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1038**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1040**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1044**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1046**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This proposal is simply a disgraceful money raising exercise at the expense of local residents and will only do further damage to the Tonbridge economy.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1054**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1055**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1056**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I object to charging on Sundays in particular, as council car parks are used by those attending places of worship that day. I feel that both Sundays and Bank Holidays are not busy, and the opportunity for free parking encourages footfall from those who would not otherwise bring trade to these towns. People are generally suffering enough as it is under the cost of living hikes.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1058**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1059**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You will drive my business away from anywhere where parking costs are in place after 6pm Sundays or BHs

**Off-street response – Reference number 1060**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1062**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1067**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1069**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1071**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Surely the sign that the car parks are well used on a Sunday is a sign that local residents are using the leisure facilities provided by the council for public use and as such, this should be seen as a good thing and something which should be encouraged and supported rather than being penalised for doing so! The introduction of parking charges outside of working hours will deter people from enjoying the local area, taking part in organised activities and using the local facilities as their leisure activities. The majority of shops in Tonbridge town center are NOT open after 5:30/6pm. However, other local businesses (restaurants) are; if parking charges are applied, this is likely to have a detrimental effect on people choosing to dine out at those businesses in favour of ones further out

of town. The Angel Centre (Sainsburys) car park is regularly used by members of the gym to attend those leisure facilities in the evenings after work. Even other councils still provide free of charge parking to those attending the local sports facilities at such as Tunbridge Wells Fusion at St Johns and Crook Log leisure centre, Bexleyheath. This is still very much a rural area with poor public transport options for those further away from the main town and people have to travel by car to be able to attend their local leisure centres; they should not be penalised by having to pay parking charges on top of monthly gym subscription fees to be able to exercise.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1072**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1073**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1074**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1076**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1078**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1087**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1089**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1090**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1095**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1096**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1098**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1099**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1100**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1101**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1102**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1103**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1104**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1107**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1110**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1112**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1117**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1119**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1121**

I object to charges until 8pm.

High parking charges will affect all businesses in the area, with the cost of living crisis it is hard enough for small business owners and customers alike. A £1 charge for 4 hours on a Sunday or bank holiday would be somewhat acceptable but nothing more expensive than this.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1123**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1124**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1128**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1135**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1138**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1139**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1141**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1143**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1144**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1147**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1149**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1152**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1155**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1156**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1157**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1159**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1160**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I do not support making any changes to parking charges on a Sunday. The documents fail to mention impacts on church attendance or local farmers markets plus the influx of tourists to the areas which benefit all local shops and amenities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1161**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1164**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1166**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1167**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1170**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1172**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1173**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1176**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1177**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1180**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1181**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1182**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1183**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1187**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It would put me off going to places for my leisure activities as I think I pay enough already. Again I would find places to go out of town where I don't have to pay for parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1195**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1196**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1197**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Another way to make more money absolutely outrageous at a time where everyone is struggling!!!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1198**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There are no shops in Tonbridge open until 8pm except supermarkets. We come in on Sundays as our daughter plays sport. Charging for this will make it less likely that some people can afford to join in with outdoor activities and exercise. This also applies to bank holidays. There will be no reason at all for people to come to Tonbridge for leisure activities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1202**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1204**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1205**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You're killing village life.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1206**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1207**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object more to the extension to Sundays and Bank Holidays than I do to extending the hours to 8pm.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1208**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1209**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1215**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1216**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1217**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1219**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People are struggling to make ends meet and additional hours charging will deter users and affect businesses as a result.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1222**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1223**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1225**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1228**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I thought the council would want to encourage residents to use local facilities but charging for parking after 6pm and on Sundays will have the opposite effect.

Extra parking charges will discourage people from using local restaurants and other facilities in the evenings. We need to keep the facilities we have in our town not have them close through lack of use.

I, and lots of others, attend evening community events at the Angel Centre and other town centre locations and we use the town centre car parks after 6pm. Having to pay for several hours parking each evening would add to the expense and probably discourage some people from continuing with these important leisure activities.

Extra charges will mean people use nearby roads or wherever they can find free parking, which will cause problems for residents who already struggle to park close to their home and add to congestion on the roads.

Would the proposed evening charges be the same as day charges or maybe a small flat rate after 6pm?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1229**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1230**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1231**

I object to charges until 8pm.

All parking for local facilities should be free to encourage the use of local shops and amenities to support the small businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 1234**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1235**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1236**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1237**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People will avoid the area. This will be the final nail in the coffin for the very few last remaining shops in the area. New retailers will look else where. The only people who will win out of this situation are the on line retailers and shopping centres where there are no parking charges, such as Bluewater and other supermarkets with free parking. It is bad enough that the out of town retail areas have limited time parking which is so short there is not enough time to shop and have coffee/lunch. Surely we want to encourage people to the area to spend their money in store, rather than discourage them by imposing more parking restrictions and higher tariffs which will ultimately keep them away and encourage more on line shopping.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1240**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1242**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1244**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1245**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1246**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1248**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Charging for Sunday and Bank Holiday parking will affect church congregations and visitors to Tonbridge Farmers Market and the Artisan Market as well as the retail sector and visitors to the Castle and sportsground. Evening charges will affect the various groups that have evening meetings in town. More should be done to encourage people to come to Tonbridge rather than discourage them.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1249**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1250**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1251**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I very strongly object to all of the extended charging times. I do not agree that this is needed. I believe the current arrangements help to spread out shoppers and visitors and also benefit families and those on lower incomes who can choose to park when it is free. Sundays and Bank Holidays are typically times when young families make visits together and these are often those who feel the most pressure on household expenditure. We should not make a day out any more expensive for families.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1252**

I support charges until 8pm.

If times and days are increased there is no need to increase the charges.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1253**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1255**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1256**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1258**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1259**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Out of town shopping centres like North Farm are killing the high streets in town centres everywhere. Tunbridge Wells has seen a marked decline in shoppers on a Sunday since it introduced Sunday charging and these proposals will have the same effect in Tonbridge. Many shoppers come to Tonbridge to browse the high street, take in a coffee and perhaps a stroll in the park on Sundays because it's cheaper than Saturday. Parking charges will be the nail in the coffin for these people with a subsequent drop in revenue for businesses - the only benefactors will be Amazon. The notion put forward by the council that "demand for parking on Sundays - not driven by free parking" I hotly contest. The statement also put forward that "it can be extremely difficult to find a parking space on a Sunday for leisure activities" also does not hold water. It will not increase the number of available spaces unless people abandon leisure activities like they have abandoned the high street. This is purely and simply about money generation via the tried and tested "bash the motorist route". The fact it is "hard to park on Sundays" because of leisure activities - if that actually is the case which I also dispute - should be celebrated from the Castle Battlements not discouraged. Exercise and fresh air in the current climate of financial hardship, during a cost of living crisis, when every penny counts, should be free - so stop trying to drive away even more people from a town that is still struggling to survive.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1260**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1262**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1266**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1267**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1268**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1269**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1270**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I rarely visit Tonbridge due to parking charges in existence already. Introduction of charges will impact local business dramatically.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1271**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1273**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1274**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1275**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1276**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1277**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1284**

I object to charges until 8pm.

YOU ARE KILLING OFF SMALL BUSINESS.

PLEASE RETHINK.

ALLOW PEOPLE TO PARK FOR A LIMITED TIME AT LEAST FOR FREE

**Off-street response – Reference number 1285**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1288**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Seriously? What next, charge 24/7?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1289**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Would you choose to pay for the rest of the, or go to Bluewater where it is free. You're not helping rejuvenate local economies by pushing people away.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1290**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1293**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1294**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1295**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1297**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1298**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1301**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1303**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1306**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1307**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1308**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1309**

I object to charges on Sundays.

There is a lot of publicity about people should be exercising more so Sundays and bank holidays are a good time to get out and about. If charges to park are implemented this could deter people from such activities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1310**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1311**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1312**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1313**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1314**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1316**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1318**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1319**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1320**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

I am a member at the gym at the Angel Centre and go twice a week. This would add £25.60 to my monthly gym membership which would no longer make it competitive with other gyms (with free parking) in the local area so I would have no choice but to leave and go elsewhere. You offer a refund on parking to swimming pool customers, why not gym customers?

Furthermore, your machines only take coins which are extremely hard to come by given we live in an almost cashless society. Nat West, Barclays, HSBC, Lloyds bank have all left Tonbridge, how are people meant to obtain coins to pay for parking? Can you upgrade your machines to take payment by card please? I don't want to use the app because this charges me another 10p every time. (The station parking app - APCOA - doesn't add any extra charge by the way).

It seems to me that you are doing everything in your power to make Tonbridge less attractive to people to visit.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1322**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See my previous comments. This will not attract people to come to Tonbridge to spend a day enjoying the benefits of sports ground, swimming pool, river, High St etc. Rather there will be a negative impact and other nearby towns will benefit

As far as the gym is concerned I think many people will stop using the Angel site and transfer to the industrial estate gym where parking is free.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1326**

I object to charges on Sundays.

As the (REDACTED), we have a lot of people who drive to the church for our Sunday morning service, and I am concerned that introducing Sunday charging, especially in the (REDACTED) car park which is beside the church, will mean that more people will park on the streets around and not want to use this car park. It feels like a "tax" on churchgoers. Is there a way of starting charging on Sundays from 1.00pm after church has finished, or working with the church to find a way that does not tax people wanting to come to church?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1327**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1328**

I object to charges until 8pm.

With car park charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays being introduced you must deal with the issue of stopping free parking in the Slade, with new policed rules. Otherwise you will immediately exacerbate our current problem of lack of parking by cars seeking spaces, not wishing to pay fees.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1330**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You are killing our small towns and independent businesses. When they have gone and the huge multinationals fight you all the way (and win), what will you do then? You should be backing local shops to keep units occupied, business rates coming in and challenge the power of the supermarkets.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1331**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Critically, the proposal to introduce charges after 6pm, on Sundays/Bank Holidays, or off-street, would see the greatest burden fall on those with the least resources: people and families on low incomes, who may currently park off street or wait until after 6 to do things like food shopping in order to make their money go further, when money is already tight for so many.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1332**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1334**

I support charges on Sundays.

The council has had its funding slashed by central government and revenue has to be found to avoid cuts to services. The current arrangement incentivises people to travel into Tonbridge on Sundays when almost all the independent stores are closed giving chain stores an advantage.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1335**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1337**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1338**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1339**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1340**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1342**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There is no justification for the extension of the hours. Most car parks are empty after 6 and spaces are abundant, even by the Angel Sports Centre

**Off-street response – Reference number 1344**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1345**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1346**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Charging for parking on a Sunday will kill off many of the activities that make Tonbridge the great town that it is.

Sunday is a favourite time for family, sport and social activities.

Think again. It's not all about money.

Cancelling the plans to spend a fortune on redeveloping the Angel Center would save a huge sum.

For now, 'Let's Cut the Town's Clothes According to the Cloth!' ...

**Off-street response – Reference number 1348**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1349**



I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1350**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1351**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think TMBC must recognise these proposals will not meet with universal approval, and should therefore make every effort to avoid being seen as a local authority that uses the motorist as a cash cow. The Aylesford car parks are used by many residents who have no parking space at their homes, and reasonably priced season tickets for these specific residents would seem to be a good solution.

While I am happy to use the RingGo app when parking in TMBC car parks many residents are not so confident, and the ability to pay cash should be retained.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1354**

I object to charges until 8pm.

All of the proposals will reduce the number of people coming to Tonbridge. Not only will shops suffer with lower footfall but other events held in the town also suffer the same fate. Do you really want a ghost town, where nobody goes?. Is the aim to replace the shops with residential accommodation?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1357**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1358**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1359**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Once again your destroy the town. Your stop people

And push them out off town!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1361**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1362**

I support charges until 8pm.

Sevenoaks has been charging into the evening and on Sundays for years, but it doesn't seem to affect the number of shoppers. People should expect to pay for town centre parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1363**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1365**

I object to charges on Sundays.

As a member of the Angel centre if I have to pay to park evenings and Sundays I will cancel my membership and join another gym which I do not wish to do. The Angel centre is for local residents, whereas Larkfield leisure centre, also built for Tonbridge residents, should be on the same footing, i.e. it is free to park there. I believe it should be free to park at the Angel centre and exercise should be encouraged, unfortunately I live too far away to walk.

Finally it will also affect customers attending the farmers market.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1366**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Understandable about the parking charges. But many people's wages are not going up. If you're on basic national wage and don't get a premium for working Sundays or bank holidays, then you still don't benefit from paying for parking especially part-timers every little helps at the moment with all the cost of living rises. Please have some consideration. This is why people won't want to work as it costs too much to park.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1367**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Absolutely against it, we need to encourage people to visit.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1369**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object as for the evening you would affect restaurants footfall, I object to Sunday and bank holiday charges, it would affect a lot of businesses. We might as well head to bluewater and park for free and spend the extra petrol.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1370**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You want blood!! I find parking a nightmare as it is with machines that do not work plus on occasions no signal so can't use the app ! The App is already more expensive than the machines!

High Streets are dying!! This will certainly speed the process! I know money is short but things need to be thought in the long term!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1371**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will severely impacts restaurants and other hospitality businesses who rely on people driving and parking in the evenings. It will severely deter people visiting and will be counterproductive to what the council is trying to achieve if more business close due to lack of customers

**Off-street response – Reference number 1373**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Increasing the parking charge to 8pm is not necessary and would severely impact on the High Street food outlets. Charging on a Sunday and Bank Holiday would also impact on the High Street and leisure activities. Some of the overstay parking issues are caused by the development of flats which are not required to provide adequate parking due to their location close to the railway station. Perhaps the planning rules should be amended and not penalise the impact which will befall the traders by pushing customers to out of town retail units.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1374**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1375**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1376**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I have to park in the castle car park to visit my daughter as all the roads are permit parking. It already limits my visits with the cost of parking so this would limit me even more.

Also Tonbridge will get less people coming into town if parking goes up and small businesses like my daughters coffee shop will suffer

**Off-street response – Reference number 1378**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1379**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1380**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think this is another charge on the motorist

Easy, Picking come to mind.

This will not encourage businesses and customers to come to this town. I have seen a marked decline in the 40 years I've lived here.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1381**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1382**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1383**

I support charges until 8pm.

My only concern relates to the introduction of charges for parking in West Malling high street. I fully understand the reasons for the introduction but I am concerned about the detrimental effect this will have on the local shops. Many local high streets are struggling to survive and the introduction of charges may worsen the situation. Many patrons pop in to the shops for a very short time, a matter of minutes in many cases. The introduction of a charge for what could be a five minute visit may well put people off. I would like to suggest that the first 30 minutes be free of charge and thereafter, the 1 hr charge be applied for the remainder of the first hour.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1385**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1386**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1387**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1391**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I have ME but continue to work in the town. I do not qualify for a disabled badge so spend a fortune in car parking charges. I need to park close to the town because of my energy levels. Very disappointed in the council for again hitting the motorists to increase revenue

**Off-street response – Reference number 1392**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1393**

I object to charges until 8pm.

THE CAR PARK SUPPORTS THE FARMERS MARKET ON A SUNDAY AND ALLOTMENT USERS, DO YOU REALLY WANT TO PUSH SHOPPERS AND RESTAURANT USERS TO OTHER AREAS AND KILL OUR THRIVING TOWN?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1394**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1395**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1396**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1397**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1398**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1399**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Bank holidays should be free and stay free. It helps to bring people into the areas on public holidays

**Off-street response – Reference number 1402**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1403**

I object to charges on Sundays.

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 car parks.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1404**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

While I understand the need to increase the charges I dont agree with the need to charge 7 days a week, 365 days a year. Encouraging people to use the car parks on a Sunday for shopping, childrens sports activities, swimming etc and on Bank Holidays for special events should be encouraged for the good of the community and the shop owners. The high street is already in decline and asking car owners to pay more per hour and now everyday just seems a step too far all in one go. If I now need to pay for a Sunday I would consider going into Tunbridge Wells instead where I have to pay anyway as there are more facilities available. Support the high street, dont put more barriers in its way.  
Thanks

**Off-street response – Reference number 1405**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1406**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Charging after 8pm reduces the attraction of eating or drinking in Tonbridge town centre.

It will adversely affect business and worsen the decay of the town.

Charging for Sunday parking further reduces the attraction of coming to Tonbridge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1408**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1409**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1411**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People may well be using these spaces at these times to make "tasks, leisure activities and events" more affordable in what are difficult times. You show no understanding of the hard times people are currently in and fail to support the members of the communities you serve.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1412**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1414**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1415**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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. Is this council actually mad or just plain incompetent with these proposals?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1417**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

Many people take advantage of the free Sunday and bank holiday parking to visit Tonbridge for shopping and leisure, particularly in summer months. These charges will deter visitors, impacting the spend in the town's shops and other businesses.

Visitors to the Angel Centre gym are likely to move to another gym and the parking costs will add significantly to the monthly gym membership fee.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1418**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1421**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1422**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1425**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The cost of Policing Sunday parking is unlikely to be covered by the income generated.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1426**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1428**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1429**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1430**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1431**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Just pure greed and unnecessary. Would 100% put me off parking in town at these times.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1433**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You state "The changes will also see a fairer and more consistent charging regime apply across our car parks" and want to charge until 8pm in Tonbridge, yet West Malling will still be free after 5.30pm. That's hardly fair! I mostly use the app to pay for parking but Tonbridge supermarkets only refund parking costs on production of a paper ticket, therefore I try to visit after 6pm. I also object to the extra 10p charge for paying by app. Extending the charges until 8pm and charging on Sundays and Bank Holidays will see me, and I suspect many others, choosing out of town shopping over the town centre.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1434**

I support charges until 8pm.

Much of the parking at weekends is used to support sporting activity. This is particularly the case for the lower castle fields car park. Rugby, football, and other sports are all played on Sunday. Introducing parking charges would impact children's sport.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1435**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again, we pay enough

**Off-street response – Reference number 1436**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Periods of free parking allow individuals who are not so well off the opportunity to make use of the facilities without additional parking costs.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1437**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1439**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The consultation states it is difficult to park on occasions and blindly assumes users will go elsewhere (where?) if prices are increased. After 6pm. most High Street shops are closed and the relevant car parks barely used. During events, these car parks are close to full and would be regardless of cost.

However, increased costs and charging times are likely to deter users. In addition, as mentioned with the reduced use beyond the current 6pm charge time, the additional cost of employing a sufficient number of wardens to monitor paid parking would likely outweigh any marginal increase in revenue. As a start, enforcing the High Street loading bays from lazy parkers and the pavement parking at the northern end of the High Street by just eat/uber food drivers should be tackled if you are really concerned about parking in Tonbridge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1440**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1441**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am a member at the Angel Centre leisure facility and object at having to pay to use the facilities in the evenings which is when the centre has most of it's exercise classes.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1442**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See above. Why other than increased income. If the shops are open why does this mean you have to pay for parking later? No real correlation.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1443**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Very little is open in the town past 6pm apart from bars, supermarkets and hairdressers. Extending the charges will negatively impact local residents who have been preciously able to do business around the town at quieter times. Charging for parking on Sundays is reasonable and fair as a lot of those using the spaces are visiting the area.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1444**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Do the Council actually want people to visit the centre of Tonbridge? I cannot believe they think this is a good idea. It's just a cash cow which will have a devastating effect on the town's businesses and planned events.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1445**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1446**

I object to charges until 8pm.

TMBC is not analysing the root cause of the issues raised. There is clearly high demand for parking in town centres - with extended and non traditional hours. This is good for business & a thriving community.

However, the council is not properly analysing the problem. What other options are there to serve the community (rather than exploit it)?

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 1447**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Greedy and unnecessary you should be ashamed of yourselves

**Off-street response – Reference number 1448**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1449**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1450**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1451**

I object to and support charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1452**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1453**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1454**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The whole policy objectives are unclear. Is it to make more parking spaces available for shoppers and leisure visitors, or to raise more revenue? To achieve the former you should make the first (say) two hours free of charge and then start charging more steeply. This would achieve your aim of dissuading long term parking but make it better for your preferred users. Your proposal to just charge everybody more is blatant profiteering. Support your High Street - cut parking charges.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1456**

I object to charges until 8pm.

How are the shop keepers going to cope if all these charges are implemented. People just won't come to Tonbridge to shop!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1457**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is an appalling idea. You will be putting off people who use the gym and sports facilities in the evenings for one thing. Events are often put on in Tonbridge on Sundays especially round Bonfire night and Christmas and families will be thinking twice about attending these if they have to pay to park. This will result in less money being spent at these events for stall holders. Many events are also held at the Castle all year and the attraction is being able to drive but not having to pay to park the car. Do NOT extend the charging period or introduce charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1458**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1460**

I object to charges on Sundays.

These days allow everyone to visit areas in times when money is tight and attracts more visitors to support local businesses, increasing charges and chargeable days is likely to put me off

**Off-street response – Reference number 1461**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sunday and bank holiday charging will hinder so many things that encourage people to come to tonbridge at the weekend and a longer charge period will affect people who need to drive to the high street for shopping

**Off-street response – Reference number 1462**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1463**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1464**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1465**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1468**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1470**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1471**

I object to charges until 8pm.

A sure way to kill the High Street! People will go to out of town shopping centres and malls where parking is free. Many rely on the free parking on Sundays, Bank Holidays and after 6pm.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1472**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1473**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1474**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We need more support in our town and highstreet. Keeping some days free will hopefully support that. Keep charging and charging more will only put more people off! The last thing we want. It should be free on Saturdays also.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1475**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1476**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1477**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1478**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The 6pm parking charge works well for the customers of my business. Charging later and raising the cost will adversely affect my business.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1481**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1482**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1483**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will drive customers away from Tonbridge at the weeks and Bank Holiday - I use the car park to get closer to my work place at the Angel centre when I have boxes to drop off for my holiday club, or for late staff meeting - to save me having to walk to Sovereign Way North in the dark.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1484**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1486**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1487**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1488**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1489**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Would prefer to pay a little more council tax and keep car parking charges as they are.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1491**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1494**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1495**

I object to charges until 8pm.

refer to my previous comments

**Off-street response – Reference number 1497**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1498**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These initiatives directly oppose the good intention of the Violence Against Women and Girls consultation TMBC is concurrently running, and will adversely affect women and children who wish to be safe. They will turn the town centres into ghost towns and provide the perfect environment to those looking to exploit young people and prey on women & girls. This proposal also will harm businesses and reduce the lively town centre that currently draws in lots of families for sport, who stay longer to enjoy other aspects within the town centre at the same time, spending money in the town centre.

I moved my family to TMBC to grow up in a safe, lively, buzzing town centre where the Council gets things right. A far cry from our previous home town. Tonbridge High Street massively bucks the national trend of high streets suffering from numerous vacant shops, and this needs to be acknowledged, along with the reasons why.

If you look at town centres in Bromley borough, for example, you will see that high streets particularly after 5/6pm are quiet and not safe places to be, particularly after dark. There are challenges with anti-social behaviour, businesses have suffered due to reduced footfall and generally town centres are ghost towns after 5pm. The council are spending a significant proportion of time and money in regenerating visitors to town centres in evenings, and this investment is not providing a lasting improvement to the damage done by removing parking and introducing paid for parking. This is a problem TMBC does not yet have, and does not need to make the mistake of. The British Independent Retailers Association would no doubt have supporting evidence on this, along with other similar Associations.

If there is a council deficit why not consult with residents around what the deficit looks like and how the Council intends to balance the books. Residents are an innovative bunch who might just have the solutions these short sighted parking plans lack.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1499**

I object to charges until 8pm.

In order to support Tonbridge and people's wellbeing parking shouldn't be increased to 8pm and Sundays. People need to be able to enjoy leisure facilities that often cost money, without having to pay for parking as well.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1500**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1501**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1503**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object to all these on the grounds that the purpose of parking charges are to discourage commuters from leaving their vehicles all day in town car parks while they board the train to London for work. On Sundays and Bankholidays and overnight, this is not an issue. We already pay council tax to fund the council so that it can provide services for our benefit. Not so that it can extort more money and make a profit from the very people it is here to serve. Revenue it receives from parking charges, should only serve to run the car parks.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1504**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1505**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1506**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I live in Tonbridge and i object to these extensions. I think your thinking is flawed. You say the demand in parking is not driven by free parking. I would say the demand is driven by the fact that the parking is free and lower parking costs drives visitors to the town which is required to keep the town alive. These charges will threaten the town. I also object because this is a tax on exercising in the town. You cannot park for free at the angel centre apart from after 6pm. That is when i go because of this. If you make the parking till 8 then i will have to relinquish my membership of the angel centre.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1508**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Will just keep people away when all areas need people to visit them.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1509**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Answer as above

**Off-street response – Reference number 1510**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I want to see businesses thrive in Tonbridge - not discouraged

**Off-street response – Reference number 1517**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1519**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1522**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1524**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The introduction of charging on Sundays and Bank holidays is unacceptable, as it is on any day. This having been said, it is ironic that on days when shops and businesses may not be open, an exception may be made. It seems to defeat the object. Local trade is assisted by accessible and free parking facilities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1525**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1526**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again this will only lead to more death of the town centre, which council seems intent on but then wants to spend a fortune on reviving it to score points, can't have it both ways.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1527**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1528**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1529**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1530**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1531**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1532**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1533**

I object to charges until 8pm.

same as above. Do you want Tonbridge to become a ghost town like TW or not?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1534**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1536**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See answer to 15.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1540**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1541**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1542**

I support charges until 8pm.

I object to Sunday parking charges on the ground that church goers will be penalised.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1543**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending parking charges to 8pm seems mainly designed to drive business away from the High Street and town centre in Tonbridge. Pity the hospitality venues (restaurants etc) who are struggling to keep going despite all the doom and gloom in the economy at the moment. It risks simply driving more business away from Tonbridge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1544**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The apparent introduction of charges to the West Malling High Street will impact on those of us who attend the churches, in addition to the businesses and the Farmer's market.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1545**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Wouldn't expect to have to pay to attend church on Sundays, or pay to park if going out to eat in the town in the evenings, this will probably decrease support for town restaurants.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1548**

I object to charges on Sundays.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1553**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1554**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I have rarely seen a shortage of parking after nor for extended periods on the weekend. Do you have data to support the extension?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1555**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You will reduce footfall in the town even further. A stupid idea

**Off-street response – Reference number 1556**

I object to charges until 8pm.

see the comments above

**Off-street response – Reference number 1557**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1558**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1559**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1560**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It is so sad that the heart of Tonbridge is being ripped out. By increasing parking charges, people will just go elsewhere. Why are nearby towns able to accommodate free parking but not Tonbridge? Maybe it has something to do with all the new housing that has taken place in the centre of the town with little parking provision in place, the assumption being that residents wouldn't need cars. If people could park away from the community car parks and closer to their homes, I'm sure that they would.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1561**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Is this genuinely a serious proposal? Is this a proposal with the community and businesses in mind? Hard no. Tonbridge and other towns are suffering with the hollowing out of businesses, increasing and expanding car parking charges would only accelerate this.

This council is out of touch with the residents it is supposed to represent if it is seriously considering this.

Does the council want anyone to visit it's High Streets anymore?

This is short term decision making which is why towns in our area are suffering badly. I feel sorry for the poor traffic wardens you want to stand outside until 8pm at this time of year and on Christmas Day.

If anything parking charges should be more relaxed and affordable so residents spend more time and money in our High Streets. Councils are meant to run to the benefit of the communities they serve.

Please reconsider. Quickly.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1562**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1563**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sunday is just like any other day commercially so why not charge on a Sunday. Being retired, I was once criticised for calling into Sainsburys on a Sunday and told I could go anytime of the week. So why should I pay when those in work don't on a Sunday.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1564**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You need to encourage people to continue using the town not turn them away.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1565**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1566**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It is greedy to charge for parking in the evenings, on Sundays and Bank Holidays. This will cause resentment against the council and councillors who will be blamed for it.

Also the extended charges will have a damaging affect on retail businesses and restaurants which have to compete with other areas where parking is free at all times, like the industrial estates and out of town restaurants and pubs.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1567**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Adding charges to these Car parks currently free on Sundays and bank holidays/ after 6pm would be detrimental to the area as a whole for night life, leisure and " fair weather " events and summer enjoyment. Although fees would become evident to the council coffers, the traders, event organisers, restaurants, publicans and restaurants et all would feel the business decline and burden of trade loss

**Off-street response – Reference number 1568**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1569**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I suspect that those who currently come into Tonbridge High Street in the evening or Sundays will not do so if they now have to pay. It may also reduce the number who shop in Sainsbury's- Aldi in Cannons Lane do not charge for parking. We often shop on a Sunday in order to save money. Is the intention to gradually close the High Street?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1570**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Every extra cost to the public will reduce footfall in the Towns, which desperately need the trade. Extending the charges because a car park is well used is greedy.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1571**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The local economy in Tonbridge is thriving in the evening and Sundays due to no parking charges. We should continue to support those industries who rely on this vital trade. Increase the levy on long stays (2hrs plus) within the current timing zones. Furthermore, outsource the current patrolling to a lower cost firm.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1572**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I would no longer use the town shops as a result and I fee many people would fee the same

**Off-street response – Reference number 1573**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These measures will deter people coming into Tonbridge for shopping and special events.

Charity events organised by The Lions, Rotary club etc will lose revenue as well. It could diminish the social life of the town.

The Council will also be charging me to attend church which is unacceptable.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1574**

I object to charges until 8pm.

All you doing making us go to out town shops,you sem think we have botomless money surpley, your government that cut council funds.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1575**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1576**

I object to charges on Sundays.

My comments are restricted to Tonbridge. I am concerned about the impact of introducing charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays; either putting people off doing leisure activities or increasing the amount of parking on our residential streets. Perhaps you could introduce half-price parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays; or half-price parking for those who are associated with a organised leisure activity (swimming, Tonbridge Juniors Football, use of the Angel sports hall, etc).

**Off-street response – Reference number 1577**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Times are tough enough for many Tonbridge and Malling residents. Have a heart and leave some times in the week where folks can park for free!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1578**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The current cut off for paying should be continued. Particularly concerned about the Angel Centre where adding £3.20 to the cost of a class in the evening makes this prohibitive and out of line with the costs elsewhere. Parking at Larkfield Leisure Centre is free so why should those of us who use the Tonbridge facility need to pay. TMBC should be encouraging health and fitness not discouraging it with these hefty parking fees.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1579**

I object to charges on Sundays.

My view is that this measure will be counterproductive, for the following reasons:

1. The free parking on Sunday attracts people from elsewhere, such as Tunbridge Wells to shop. If the charge is introduced the footfall into retail premises will decline, with the long term effect that businesses will fail, leading to worse retail opportunities for the local residents. There are more than enough empty retail premises in our High Street.

2. I am aware that the Angel Centre is the location chosen by two societies for their shows in the early part of the year. I know that free parking is essential for one of these shows, as they have traders who travel the length of the country to attend. Other visitors to these shows will also be put off if there is an additional cost for parking. The introduction of the parking charge could lead to these shows no longer being held, with no revenue for the Angel Centre. The visitors to these shows quite probably make use of the other retail opportunities in Tonbridge while here.

2.1 One option might be to introduce a free parking scheme for those attending events in the Angel Centre. I have seen these in use elsewhere. The vehicle holder enters his registration number in a terminal at the event, which is linked live with parking enforcement, so that they do not get fined. Typical example: Gillingham sports centre.

3. As the sports facilities in the Angel Centre are used after 1800, adding a parking charge is going to discourage regular membership. See 2.1 for an option.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1580**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As a Tonbridge resident, we need to get people into the town and making people pay until 8pm or charging people to shop on a Sunday or bank holidays won't encourage people to come into Tonbridge. As Tonbridge is a dying town (and it could be a thriving town with the right support), the council needs to think about encouraging people to stay in the town - whether it's for shopping or leisure.



**Off-street response – Reference number 1582**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Free Parking after 6 pm helps the retailers who are staying open to survive in this difficult financial environment and encourages consumers to use the local restaurants rather than takeaway and deliver.

Sunday and Bank Holiday free parking are essential to keep the growing community feel of Tonbridge which has never been stronger and these charges are aimed at the events that are making Tonbridge a real community which is currently the best its been for years. Wake up to your community needs.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1583**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1584**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I believe that increasing charges and making shoppers pay on Sundays and bank holidays with negatively affect our shops! The high street isn't as busy now as days anyway! We need to do positive things to improve our town. This isn't a positive way to support our shops!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1586**

I object to charges on Sundays.

An extension to 8 pm will have a detrimental effect on social activities in the town in the evening.

I wish to point out that the Waterloo carpark is used by some people who go to St Stephen's church . The parking in the roads around is well nigh impossible, on a Sunday as most residents are parked up . The same applies to the upper castle carpark and the one off Bordyke which are used by the congregation of the parish of St Peter and Paul.

I really question whether trying to charge on a Sunday or bank holiday has much to do with improving access to leisure activities and social interaction in the town as opposed to trying to get yet more money for the council ?

Shocking . Tonbridge pays quite enough in car parking 6 days of the week . Please keep Sundays and bank holidays free .

**Off-street response – Reference number 1587**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Just another way of ripping off the motorists.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1588**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1589**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1591**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If charges are introduced at additional times at this car park the residents it is sure to increase the number of vehicles driving down and parking in unsuitable spots in Ryarsh Lane, in particular in the evenings and when events or the Farmers market is being held. It would also be to the detriment of fellow allotment holders who use the facility on a Sunday.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1592**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These proposals will hit local restaurants etc very hard, leading to even more closures. Your short-term, blinkered approach will kill the goose laying the golden egg. Invest to accumulate. Unlike many towns, there's plenty of parking in Tonbridge - so make it work to your advantage. Reduce/remove short-stay charges, esp for residents! Attract new footfall - don't put existing parkers off!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1593**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1594**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1595**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1596**

See my previous comments. Charges should be intended to ration a restricted asset, not to raise money.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1597**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It is not accurate to say in Tonbridge that many shops are open later now than the 6 pm parking charge end period that currently exists. The only 2 shops in Tonbridge that operate later than 5.30 / 6 pm are Sainsburys and Waitrose - the majority close at 5.30 pm. Retail has suffered over the past 3 years and to now bring in yet more charges over a Weekend or after 6 pm is to discourage people from spending weekend or evening leisure time in Tonbridge town centre . We have sufficient car parking - given the car parks off Vale Road in addition to the car parks close to Sainsburys and Waitrose - so I think your argument for over full car parks is tenuous. If you must bring in charges on a Sunday / Bank holiday then consider making them less expensive than Monday to Saturday.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1598**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1599**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People are struggling.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1600**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1601**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1602**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1603**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You lot really dont get it. Shopping in Tonbridge is bad enough because shops cant afford the over priced rents so there is not a lot of point of going into town as the shopping is rubbish. But to charge more to park is crazy . Dont we pay enough already. I often go to sainsbury after 6pm or on a sunday but when you increase the prices that will change for me

**Off-street response – Reference number 1605**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There are no shops apart from Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Iceland that are open later than 6, therefore this fact is not valid. As a result the car parks are not very busy during that time. Charging

for parking on Sunday would decrease the number of people visiting Tonbridge from nearby areas. Moat leisure activities also take place on Saturday so this is also not valid.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1606**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Why would anyone choose to PAY to eat/drink in Tonbridge in the evening - when there are plenty of other good places to go where parking is free? You'll kill the nighttime trade, cause even more closures, destroy the town & ultimately lose revenue.

As for Sundays & BHs - surely you want to encourage MORE people to visit the town & spend money using the amenities - not put them off & encourage them to go elsewhere? Tonbridge has the advantage of some big car parks - exploit that to encourage more visitors (not less) with free/cheap parking. Reduce/remove short-stay charges, esp for residents! Attract new footfall - don't put existing users off!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1608**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Completely disagree demand isn't driven by free parking. The only reason my family use the facilities on a Sunday is to avoid parking charges. Completely disagree that it's a struggle to park. There is a short window on a Sunday morning but by midday it's easy to find a spot. Additionally, as a woman I feel safer & reassured knowing I can park for free after 6pm e.g. after dark and can therefore avoid walking home so to our occurring additional cost and hassle of paying for parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1609**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1610**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1611**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The rationale being used is a narrative only. This will have impact on business trading and local residents. There is no need to bring this in other than councils looking to drive revenue from their residents who are finding it hard to live at the moment with cost of living challenges.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1612**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Give local businesses some chance of occasional footfall. Commuter Parker's abusing the car parks is less of a problem on these days

**Off-street response – Reference number 1613**

I object to charges until 8pm.

a small number of local businesses that are struggling with the increase costs of operating their businesses. The introduction of parking charges will lead to a reduction in footfall which will further impact on their ability to keep operating. Consequently some businesses will close leaving empty spaces as per most high streets.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1614**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1615**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See full response above. Charging on Sundays and longer into the evening will only penalise people trying to exercise at the Angel Centre along with those wanting to eat in the pubs and restaurants.

There should be some times and days in the week that people can park for free, not everyone will be able to afford this triple increase in charging at a time when budgets are already under huge pressure from the increased cost of living.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1616**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It appears you are trying to squeeze additional revenue out of an already difficult climate.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1617**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1619**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The cost of my parkin;g will double. While I will be able to manage I am concerned about those who will not be able eg those on low income, those having to use food larders etc. This will not be good for Sainsbury's as , I imagine, people will go to other shops, whose car park is free, or go online. I am very disapointed about parking charges on Sunday's as I go to Christ Church URCs which is just off the car park. Also, why Bank Holiiday, there are only a few each year. Finally, if we want people to come to Tonbridge to shop and boost the economy and this will not help.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1620**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I refer you to Tom Tugendhat MP's recent 'Tonbridge Messenger' document in which he addresses the problems affecting Tonbridge Town Centre. Changing from the free to chargeable parking on Sunday's and Bank Holidays will only worsen the attractiveness of Tonbridge as a town to visit for shopping, such as the Sunday Market, and its leisure activities. It will be to the detriment to local High Street, and other businesses, and will worsen the commercial and leisure situations for Tonbridge. The Town needs a boost, not damping down with such increased cost disincentives.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1621**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Similar reason to those stated above.

8pm extension: this is relevant for super markets in Tonbridge. Those on a low income will be able to avoid parking charges if they shop after 5:30pm extending this to after 8:00pm this gives people an even smaller window to shop for groceries and if there are children in a household this makes 8:00pm a harder time still. The 8:00pm rule also deters people from using the gym at the Angle Center and this will have a knock on effect of increasing obesity and putting more pressure on the NHS. (It will cost the council more money in the long run)

Sunday Charge: Many people visit the High Street on a Sunday to avoid car parking charges. I believe this charge will be bad for the high street. It is also exclusionary to people of faith who may wish to visit a place of worship on a Sunday. We have several in or near the high street.

Bank Holidays: I believe this change will create bad feeling between Tonbridge District Council and residents of Tonbridge. Even Sevenoaks doesn't charge on bank holidays. Again it doesn't help the high street.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1622**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I only go shopping in Tonbridge on a Sunday as I refuse to pay to park to support local businesses. I am not alone in this opinion. If you make parking chargeable on Sundays and Bank Holidays you will drive away business from the shops that need customers

**Off-street response – Reference number 1624**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Our Town is alive on a Sunday and at Bank Holidays due to the free parking. The park and recreation areas are used as the parking is free. You will not make money as people will stop coming, you will have to employ more people to monitor the carparks etc.

If you want something to be used make it attractive, i.e. reduce the car parking charges, make the whole weekend free. The more businesses we have in the town making money rather than charity shops that pay no rates the better. Increasing the prices, and charging 7 days a week from 8am to 8pm will kill the town further, and there will be even fewer shops paying business rates.

IT IS JUST MEAN AND SHORT-SIGHTED OF THE COUNCIL.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1626**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1627**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See answer on question 15

**Off-street response – Reference number 1628**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Taking away any advantage to shopping in Tonbridge only forces me away from using the town at all.

Cut the bureaucracy and make up your money that way. The public are over-stretched already and further 'taxing' is unwarranted.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1631**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Same comments as in box 14 above - this will drive people away from the town centre. Why not keep an initial short period free ?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1632**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1633**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge High Street is already feeling the full effects of the cost of living crisis, with many local shops and businesses seeing a significant fall-off in trade. Extending car parking charges to days where parking is currently free is likely to lead to further loss in trade, and the same applies to extending the charging period to 8pm.

The words "Scrooge Council" spring to mind!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1634**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is not good for the villages, as people will look at finding other places to park ie. On the roads even though there are double yellow lines. Which is what is done now. More money could be made if the council erect CCTV's in these areas and deter legal parking,

**Off-street response – Reference number 1635**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Free parking after 6 actually draws people in to activities in town, particularly the Angel Centre (gym, exercise classes, Women's Institute, History Society, U3A) and meetings in local churches in the evenings such as choirs, bell-ringing etc. Charging on Sundays negatively effects churchgoers at several town centre churches.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1637**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Charges should only apply up to 6pm on weekdays and Saturdays

**Off-street response – Reference number 1638**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As above, why should we have to pay on Sundays and Bank Holidays? We already pay high council taxes.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1639**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We must encourage people to the high street and our lovely park not put them off with high parking costs. We walk our dog in the park and use the local cafes on weekends and evenings, paying for parking will put us off doing this

**Off-street response – Reference number 1641**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See comments in 15.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1642**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1643**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1644**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These will, again, operate against Town businesses, especially for evening meals. We also need to consider tourists and visitors



**Off-street response – Reference number 1645**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

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. Stop exploiting the hard-working people of this town before you destroy it entirely.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1646**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1647**

I object to charges on Sundays.

As a family we visit Tonbridge Park for leisure activities every weekend and I visit the high street, my husband parks all day and uses the train. All together this amounts to a lot on parking charges and if we were to have to add Sundays into the mix it would put us off visiting entirely. I was a member of the Angel Centre gym but ended up leaving because visiting three times per week ended up costing a lot in parking! Please consider what this will mean for families and locals who want to enjoy what the town has to offer.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1648**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Please please do not do this. As a Tonbridge resident I strongly feel it is imperative parking is free from 6 and free on Sundays and bank holidays. We are all struggling financially and this does not support the residents or local businesses. We want to encourage people to visit our town and the beauty around it not put them off. We need people to visit the town and look after our businesses so we don't end up with a high street where everything has closed down. Please please don't do this now. It is not looking after your residents and their needs.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1649**

I object to charges on Sundays.

same comments as above plus ,it will probably stop of our congregation coming to church on Sundays

**Off-street response – Reference number 1650**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I would avoid shopping on a Sunday if charges were introduced. Similarly on a Bank Holiday. The current situation where parking is free marks Tonbridge as quite unique and people from other areas are pleasantly surprised. Many sports events on Sundays, events at the Angel Centre are well attended and risk losing footfall if charges are introduced. Don't make the mistakes of TWBC.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1651**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Many shops, restaurants and other businesses in the borough are struggling to compete with large towns, etc nearby. One of the small competitive advantages they have is the 'free' parking after 6pm, Sundays and BHs. It's therefore important that this maintained to encourage people and send them to other towns. I often purposefully choose to use Tonbridge car parks during the 'free' periods, and like many other people would definitely reconsider this if there was a charge.

There does seem to be a problem with people parking for long period on Sundays and BHs (nearby flat residents and their guests?), this could potentially be overcome by offering 3-4 hours free parking and charging after that (and also ensuring that all future housing development plans granted approval in the future have ample parking provision).

**Off-street response – Reference number 1652**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1653**

I object to charges on Sundays.

To attend my church i would have to pay to park on a Sunday. I cant afford this and the church is my support network. This will have such a negative effect on my whole life.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1654**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1655**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The reasons cited for implementing these changes are not reasonable, in my opinion. Saying your proposal to charge because there is significant demand, not driven by demand, simply indicates that this is just an opportunity for the council to increase its income.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1656**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1657**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1658**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The best way to kill what was a great High Street. Many if us can only afford to go in to town and shop where parking is free - like out of town supermarkets. Free Sunday parking is a lifeline for us.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1659**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1660**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As above

**Off-street response – Reference number 1661**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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. After 6pm you are simply targeting people who want to use the restaurants in town (Tonbridge) There is only three shops open after 6pm and that is Sainsbury, Waitrose and Iceland. You are literally targeting their customers. You are targeting religious groups who go to church on Sundays and you'll make them pay?! You are targeting people who only have one day off work per week because they have three jobs because of the cost of living is making them so poor it is hard for them to spend time with their family. Targeting two out of four hours on a week day where some will do their shopping in Sainsbury because it is quieter and they have mental health conditions where too many crowds make their mental health worse. Where an adult with autism can go shopping at a quieter time but now you are going to charge them for going shopping at 7pm.

The council and these proposals are a joke. You'll no doubt increase council tax AGAIN which you could use to fund whatever it is you are trying to achieve with this. All it's going to do is make Sainsbury leave the town and you'll stop getting visitors on a Sunday just like I never go to Tunbridge Wells any more since they increased their charges. The shops in the centre have closed and no other shop has replaced them. Think how many shops are already empty in Tonbridge and consider if this is the right thing to do or not.

I'm telling you, it's not and it'll ruin Tonbridge more than you've already achieved with high business rates. You need to be focusing more on where my money goes and putting less in your own pockets.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1662**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object can understand increase may be needed but object to extra hours Sundays and bank hols

**Off-street response – Reference number 1663**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Even more ways to kill off business in the high street. I agree parking is a nightmare in the town especially on Sundays but you allow houses and flats to be built without the necessary parking spaces with clogs up the town with cars

**Off-street response – Reference number 1664**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1665**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As before, with poor public transport parking is the only option. How about directing the money generated from car parking to public transport.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1666**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Extending hours - within Tonbridge, after 6pm the car parks tend to be lightly used. There would be costs both economic and PR in establishing enforcement and monitoring arrangements. The relatively low occupancy would not indicate that there is much money to be made. Sunday & Bank Hol charging - I accept that there is revenue to be generated here from daytime usage. However, the PR look is not good when set against increasing parking charges for the Mon-Sat period.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1667**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think the public pays plenty already compared with other areas, who have free parking, and I think people will think twice about going into Tonbridge and that small businesses will lose out, adding to their present struggles.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1669**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1670**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge needs our custom. Providing free parking on Sundays and evenings encourages people into the town. Introducing a later time in the evening will adversely affect those attending evening events. This will impact on the most needy in our town who may wait until a Sunday to do the shopping.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1673**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1674**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1677**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1681**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will disincline people to visit our high street.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1682**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If parking is extended till 8p.m. That would put me off using facilities that I currently use. My limited budget would be too stretched! To help my mobility I regularly go for an evening swim. As I am already paying membership, this cost would mean I had to look elsewhere or give it up altogether.

I understand revenue has to be raised to meet spending needs. Therefore it makes sense to me that this could be done via introducing charges on a Sunday and on Bank Holidays. I would prefer not to pay, but this would be a suitable compromise.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1684**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Do the council want to kill what little vitality is left in local high streets, this will kill local shopping and businesses will go bust?

Nobody wants these changes, I always thought councils were supposed to look after local interest and do what the people wanted, not go against local wishes, if these changes come in it just proves

the latter and democracy us dead

**Off-street response – Reference number 1685**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1686**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1687**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Sundays and bank holidays with free parking brings footfall to Tonbridge, stop being so damn greedy!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1688**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I regularly attend West Malling Baptist Church on Sundays and park in the Tesco car park and I would not relish paying parking charges to cover the three hours I am at the church.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1689**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1690**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1691**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1692**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1693**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If you want to stop people visiting the town this will absolutely ensure this. People will no longer pop to town on a Sunday, they will instead use retail parks and further congest our roads.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1694**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1697**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1698**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If parking charges are extended to Sundays and Bank Holidays, I will no longer use these car parks and therefore will not be helping to support local businesses such as cafes.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1700**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1701**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I strongly believe this will stifle customer use of the high street business during these times. People living outside the town often choose to visit when the restrictions are less. This will promote people's desires to shop/consume elsewhere.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1704**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Because it's unfair less busy times people who can't afford to pay parking have to pay now it will also put people off coming to Tonbridge to shop visit and effect local economy selfish action

**Off-street response – Reference number 1705**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1707**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1708**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 1711**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1712**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1713**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People attending church services will have to pay to park

**Off-street response – Reference number 1714**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1715**

I object to charges until 8pm.

So I don't think you can reasonably claim that 'costs have gone up' for maintaining car parks. When I think about the car parks in Tonbridge they are pretty shabby. The flowerbeds are not flowerbeds any more. They contain weeds and a handful of shabby shrubs which get clipped twice a year. They look awful.

You wasted money sticking in charging points for electric cars. What a farce and why should the majority subsidise the wealthy?

Look at what has happened to Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks now they charge for evenings and weekends. People wanting to shop go to Bluewater! I don't go out in Sevenoaks now. I won't go to the cinema. I'm not paying to park on a Sunday.

If you absolutely have to charge (and I think you will - let's not pretend this consultation is really consultative), then here is my suggestion:

No charging after 6pm.

Sundays and Bank Holidays - £1 all day.



This seems like a very reasonable compromise. It won't hit shoppers and the shops in the town need the shoppers. The town has been really busy for the last week which has been wonderful to see. I think £1 all day on a Sunday helps you to pick up the people who shop on a Sunday - and there are a lot of them - but it makes people think "Well, I'm in Tonbridge anyway and I've paid, why don't I go around the other shops, or out to lunch?" It's a great way to encourage people to stick around and spend.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1716**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1717**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1718**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1719**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1720**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Having one day (Sunday) and a small window of time (6pm-8pm), helps support the high street and associated business, as well as all the lower income families in the borough. It supports events in the town that provide enjoyment and make it one of the places people want to live, thus increasing the number of people paying council tax and increasing TMBC revenue. Possibly have a lower tariff on Sundays?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1722**

I object to charges on Sundays.

People must be encouraged and not discouraged to visit. Local businesses need every help they can get

**Off-street response – Reference number 1724**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1726**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1728**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1730**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1731**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is just a money making idea not supporting business

**Off-street response – Reference number 1732**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1733**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1734**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The high streets are struggling enough bringing customers in. This may be the final nail in the coffin. It is greedy and un-necessary.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1735**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think that charging for car parks should be enforced when demand is high. Demand is not high after 6pm or on Sundays, and so it doesn't make sense to charge then. For some people the free Sunday parking gives them the opportunity to use the services in Tonbridge without having to pay extra, especially when money is already tight.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1736**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1737**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1738**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

Most of my neighbours now drive to Waitrose at Paddock Wood, Tesco at Pembury or Sainsbury's in Tunbridge Wells for their weekly shop. I do similar but occasionally shop at Sainsbury's in Tonbridge AFTER 6pm. If the time is changed to 8pm, I will do ALL my shopping outside Tonbridge.

Since Tom Tugendhat has become our MP, Tonbridge has deliberately driven away trade from people outside the area (the free 2-hour on-road parking spaces have all gone). Many Tonbridge residents now go out of the town to shop. That is why all the major banks have gone, many shops have gone have gone or have limited opening hours. THIS IS BECAUSE OUR MP AND COUNCIL HAVE DELIBERATELY CAUSED IT. I can drive to Tunbridge Wells, park for free (for 2 hours), go to the bank or have lunch or tea with friends. I can NOT do it in Tonbridge where I live. When I first came to Tonbridge in 1978 we had a brilliant MP and an outstanding council. We now have a useless MP and a hopeless council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1739**

I object to charges on Sundays.

It is not clear from the consultation documents, what the benefit to the visitors, residents, and local businesses would be by extending the charging period for parking to 8pm at night, and on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

The document mentions that there is high demand for parking on a Sunday "not driven by free parking", therefore the implication seems to be that charging for parking will not reduce the demand. So is this purely to generate more income?

There is also no mention of how much revenue the extra restrictions might generate; or how it might benefit the Tonbridge community.

Before supporting these changes, I would personally like to see more detail about the proposed changes; especially

- what effect would this have on parking availability

- should this result in fewer cars parked, would this have a positive or negative effect on local businesses

- would a reduction or removal of parking restrictions in fact be more beneficial to the local community?

- what do the carparks generate in revenue currently, how much does it cost to run, how much extra revenue would be generated with the proposed changes, and what would it be used for

- are there any other initiatives planned to reduce car usage in the town, that in turn would reduce pressure on car parks? (e.g. park and ride schemes for visitors, improved public transport, better cycling infrastructure (to encourage safe cycling corridors), and other mechanisms)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1740**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1741**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These proposals would be very detrimental to our local businesses, who are already struggling.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1743**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1744**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1745**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1747**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1748**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1749**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People visit Tonbridge in the evenings and on Sundays because there is free parking at these times which makes it unique in the area, which brings increased trade to local shops and businesses, if it changes in line with Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells, then why would people continue to come to Tonbridge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1750**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1751**

I support charges until 8pm.

We need to be encouraging people not to drive so much and making parking more expensive my help with this and generate much needed income for other council services.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1752**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1753**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I would support these if there was still free parking for locals - on Sundays it can be almost impossible to park near the river/park. Priority to residents should be given like in other places.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1754**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1755**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1757**

I object to charges until 8pm.

A lot of people use the car parks because they are FREE on these days, it is just pure greed to introduce yet more charges

**Off-street response – Reference number 1758**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1760**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We and the Council must support local retailers in West Malling (and elsewhere). Increase charges in longer term car parks by all means but do not cut off the short term Parker who provide much needed custom for the smaller shops.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1761**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1763**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1765**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Will no longer shop in Tonbridge high street

will use out of town shops

**Off-street response – Reference number 1766**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1767**

I object to charges until 8pm.

A lot of people can't afford to pay to park and hence shop on a Sunday when it is free plus they visit the Castle and Sports ground on a Sunday as parking is free. This will also greatly impact residence because if the car parks are charging then people will find residential areas instead. Very bad idea.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1768**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You cannot park in Tonbridge for free at any time - this is a tax on tonbridge residents and is unfair. We need to be able to park at a large supermarket or leisure facility for free like the rest of the county and country.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1769**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1770**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge and Malling council just appear to be greedy.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1771**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I respect the fact that traditional "office hours" have changed over the years, although the Council should provide empirical rather than anecdotal evidence to support this statement otherwise they will be building a case based on supposition not fact.

Irrespective of that, extending the parking periods to include Sundays, and into the evenings concerns me.

Firstly: the Council should provide data to support the number of shops which are now open on Bank Holidays, Sundays, and after 18:00 compared to the reference point they are choosing for comparison including the date of the reference point.

Secondly: the Council should look at the associated costs of introducing these extended charges. As an example: many residents choose to use the leisure facilities Tonbridge provides (The Angel Centre for example) in the evenings, at weekends, and on Bank Holidays.

I will use myself as an example: I use the Angel Centre gym three times a week. I tend to go after 18:00 and on Sundays (as do many others) and am afforded the benefit of free parking. I already pay a joint membership fee of approximately £850 a year. After parking, changing, using the facilities, and leaving I am there for around 90 minutes. This would require a two hour parking charge each time I visit. This would equate to approximately £400 a year. Almost a 50% increase in membership cost.

This will discourage me from using the facility. I will either swap to another (which is less money towards the running of the Council facility), or goes less frequently or not at all. If I reduce my hours of exercise my chances of becoming unwell increase and I present a welfare cost.

Thirdly: rather than just come up with ideas to generate additional revenue, the Council should provide proposals to save costs that equal the anticipated increase in income from the proposed increase charging periods.

The projected increase in funds should be clearly articulated against this change, along with the costs associated with implementing it (welfare and others, for example: overtime for traffic wardens to police the increased charging periods).

There appears to be no business case in the consultation documents I have reviewed. Please clearly publish and articulate the cost / benefit analysis of implementing this change. Please also include cost reduction alternatives.

Finally: I assume that as this proposal only includes Bank Holidays, that during other Public Holidays parking will still be free?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1772**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is just charging for the sake of it and will stop people wanting to park in the car parks and park on the roads instead.

also affecting restaurants and cinemas and local clubs

**Off-street response – Reference number 1773**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Just mean minded lazy thinking. This will surely drive business away from the town. I have already minimised visits to other towns where charges have escalated. It's a rip off.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1774**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1775**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Is the council intent on killing off trade in the Town completely. Our town is already dieing and the selection of shops in tonbridge is appalling (unless you want to shop in charity shops) thanks to the council's mismanaged of council taxes. Charging for Sundays will be the final nail in the coffin.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1776**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1777**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1778**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Cost of living crisis.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1779**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1780**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1781**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1782**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1783**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1784**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1786**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1788**

I support charges until 8pm.

The main reason for objecting is that even fewer residents will shop in Tonbridge on a Sunday. They will possibly make the trip to Sevenoaks or Tunbridge Wells who seem to be better served with a wider variety of shops than Tonbridge. We seem to be almost overrun with Charity shops, coffee shops and nail bars!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1791**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1792**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If anything you should be reducing parking charges on a Saturday to encourage more people to visit local shops and support high street shopping instead of introducing parking charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays - you're killing local shops and just encouraging more people to turn to online shopping so they'll eventually be no high street shops at all!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1793**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1794**

I object to charges until 8pm.

They will not support the High Street Shopping

**Off-street response – Reference number 1795**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Huge impact on leisure activities in the town, parents will not encourage their children to partake in football, rugby, etc due to already overstretched household incomes, impact on mental health. Encourage more shoppers to go out of town where parking is free, resulting in further high street and community decline

**Off-street response – Reference number 1796**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

The introduction of later parking charge times and Sundays are a mean proposal to further put the burden on those who shop and participate in leisure activities in the town. Shame on you! It will drive people away from activities in the town over the weekend. Just another tax to make our lives harder and force us to eat out, shop and enjoy leisure elsewhere..

**Off-street response – Reference number 1799**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1800**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Sunday parking charges will cause severe challenges for nearby churches, and particularly on those occasions when they run events exceeding the maximum 4 hour duration.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1801**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will deter me from using high street, swimming pool, parks etc

**Off-street response – Reference number 1802**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1803**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1804**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I feel this is another blow to local businesses and more cost to local residents. I regularly go to West Malling and shop/ eat out independently on a Sunday and have not had an issue in parking. I will be more reluctant to use local services if there are additional parking charges.

If parking charges are to go ahead, at least consider first 2 hours as free parking. This would usually allow time to use local businesses and support the community without additional charges.

Additional costs in parking cause resistance to use local amenities and support businesses when extra parking costs arise.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1805**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1806**

I object to charges on Sundays.

One of the best parts about visiting Tonbridge centre on a Sunday is the free parking! It's so convenient. Don't go the way of Tunbridge Wells.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1807**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1808**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Any increase in parking fees and/or imposing parking restrictions will drive customers away from the high street.

It will be yet another death knell for Tonbridge. Don't do it!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1809**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1810**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1811**

I support charges until 8pm.

I agree but you must reduce charges across the board in that case. If you're earning more money on those days, surely you can pass in a discount for people parking at other times during the week?

**Off-street response – Reference number 1814**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Absolutely unnecessary!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1815**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Further cash generation.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1816**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

One of the reasons Tonbridge is so popular on a Sunday for shopping and leisure is because of the free parking available. I understand the more wealthy areas such as Sevenoaks charging, but not Tonbridge. Tonbridge has a distinctly friendly community vibe particularly on a Sunday and this would be altered by charging people to park and having to pay to walk their dog, visit the shops, take their kids to the park or simply go for a walk around the sports ground. In addition, I cannot see the reasons for charging up to 8pm. This will change the Tonbridge dynamics and I imagine I won't be only person avoiding the town if this is approved.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1817**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1818**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1819**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Potential consumers of services will always consider their options and where costs and inconvenience are concerned will “vote with their feet”. Hurdles making it difficult for local businesses to trade should be removed rather than enhanced.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1820**

I support charges until 8pm.

Everyone who uses the parking facilities should contribute to the cost of their upkeep, however consideration needs to be given to if this would deter visitors, especially if a local village/small town has less restrictions as this can impact on footfall and reduced income for local businesses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1822**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again this is easy enforced money to support the council

**Off-street response – Reference number 1823**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1826**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1827**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1828**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Like all local areas shopping, etc, is suffering from easy accessibility. Sundays are clearly a very popular time and to then slap on parking charges would discourage folk from coming onto town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1829**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Please let the ordinary person go out on bank holidays and at the weekend without this extra charge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1830**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Again this just smacks of 'money grabbing' by TMBC.

What about the local businesses who are already suffering from a downturn in trade currently or the local residents?

No, no, no to any increase or extension to parking charges.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1831**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think that it is wrong to extend the charging times and days. Will the attendants be willing to work the extra hours and Sundays and will the extra revenue cover their salaries?

People attending for instance Christ Church, Tonbridge on Sundays will have to pay to park which in my view is wrong.

Pensioners and the less well off may well go shopping after 6pm and on Sundays to save the expense and should not in my view be penalised.

I assume that Blue Badges will still be accepted.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1832**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Please give us a break. If you need to raise more income be honest and transparent and increase council taxes

**Off-street response – Reference number 1833**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again this takes away the possibility of a relaxing visit to Tonbridge when it will cost more to park your car than to buy a cup of coffee. (£3.00 to park for 2 hours £2.70 to buy a coffee)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1834**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1835**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1836**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Any change to the current parking charges will kill Tonbridge High Street. The restaurants, cafes are successful because parking is free after 6pm. Sunday is one of the busiest days of the week for shops as free parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1837**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1838**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1840**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1842**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking while difficult at times generates revenue for the town - don't kill the goose.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1844**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1847**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I attend west Malling Baptist church every Sunday and evenings midweek and often during daytime for community coffee mornings etc. I can often need to be at church for longer than 4 hours so as well as the additional expense ( I am retired and only have one pension) this means I will no longer be able to attend all events at the church. West Malling Baptist church is also used by community groups and also as a polling station so all the changes of increased parking fees and proposed road parking meters will impact people attending and now may not attend .

These proposed charges will Make West Malling even more elitist and upper class as those who are financially well off will easily be able to pay any new and increased parking charges. however those on lower incomes and unemployed or retired will no longer be able to afford to come into West Malling to use the shops , post office or attend church.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1848**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Residents pay alot of Council tax, and locals should at least get BH and Sundays free. This encourages business to the town and families/ friends to visit on BH without worrying about the parking meter. The current no fee to park policy is very successful.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1849**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1850**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1851**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Support the business

**Off-street response – Reference number 1852**



I object to charges until 8pm.

This is purely an introduction to raise additional revenue and hit people in their pockets when a large number of people are struggling to make ends meet.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1854**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Any extension will stifle the ability to do ad hoc shopping leading to loss of opportunity revenue. Pushing free hours back will lead to busier shopping at sainsburys post 2000 which is usually a quieter experience for those who cannot cope with crowded spaces and sensory overload.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1855**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1856**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1857**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Outrageous money making exercise. This action will only increase traffic in 'normal' hours.

It will also increase costs in those extra hours as it will require parking attendants to staff those extra hours...either at overtime rates, or on punitive shift changes/demands upon them.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1859**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1861**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I, a pensioner play badminton once a week at the Angel centre from 6.00pm to 7.00pm this keeps me healthy..the 2 hour's cost for parking ( time to book in change and return to vehicle )would be approximately £170.00 per year, which is unaffordable on my pension...Thank you very much TMBC.

I would suggest a parking permit for between 6.00 and 8.00pm for pensioners .

**Off-street response – Reference number 1862**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1863**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1864**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1865**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Do you want people to use Angel centre sports facilities to get healthy? Do you want people to go shopping on high street on weekend and bank holidays? Then, no, extending the parking time is not a way to attract people. I strongly object to this. I'm Angel centre member and I might quit the membership if I have to pay every time I go to classes and gym.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1866**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1869**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I believe this would be detrimental to local businesses who are already trying to compete without out of town shopping where parking is free

**Off-street response – Reference number 1870**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending and increasing parking charges will deter visitors and residents alike and will damage the town's economy even more. We need to encourage footfall to help our economy. There are no evening buses and taxis are expensive. It is unfair to make life even more difficult for people. Shoppers at the supermarkets, users of the Angel Centre and potential users of our town's restaurants and pubs would all be deterred from venturing into town after 6pm and on Sundays. Let's be an attractive town that welcomes visitors. Businesses will then have a chance to thrive and, in turn, so will our town. Don't kill it.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1871**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The council cannot say they are supporting local businesses and residents as they have in some of these suggestions if you now say that later opening hours and leisure days should be penalised. The

council should be supporting the local community and making Tonbridge a thriving town with community activities and an active high street. Removing free parking in evenings, Sundays and public holidays goes against the needs of our community.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1872**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1873**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1874**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1875**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1877**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think these parking charges will put people off visiting the local places and could cause some damage to small businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 1878**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1879**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

Perhaps review the number of business parking permits being granted - in some areas this is creating real issues for local residents. Around the station in Tonbridge for example. I object to raising of prices, especially during a cost of living crisis and when local businesses need the footfall. Ongoing

rail strikes mean some have no choice but to drive.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1881**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See my answer above

**Off-street response – Reference number 1882**

I support charges on Sundays.

Extending until 8pm - no. It's only the supermarkets that are open past 6pm.

Sundays - yes, makes sense.

Bank Holidays - no, there're only a few and seeing as we don't have many banks anymore...

**Off-street response – Reference number 1883**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If these proposals are implemented then I shall avoid shopping in the centre of Tonbridge altogether. I am sure that many people will just use out of town shopping areas where the parking is free. Sunday worshippers at the Parish Church and the other town centre churches will face extra costs at a time when everyone's finances are stretched. Have you costed the implications of these proposals in terms of extra staffing hours for Enforcement officers? I imagine that such staff will expect at least double time on Bank Holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1884**

I support charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1888**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1889**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1891**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is a grab too far. On a fixed income this is one of the few ways I can save a little money and avoid the traffic congestion.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1892**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Negative effect on restaurants and pubs for evening trade and totally piss everyone off! Doesn't get my vote.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1893**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending parking period to 8pm will affect restaurants and food outlets. People may chose to go elsewhere to a place they are not charged for parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1894**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will discourage people from using the car parks in the evening.

Perhaps extending to 1830 would be more appropriate.

Introduction of charges on Sunday would stop people coming into the town and encouraging them into the highstreet. Generating more money for businesses.

This is a short sighted proposal and will have a significant negative impact on the town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1895**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1896**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will discourage people coming to Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1899**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1901**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1902**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Are you determined to kill the high street.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1903**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1904**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1905**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will really put people off visiting the town, harming businesses and the community further killing the high street. No longer can people go out for dinner or a drink for example without incurring yet more costs. Bank Holidays and Sundays encourage those to visit when they cant afford the costs at other times - without any form of good local transport on these days there is no alternative. Please reconsider.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1906**

I object to charges until 8pm.

In these instances it just seems mean to charge people on these days.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1910**

I object to charges until 8pm.

On Sundays and Bank Holidays more people are unfortunately reliant on cars due to insufficient bus provision. With increasingly unreliable public transport the most vulnerable residents cannot afford to leave their homes if parking charges are extended - as a disabled person living far below the poverty line but without a Blue Badge I regularly rely on free parking after 6 and on Sundays in order for my carers to assist me in leaving the house, and I am certain many other people are in similar situations.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1911**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extension of the charging period and introduction of parking charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays will impact on the parking spaces of the local residents. Non-residents will park in residents parking bays at the time the restrictions are not applicable or park illegally/dangerously on double yellow lines or where ever they can find a 'space'. This is currently happening now. In addition, I have had feed back from friends/visitors that they prefer to come to Tonbridge to shop or for leisure activities because car parks are free from 6pm, on Sundays and bank holidays. If the proposals are introduced, there will most probably be a decline in visitors to Tonbridge, which will impact on the businesses operating in Tonbridge. They would more likely go to Tunbridge Wells as there are more choices of shops, restaurants, etc.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1913**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again no more charges. Sunday being a day of rest can give this parking machines a rest too and the same goes for Bank Holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1915**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The reason so many activities are popular and well supported on these days and times are because the car parking is free. Strangulating car parking fees just prevent community events from being well supported. It also enables the less well off to have off peak times to park and do their weekly shop - this is a direct attack on the most vulnerable in society.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1918**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1920**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Free evening and Sunday parking gives people relief to go out and also essential to the local businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 1922**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending the charging period & introducing Sunday & Bank Holiday parking will drive more traffic away from our town and into shopping centres like Bluewater who don't charge for parking. Our local businesses need support from us or they will be forced to close & we will lose our essential high st.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1924**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The motorist is put upon too much these days, if you tried fining excess speeders in the 20mph zones, at random times of the day, you would easily earn enough to cover expenses, without car park charges!

Study how many abide by the enforceable law that you have placed already in the borough, because that is failing on so many levels, so penalise the few/many, to save us law abiders being squeezed any more, most of us do not need to waste money on frippories, as households are struggling with the cost of living elsewhere.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1926**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1927**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1928**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1929**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It will cost more to regulate than the revenue generated. Be wise and concentrate your efforts, as councillors, on more pressing matters.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1931**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1932**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1934**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sunday and BH should remain free! People are struggling already u need to show compassion. People will go else where on these days otherwise! One thing u could do is make it easier to pay by including contactless payments please, not everyone has cash on them these days and phoning can be really difficult for some folk and apps are difficult to navigate for the elderly!

**Off-street response – Reference number 1937**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1938**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1939**



I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1940**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1941**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1942**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1943**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1948**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1949**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1950**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking charges are not going to improve any issues. The main problem with so many cars around is that there is virtually no public transport available. If you want to take a bus somewhere you need to wait for too much time. And there are places you can't access by public transport.

Apart from that the introduction of more parking charges is only making worse the difficult situation many of the families are facing right now.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1951**

I support charges on Sundays.

I don't really see any difference between singular hours or days when it comes to car parking prices. If the a parking space is used it's only fair to pay for it. By extending the costs to 24 / 7 some additional revenue will be gained that could mitegate the need for increased charges over shorter windows during daylight hours. This may be enough to allow for short stay free parking periods.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1952**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1953**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Cost of living crisis...

**Off-street response – Reference number 1954**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1957**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1958**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Quite miserly and mean to push for this - let people have the occasional freebie

**Off-street response – Reference number 1959**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1961**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People should be able to park their cars in the evening and overnight without having to worry about charges. Also parking should be free on Sundays and bank holidays to encourage people to visit.and explore local shops and leisure activities

**Off-street response – Reference number 1962**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There is no benefit to the towns of adding these charges in. The country is in a bad economic situation right now but traditionally these have always been free times. Adding the charge in now impacts everyone for the rest of time, they will never go back down again. This is not a fair way to make more money, increase the charge a little if absolutely necessary, reduce admin costs in the back office. Adding these charges also adds more costs and forces people to work Sundays, someone is going to need to issue tickets on those days so then you will be paying workers on Sundays and hiring more people.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1964**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1965**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1967**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1968**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1969**

I object to charges on Sundays.

More damage will be done to businesses as people will think twice about eating out.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1970**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1971**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Give drivers some support and stop increasing prices.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1972**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The theme here seems to be about making money.

As the cost of everything continues to soar, it should not be the go-to response to make the public counteract the lack of funding.

More pressure needs to put on councils and governments to redistribute funds and our taxes to provide the services we require. When companies make record profits and we see regular reports of obscene exploitations of government spending, massive bonuses, dodgy deals, wasted funds and grotesque, inexcusable expenses by those in parliament, I'm offended by the notion of us making up the shortfall.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1973**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1974**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1975**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1977**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1979**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1983**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1984**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1986**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Disgusting greedy behaviour. We already pay through the nose for council tax and are trying to support local businesses. TMBC seems determined to kill off the high streets in its area and damage local economy further.

**Off-street response – Reference number 1987**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1989**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1991**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1992**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1993**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1994**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 1996**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I believe this will discourage tourist visitors and encourage illegal or inconvenient parking on surrounding roads

**Off-street response – Reference number 1997**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We already pay substantial Council tax. It is heartless and cruel to put up parking charges in the middle of a cost of living crisis. For some people the only time they can afford to shop is Sunday and

you are increasing loneliness and church attendance by this proposal. It is a clear detriment to community wellbeing and community cohesion. I object most strongly

**Off-street response – Reference number 1998**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Free parking encourages visitors to Tonbridge in the evenings/weekend/bank holidays, if you start charging there are other venues ie pubs with car parks, Bluewater that could be considered as alternatives. I own a business in Tonbridge and take advantage of free parking on Sundays to come in and work, knowing that I won't be charged as I currently have to budget the time I spend in my shop as the car park charges are too high during the weeks. Also churches in towns rely on car parks, if you start charging then this could have an impact on attendance or congregation finding unsafe places to park

**Off-street response – Reference number 2001**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Introduction of charges up to 8pm and on Sundays / Bank holidays means that more people will make use of the free parking at Aldi, Lidl , B and M , Marks and Spencer etc. It will result in less people shopping at Sainsbury's , Waitrose and in the high street in the evenings , on Sundays and Bank holidays . Yet another blow to high street traders .

**Off-street response – Reference number 2002**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2004**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2005**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Very few people already drive into the high street areas in the evenings. This will further dissuade them to come

Sunday traffic includes sports teams, church goers, farmers market vendors and purchasers, charity volunteers (eg Lions) etc and will unfairly impact on their lives, well-being and the benefits of their activities

**Off-street response – Reference number 2006**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2007**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2008**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2009**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2011**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2013**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I can't see how this supports local business or residents.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2014**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2015**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2016**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2017**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2018**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2019**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2021**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Sundays & Bank Holidays are, as mentioned, rest days for people. Residents like to visit the Borough for shopping, leisure, entertainment and sporting activities. There are people in the Borough who work on these days, visitors to the Borough, potential visitors and drive by people who randomly call in. They all spend money. Having charges for these days is a turnoff and possibly counter productive. Although the initial charges will naturally be 100% new money, economically, it might turn into the law of diminishing returns.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2022**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2023**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2024**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2026**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2028**

I object to charges on Sundays.

There is not enough in Tonbridge to warrant extending the times and days the charges are being raised as it is

**Off-street response – Reference number 2029**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2030**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Whilst understanding the need for increasing revenue, these extensions hit churchgoers; evening activities and meetings that usually start around 7:30 to 8 pm, including volunteers who give their time freely for the good of the community; families and children trying to enjoy leisure activities, as well as attractions that the Council also put on. If you want to encourage and attract people to come to Tonbridge to use our facilities, rather than putting them off, then extending parking hours is the wrong way of going about it. People will try to find free parking in residential streets or not bother to come at all.

Another consideration is for those who are disabled or less able but don't yet qualify for a disabled badge. We have enough extra expenditure as it is without being hit in the pocket yet again. I know of people who, even now, don't come into town because they are not able to park close enough to their chosen venue. Will people with disabled badges get free parking at any time, and not just in disabled bays?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2031**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is the worse idea you could of come up with it will stop people visiting the town which will be detrimental to our town and cause more shops to close as it is due to the expensive fees more people are travelling to where it is free parking to do their shopping this is just a way of pushing residents away from the town and our town losing shops Permanently but then maybe that is your plan all along for more flats!!

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 charges until 8pm.

An absolutely absurd decision. It was the one good thing that bought people to the town on a Sunday or bank holiday by not being robbed of money to park in the town. 8-6 is also more than long enough for you to charge us for and to extend it is ridiculous, the charges are already extortionate and your trying to increase them and also charge for everyday and longer. Your money grabbing the residents to line the greed of the council, yet council tax is always going up and the town is going backwards under the current system. Seems more money coming in to you but nothing is being spent on what we want. Another joke decision by tmhc circus

**Off-street response – Reference number 2033**

I object to charges until 8pm.

When Sevenoaks put their car parking charges to late into the night, I think 08:30 pm or maybe later it was just a money grab and so I don't go to the Pubs or restaurants or the Stag anymore - why bother adding even more cost to what is becoming a luxury night out given the prices these days? Why are you considering it? It looks like a money grab and with the cost of living crisis already affecting many people, leisure and hospitality suffer. Getting people into the Town must surely be more beneficial to keep businesses running and therefore business rates flowing into your coffers than giving us more reasons not to come along. It's good at the moment to come into Town on a Sunday or Bank Holiday and after 6:30 at night and park up, wander around, and spend some money in the High Street and surrounds. This constant money-generating exercise taking more off the very people who would keep the town alive will surely deter getting people from visiting.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2035**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2036**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2038**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2040**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2041**

I support charges until 8pm.

Extending the charging period is fine. But there needs to be SOME time when it is possible to park for free. And enforcement on Sundays/Bank Holidays must cost double enforcement in normal times, so these are best left free.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2042**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think all car parks should be free into the evenings, Sundays and Bank Holidays. This supports local attractions, evening venues and family days out at the weekend/holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2043**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2044**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2046**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sunday charges will affect the local retailers and the farmers market.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2047**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2048**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge needs to encourage visitors to the town. Especially at evenings and weekends.

Restaurants, pubs and eating houses are suffering enough since covid. Employees are having to pay a lot to park all day. Paying for another 2 hours a day will make a big difference to their pockets.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2050**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2051**

I object to charges until 8pm.

as above; 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 allow residents and visitors to visit amenities, take part in activities, see friends / family or do shopping which is revenue for council and businesses alike.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2052**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will simply affect the restaurants and supermarkets as there is nothing else open after 6pm. There are plenty of other supermarkets with free parking eg Tesco at Pembury so people will just go there in an evening and will choose to visit out of town pubs and restaurants which have their own car parks. I often go into Tonbridge on a Sunday simply because the parking is free so just won't bother visiting as much if I have to pay. Bank Holidays families may want to visit the park or swimming pool and make use of the fact that parking is free. There will be less footfall for Tonbridge if charges are introduced. I only go into Tunbridge Wells if I have to due to the parking charges - might as well order online and pay the delivery charge although lots of places if order enough then delivery is free.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2053**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Increasing the chargeable times, along with increased pricing, is a reasonable compromise. But relief on Sundays and Bank Holidays aides use of Tonbridge amenities for working families.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2054**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2056**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You will kill the town completely by bringing in these changes. I think there should be a 1or 2 hour free parking in the angel car park to encourage shoppers into the town.

Use the same machines as they have in Southborough- you enter your reg - press free parking for allocated time - put your ticket on display in your car. If people go over they get a fine the same as they would if they went over their payed time as now.

No more cost for wardens to monitor than there is now.

This would allow enough time for shoppers to be encouraged to go into town for general shopping.

The cost of living crisis is crippling local business's and families already we cannot have the cost of everything put on us.

We will end up with an empty high street which would be so sad as the town had lots to offer.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2057**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is another unfair and unjust taxation on motorists. The High Street is already dying - give it a shot in the arm by relaxing parking charges rather than increasing their applicability.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2058**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2059**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Charging more / increasing the chargeable hours will only serve to further hurt our already suffering High Street! If you want people to shop in town you need to make it appealing and cost effective for them to do so.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2061**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2062**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2064**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2065**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There is also significant demand for parking on Sundays – not driven by free parking, but by the opportunity to carry out tasks, participate in leisure activities and attend events on what is for most a non-working day. This is particularly an issue in the car parks serving the castle, the swimming pool and sportsground in Tonbridge where it can be extremely difficult to find a parking space on a Sunday for leisure activities.

Can't you see the contradiction? People use the car park for leisure and you plan to charge them which will make it easier for people to find space for leisure.. if not that's just a load of nonsense..

You are unable to look outside the box and find other ways to raise money... if you were in charge of a business you would be bankrupt. If you had to make it work but being entrepreneurial or lose your business you just might have a chance but I suggest that you don't have the skill set... bring in some people who will make things work.

But you know what, you will think I'm the one who is wrong here which is why you are unable to change

**Off-street response – Reference number 2066**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Discouraging use of park on a Sunday for residents.

Football & rugby very popular for kids on a Sunday. Charging will put extra pressure on parents who are just trying to provide exercise for kids.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2068**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2071**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Don't feel this is fair to raise parking charges and to charge later and on Sundays and bank holidays. Feel the cost of so much has gone up. To have one day a week free make's the world of difference to so many people who maybe struggle a little. Some people may park to go to churches on Sundays and if they had to pay to go to church I don't feel this is right.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2072**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2073**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2074**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2076**

I object to charges until 8pm.

In these times of economic hardship why would TMBC make life more difficult in implementing these changes. Sundays and Bank Holidays bring many more people into town for shopping and recreation and this will potentially reduce that 'footfall'. Extending the parking charge period will also impact the shops within Tonbridge - fewer people will be prepared to pay after 6pm. I believe it will mean people will start shopping in other areas where parking is free - Tunbridge Well industrial estate around to mind.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2077**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2078**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2079**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2080**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Again the same as the above. I know so many people and tonbridge mums chat group that will go to tonbridge over T Wells because of parking charges. If you begin to charge later after 6 when shops have closed and on Sundays people will STOP coming as regular so tonbridge will lose money for retailers etc

**Off-street response – Reference number 2083**

I object to charges until 8pm.

With the current cost of living already increasing and making a huge impact on individuals financial battles, not offering free parking on Sundays or even bank holidays does not seem right. People rely on those times to save even a small amount of their earnings. And the extension of parking hours to 8pm is also wrong. I get that stores are open later but this allows for some to make those quick 'pop-in's to local stores after work without having to worry about charges. And I think this will cause an unnecessary upset in the community. Be some form of joy in these uncertain and troublesome times..

**Off-street response – Reference number 2084**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2085**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I really struggle to see how you know your observation about increased use of car parks on Sundays NOT being due to free parking is correct. I for one know that it is the driving factor for the times I visit the town or park.

Surely after the pandemic everyone was encouraged to get outdoors to stay fit and healthy and it's great to see that our parks and leisure facilities are busy at weekends but especially on Sundays when parking is free. The huge number of people that visit on Sundays to enjoy the park, river and castle is testament to changing habits. People are enjoying the great outdoors and in turn bringing money into the local economy through buying coffees etc.

If parking charges were introduced on a Sunday I fear this would greatly reduce the number of people who choose to come to Tonbridge for sports events etc and I for one, as a regular dog walker (who loves my local park) would be forced to go elsewhere as it's just so difficult to find an enjoyable

place to walk without it always affecting my pocket!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2087**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I like visiting west malling in the evening. The charges will reduce the number of visits I make.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2088**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object to the addition of Sunday charging and after 6pm charging - charging after 6 is just trying to get extra money when no town shops are actually open, and town is busy on Sundays when there is free parking - you will push people out of town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2089**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sunday is the only day our friends and family will visit Tonbridge to shop precisely because of the free parking. You will drive away people to North Farm (free parking) and Bluewater (free parking) further damaging independent retailers and the success of the high street. This will be another heavy blow to the town and should not proceed.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2091**

I object to charges on Sundays.

As above, this will dissuade people from visiting our town centres

**Off-street response – Reference number 2092**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will discourage supporting local business and also families going out together in an already financially challenged climate.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2093**

I object to charges until 8pm.

My wife and I are members and regular worshipers at West Malling Baptist Church in Swan Street. Although we have the advantage of being able to walk to church many of the congregation live outside the parish of West Malling and need to park their vehicles during Sunday services and any extended events held at the church. In addition, increased & extended car parking charges will harm the business in West Malling town centre in favour of larger stores with free onsite parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2094**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This will be the death of the town. It currently is only thriving on a Sunday because the parking is free.



Shops like Waitrose are having to compete with M&S where parking is free, they will leave the town if we have to pay to visit them after 6pm and on Sundays.

My son does football training in the park in the summer, this is run after 6pm as parking is free for parents. I would have to pay for him to do his football as he's not old enough to walk through the park to the football pitches himself.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2095**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2096**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Another brilliant idea by the Council. Let's drive everybody to out of Town shopping. I notice Poundland has shut. Soon Tonbridge will be a ghost town. Why don't you try to improve things instead of trashing everything.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2101**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2104**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2105**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2106**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2107**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2108**

I object to charges until 8pm.

when we go to Tonbridge swimming on weekdays went after the parking charge period, there has never been an issue finding a parking space in the carpark, and extending this time would just add to the cost of using said facility. adding the charges on the free days Sunday and bank holiday would just force people away from the town else where so you would not gain anything.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2109**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I socialise and spend money in the town after 18:00 hrs and on a Sunday because I work during other times.

The proposed introduction of charges will stop me coming into the town and will effect the local traders.

This will just help finish off are town centre!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2110**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2113**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I attend an evening group in Tonbridge and as it is located at the rugby club we will have to pay to park. I would expect that groups will take this into account when renewing leases and bookings as it would be better for attendees if you book a venue with free parking. The car park is NOT busy after 6pm so this is a money making scheme for the council.

Some people choose to visit shops, swimming pools, clubs in the evening as it is less busy and parking is free so introducing this will impact the town centre.

It will also impact employees for these places plus restaurant staff.

I often come into Tonbridge on Sunday and there are often local events held which are well attended. I feel that by introducing parking charges this will impact the town as people will go to out of town areas and shopping centres with free parking.

Also until Tonbridge updates it's machines to take card payments, it is not realistic to expect people to have change to pay for increased charges and days that have previously been free.

I think that the introduction of these charges will lead to the demise of Tonbridge high street, as people will go to larger supermarkets in nearby towns with free parking, out of town shops and if they want other shops to places like Bluewater. Surely TMBC should be looking at what they can do to encourage people back to the high street, there are empty shops (the old Somerfield, Peacocks, Beales) and not look at putting people off visiting the town or you will end up like Tunbridge Wells with Royal Victoria Place and bus lanes and transport restrictions which are putting off visitors.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2114**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2115**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2116**

I support charges until 8pm.

As the above answer but recognising some compromises need to be made.

I genuinely believe an increase and extension to Sundays and Mondays will do more harm in the long run.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2117**

I support charges until 8pm.

This will allow further revenue as you are seeking, the public will understand that charges apply continuously throughout the year.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2118**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You should not be reducing demand for parking on Sundays and bank holidays; you should be \*encouraging\* 'the opportunity to carry out tasks, participate in leisure activities and attend events on what is for most a non-working day' (your words). You are simply discouraging people from using town centres by proceeding with this idea. I hope that the current set of wastrels and charlatans in central government will be ousted in the next year or so and the new team can have the time to finance local councils properly [and so avoid putting more pressure on TMBC to squeeze more and more out of us, the council tax payers].

**Off-street response – Reference number 2119**

I object to charges on Sundays.

What about the people that live in the areas that need their cars for work and work shifts. We will just be paying for the parking

**Off-street response – Reference number 2120**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2121**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2123**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The high street is already losing businesses rapidly, extending parking charges to weekends and bank holidays 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 charges until 8pm.

I object to having to pay parking charges to attend Church on a Sunday. I feel Sunday charges will discourage people visiting the town for the market, the high street and park and most facilities the town offers. It could be another nail in the coffin for retail.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2127**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2130**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2131**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2132**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2133**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2134**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2135**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2136**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge only really has leisure options like swimming pool and Football and Rugby events plus Restaurants. Charging after 6pm and on a Sunday will mean more chaos as people try find free on street parking.

Many people have after school activities or Choir in my case having to have change for parking pm would be extra hassle.

People who commute get picked up after 6pm would be affected too.

Don't ruin one of few benefits town has.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2137**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2138**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2138**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2139**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2140**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2143**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I use Castle car parks after 6 p.m. every week for choir rehearsals/dining. Also rely on free parking on Sundays for voluntary work. New extended hours would create either extra costs, a long walk or stop me visiting Tonbridge at all and volunteering there. Already deterred from visiting Tonbridge at all by costs. I do not think you want any people in Tonbridge nor support businesses and organisations. I will go elsewhere.

Sundays should be free, period.

You need to extend where possible to encourage people to visit.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2147**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is going to be extremely damaging for the high street and also for those who wish to park in the car park on Sunday to go for a walk in the park. The existing charges/ charge time periods are already high and in place a huge amount of the time. Putting these further charges/ charge time periods in place will mean we actively avoid going into Tonbridge and will choose other areas to visit instead such as Tunbridge Wells where you can park on many roads for free for 2 hours Mon-Sat or all day on a Sunday.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2148**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2151**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The town will be a ghost town no one will want to come into town , with the charges and the extended time.

I work in the town and in the past year I have seen less and less people come to Tonbridge.

It's madness!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2152**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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. Also, free parking on these days increases foot fall in the towns and allows lots of sporting activities to take place. We should be helping people get fitter and make the town more attractive not putting people off

**Off-street response – Reference number 2153**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2154**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2155**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This will have a negative impact on those who attend churches on Sundays and who attend towns, like West Malling, for a family meal or stroll. I appreciate the need to pay for services but this seems to be a bad way of doing so

**Off-street response – Reference number 2156**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I usually walk or cycle into Tonbridge town centre. However, when I need to purchase heavy or bulky items I drive, and time my visit for late evening when the car parks are mostly empty. Parking charges would inconvenience me and put me off purchasing from Tonbridge shops - I'd probably switch to North Farm.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2157**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2158**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I regularly use the Angel centre for exercise activities and meetings for U3A and WI. Some of these meetings start at 7.30pm and it will put people off from attending if the parking charges apply. Being a pensioner who uses the Angel it is quite enough to pay the existing charges, especially if you use the Ringo App. It is a real bonus to not have to pay on Sundays and Bank Holidays and it will only push people to go to out of town shops making the high street a no go area. We have plenty of shops in Tonbridge and T Wells that you do not have to pay to park and I would certainly be making more use of them if this proposal goes ahead.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2160**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2161**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We want the High Street to survive for shops and pubs this is not going to help and people will go where you can park free. Please don't let our high street businesses suffer you will be 5hecines that will suffer long term as no income from the businesses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2162**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The difficulty in finding a space on a Sunday should be mitigated by the extension to Upper Castle Field and the additional spaces in the Castle Grounds. Imposing charges may reduce demand, but the true cost is that some families will no longer be able to participate in leisure activities because it will be too expensive for them, or if they do choose to park it's another cost at a time where many families are struggling with day-to-day living expenses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2163**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

People already chose to shop in Sainsbury's on Sundays and after 6pm to avoid excessive charges so introducing later paying periods and weekend and bank holiday charges will be another nail in the coffin for shopping in Tonbridge

**Off-street response – Reference number 2164**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2165**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2166**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2168**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2170**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

The council need to be very careful because if you introduce parking fees people will do their shopping elsewhere eg Bluewater where there are no charges!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2172**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge is a dying town. Car parking charges are not helping so increasing them and extending the charge periods is absolutely nuts. If the cost of maintaining car parks is expensive stop charging for them at all. Then you don't need the machines or pay someone to check them. And in the same



action you will encourage more people into the town. There are already numerous charity shops, which don't pay council rates. TMBC need to encourage businesses that pay rates and making it easier and cheaper to park is one step.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2173**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge High Street has already suffered from a loss of shops and trade, introducing paid parking on a Sunday and Bank Holidays will drive more customers away. This is just a blatant attempt to raise money over the needs of the local population of Tonbridge. Considering the current economic situation for many people this is another attack on those who are already struggling.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2174**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2175**

I object to charges until 8pm.

For all the above reasons in item 15, this simply diminishes the use of Tonbridge as destination for a longer period of time than is currently in place and increases staffing costs to cover the extended hours. This will have a negative impact on local business and the use of the high street and surrounding areas.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2176**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2177**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is basically a tax on people relaxing, socialising and enjoying themselves.

What miserly penny pinching vindictive taxation proposals to charge to have a social life in our own local towns.

How Scrooge you councillors are becoming. Your proposals to strangle to death and last vestige of a local economy following the pandemic. You literally could not plan your way out of a paper bag. Money will haemorrhage out if our local towns with these pathetic car tax proposals.

KEEP LOCAL PARKING FREE ACROSS THE BOROUGH; then watch our economy grow!!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2178**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Introducing charges until 8pm will mean we will no longer come into the town to eat or drink as we can find alternative places to go with free parking ie Hilden manor, carpenters arms. I am always the designated driver as I don't drink alcohol and I'm not prepared to start paying for parking, therefore we will stop visiting the high street for food in the evenings as 8pm is too late to eat.

We will often walk the dogs in the park on a Sunday and then wander round town and get a take away drink and food, we will go elsewhere if we have to pay for parking.

Tonbridge has a poor selection of shops anyway, if you charge for parking on a Sunday, people might as well spend that on petrol and go to bluewater for a decent shopping experience, then you can flatten the high street and fill it with flats which appears to be your long term goal!!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2180**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2181**

I object to charges on Sundays.

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 charges until 8pm.

Local businesses will suffer if people are charged for parking earlier in the evening and on Sundays. It will also impact on families that use these time to visit relatives. You keep building more and more flats and houses without adequate parking facilities then wonder why people are having to use carparks designed for shoppers.

If you want more footfall in our high street this is the last thing you should be considering.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2183**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2184**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge is a unique family town and very fortunate to have retail and leisure (incl parks) in the centre of town. We want to encourage children and adults to be active, to mix with others and to be less sedentary. However introducing parking charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays could deter some from visiting our parks and leisure services etc. Suggestion could be to only charge until 12pm or set a one payment fee (similar to Haysden) - for Sundays and Bank Holidays?

In terms of evening charges. I would support charging until 6pm but not 8pm. We need to support local restaurants and pubs - both pay a vital role in providing jobs and a place for people to socialise. I am a member of the Angel Centre and do not attend daytime classes as I cannot get a refund on my parking ticket (unless I spend over £10 in Sainsbury's). However if I park in the swimming pool car park and go swimming I can get a refund on my parking - (both TMBC car parks, both tmactive centres - does not make sense!!). If evening parking charges were introduced it would significantly increase my overall expenditure and it could be more cost effective for people to consider other sports centres with free parking ie Tonbridge School. We should be encouraging people's health and wellbeing and supporting our local leisure centres which are a vital resource for the whole community. See the Chief Medical Officer's recent annual report about living healthier lives.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2185**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2187**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2188**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2189**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I do not see a good argument for extending from 6pm to 8pm, particularly since the 6pm stop allows people to do food shopping, go to the gym and entertain visitors at home without penalty. The same goes for Sundays and bank holidays. I have one parking space at home and have to time visitors or park my car a 15 minute walk away. These changes would make Tonbridge less appealing for renting property and visiting.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2190**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2191**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2192**

I object to charges on Sundays.

You should be supporting people trying to get out for leisure activities such as going to the park, pool, walks... not actively discouraging it by applying further charges

**Off-street response – Reference number 2193**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2194**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2195**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2196**

I object to charges until 8pm.

To extend the parking charge period will add another nail in the coffin of Tonbridge High Street and it will deter people coming to Tonbridge to shop and or use the cafes and bars.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2197**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Business will be lost to other areas that do have free parking during these times. Local restaurants and takeaways will particularly suffer if there is evening and bank holiday charging. Sunday charging will disproportionately affect families with children who participate in leisure activities in the town centre.

Any further charges will drive business out of the area.

Not that this consultation will be taken into account by the council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2199**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Limiting use of town centres on a Saturday and people leaving cars to safely get taxis home

Also limiting people using town on a Sunday to shop and eat

**Off-street response – Reference number 2202**

I object to charges until 8pm.

No shops are open in these locations on a Bank holiday or a Sunday

**Off-street response – Reference number 2203**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2204**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2205**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I oppose the extension of parking fees to include Sundays and bank holidays, as well as later hours. In my opinion, this plan will make people avoid the high street. We frequently choose to use the car park on Sundays and bank holidays since it allows us greater flexibility while visiting the town centre. One of the things that encourages visitors to park there on such days is the free parking. I believe that by putting this into practice, some of the minor advantages enjoyed by locals or guests will be ruined.

It would also be unfortunate to raise the parking fees to 20:00. Visiting after the charges end at 18:00 usually makes me feel more at ease. I would probably gradually replace these buying habits and endorse fewer high street stores if the charges were increased.

These feel like unnecessary changes.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2206**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge always has great turn-outs for events in particular, which I think will change, as free parking on a Sunday in particular is a current incentive to park in the town, this introduction of parking charges will drive people / shoppers into the Industrial Estate and have a detrimental impact on local shops, restaurants, cafes and events. Find another way of raising money !!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2207**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2208**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again mean and unkind; it will stop people from visiting and be detrimental to shops... charging on a Sunday and bank holidays will make it difficult for Church going folk and those who want to visit the area ...bad idea;

**Off-street response – Reference number 2209**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am a member of West Malling Baptist Church if you introduce parking charges on a Sunday this will penalise the whole congregation of members and worshippers and cost us each over £150 per annum just to attend church (at least 2 hours on a Sunday), this will also have a significant impact on our plans to support local community outreach services from our premises during the week to help some of our most vulnerable and poor residents in the local area, we currently provide a warm space, men's retirement group, a community cafe, and are about to offer the free CAP Life skills and money budgeting courses. Your decision would also impact TMBC using our Church as a Voting Station for elections as we do not have any private parking in Swan Street. This is totally unfair and discriminatory against local residents who wish to worship at any of the 3 churches in West Malling. I am young and fit enough to park my vehicle in either the residential areas or St Leonards street and walk the half mile to the church but my mother isn't. Please, please reconsider this decision. Also as we have seen in other towns such as Maidstone where parking charges have steadily increased, this will eventually impact on the local businesses leading to empty units and people choosing to shop and socialise elsewhere out of town to places such as Bluewater shopping centre where parking is free and the facilities are better.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2212**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2213**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2214**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We pay our taxes including council taxes. Why you want to take away the already small amount of gratuity we have.

Running costs of the parking area? Which costs? The ticket machine? The parking controller. You will be increasing the costs by increasing the charged period.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2215**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2216**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2219**

I object to charges until 8pm.

To maintain Tonbridge as a day visiting tourist destination, this proposal will have a detrimental effect on encouraging people to come into the town for leisure activities and like Tunbridge Wells become a bit of a ghost town. I oppose the extension to 8pm as this impacts on those using the Angel Centre for fitness activities and will have an impact on those using the restaurants, cafes and bars. I oppose the Sunday and Bank Holiday charging - for the same reasons - we want people to come into Tonbridge for shopping, leisure and sports. Shopping in our already congested out of town centres free parking shopping areas will become even more traffic congested.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2220**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2222**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Encourage people to support the local community i.e don't charge to park.

I have already changed my shopping habits so I don't have to park & pay

**Off-street response – Reference number 2223**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2224**

I object to charges until 8pm.

When the facilities next to the Castle Field car park are generally involving physical activity (swimming, playing football and other team sports, skateboarding, using the playground, walking, running and in my case singing) the Council should be encouraging more people to keep active after school and work, and in the evenings. I therefore object to the extension of time proposed for parking charges in this car park as it will deter people from getting involved in these activities later on in the day

**Off-street response – Reference number 2225**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2226**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2227**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The same answer! It will drive people away, off to Shopping Centres like Bluewater. Pubs and restaurants will suffer and they are having a difficult enough time already!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2228**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This will discourage people from visiting Tonbridge. Surely you need to ENCOURAGE visitors who will go on to spend money locally rather than go to out of town shopping centres

**Off-street response – Reference number 2229**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will kill the independent retailers in the town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2232**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2233**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You want our town to become a ghost town??? Look at Tunbridge Wells and how badly their shops are doing!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2235**

I support charges until 8pm.

Most people can plan their journeys better or walk

**Off-street response – Reference number 2236**

I object to charges on Sundays.

You're extending a tax, and doing so in this way is the path of least resistance rather than your Council Members undertaking some proper lobbying to increase the annual settlement you get from Government. It's lazy tax hiking and mean spirited. Your statement of reasons set out for the issues at each car park is extremely thin. There are broad statements, but very poor evidence and nothing that is quantifiable to show you have collected specific data as to the usage patterns described at each car park. Is your statement of reasons actually backed up by any expert, fact based report that details the usage at each location?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2237**



I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2238**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2239**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Will affect local businesses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2241**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2242**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2244**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2245**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2246**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2247**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2248**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The hospitality industry in Tonbridge is the only thing keeping the High Street open. Parking charges will decimate this and end in more boarded up premises.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2249**

I object to charges until 8pm.

West Malling is dependant on people being able to park, without this all its business's will fail. TMBC should be doing everything possible to support these businesses, not just grabbing a few pence more for parking

**Off-street response – Reference number 2250**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2252**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2254**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2255**

I object to charges until 8pm.

My objection is particularly in relation to Waterloo Road. By restricting parking in this car park after 6pm and on Sundays there will be increased use of residential parking on the neighbouring roads for events held at the church. This will be disruptive for residents and detrimental to those who rely on cars to access the church. St Stephens is one of the largest churches in the town, but the only one without any parking facilities due to its location. The Waterloo Road car park has been instrumental over the years to help ease on street parking and allowing people to access this place of worship.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2256**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Charging will drive people away from the town. For trade in the town to flourish reducing the charge would be more effective. Not everyone can afford the extortionate charges and go elsewhere.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2257**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2258**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2259**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2260**

I object to charges until 8pm.

My comments on these points have been included in my feedback in the box above.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2261**

I object to charges until 8pm.

After 6pm and on Sundays bank holidays should remain free. Introducing a charge on Sunday's would kill the shopping

**Off-street response – Reference number 2262**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I don't support charges after 6pm or standard charges on a Sunday. It won't encourage people to support the town centre. I think a better idea if you need to charge on Sundays is a flat fee eg £1.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2263**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The Conservative party claims to promote the shops and activity in the town centre, this however does exactly the opposite. As a Tonbridge non resident, recent car parking charge increases have definitely put me off of traveling and parking in Tonbridge. This introduction of charges after 6pm, Sundays and Bank Holidays will only result in the town not being visited by non-residents and therefore profit of parking charges will probably not see an increase anyway.

Such a shame for the counsellors to even consider introducing this action.

I will surely ask my friends to object as this is just going to kill the town vibe! Very sad!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2264**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Charging at the weekend and on Sunday and Bank Holidays would mean that when events are being run on the castle lawn there will be less people attending due to the cost of parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2265**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There should be NO CHARGE AT ALL after 6pm and on Sundays or the High Street shops will suffer and families who want to visit events at the castle or at the park on Sundays just won't go. Events in Tonbridge are generally well supported especially evenings and weekends, adding parking fees to things needing to be paid in addition to the rising cost of living and therefore often of the events themselves will stop people supporting these events and the few retailers that remain in our high street.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2266**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2267**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The Tonbridge town centre car parks only fill up on Sundays with FREE PARKING! If you want to fill up a shopping trolley with one of the large supermarkets they will pay for the parking ticket anyway. In this climate emergency you have a duty to charge for parking. If these car parks then fall empty on the Sundays, then you know how many unnecessary trips have been made by private motor vehicles and you can use the land for better purposes (like a new leisure centre, like new cycling paths, like a pedestrianised High Street, like a town centre cinema)

I do worry how people without smart phones will manage to pay for parking, with the amounts of change required, and Tonbridge having so few banks.

I don't think it's sensible to charge after 6pm, because this will adversely affect people going to bars and restaurants in the town centre. There are already too many delivery drivers parking upon the footway (see around Havet and G Factory) and customers using the loading bays to collect takeaway orders (outside Taco Bell and KFC)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2268**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We want to encourage visitors into town. It was shown to have a detrimental effect on the number of people going to tunbridge wells when it was introduced.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2269**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2270**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is short-term accountancy think.

In the longer term TMBC's overall income will be substantially reduced. Less parkers. Less let units on the high Street etc., etc.. Downward spiral !

**Off-street response – Reference number 2271**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2273**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2274**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Just stop it, do some actual good instead of lazy unhelpful policies

**Off-street response – Reference number 2276**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The link doesn't go to any document that outlines the proposed revised charges, so how can anyone form a view? That said, from the information given, i.e. charge until 8pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays, these are the considerations. As stated above, this will kill many local activities (including but definitely not limited to church) to the detriment of the community; car parking charges (and extensions) have already had a significant negative impact in many town centres, and with the introduction of them in Larkfield and Aylesford - where there is lamentable provision for public transport - this will be even more severe, destroying many local businesses that rely on pop-in customers, and local activities which are such an important part of people's live and mental health.

TMBC should find other ways to raise revenue, with savings in administration, offices etc., and not expect that the local community will continually accept increased costs without it impacting the very community TMBC is meant to serve.

And yes, I am very happy to discuss this further; I am passionate about the importance of local community on people's well-being, and this does nothing to support that.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2277**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object on the following grounds:

1. Changes to off street car parking hours and days will mean that (especially in Tonbridge town centre) to avoid these charges users will inevitably park in residents parking areas during derestricted times making life much more difficult for residents to access parking.

If this part of the plan goes ahead it will be absolutely necessary at the same time to increase the restrictions on public parking times in residential areas to enable residents living near the high street

to find a parking space. Current experience of finding available residents parking in L-Zone...in particular Church Street & Lyons Crescent area is challenging.

2. Many friends and family visit at weekends and bank holidays and this will further increase the cost for residents.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2278**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2280**

I object to charges on Sundays.

If this country has limited trading hours on Sundays, then parking should be free on a Sunday.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2281**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These proposal will end up costing working people in the area very large amounts of money and it feels unnecessary especially for those that live around here

**Off-street response – Reference number 2282**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2283**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I understand that the increase in charging periods will increase council revenue but please consider what the cost! We know that obesity is a problem, that mental health issues are on the increase and that there is a cost of living crisis. Why take away the free parking on Sundays and bank holidays when this gives an opportunity for people to be outside, active, in the community and access shops with a small saving? Free parking on Sundays and bank holidays makes it easier for struggling families to have a free day out. It also allows them to shop for the things they need without extra cost. For those struggling to make ends meet an extra £2 or more a week makes a significant difference! On Sundays it enables people to go to church and access community. These are all the things our society need to boost physical health, mental health and resilience.

For the sake of the community and especially those most affected by the cost of living it is crucial that there are free parking periods.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2284**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Tonbridge has a lovely selection of restaurants and bars. I feel changing the time to 8pm would be detrimental to the local economy and deter families (especially those with younger children) from

eating out as they would not want to be out so late. A lot of people go out on a Sunday/Bank Holiday to take advantage of what the town has to offer. Parking charges on these days would be an additional cost to what is already an expensive day out. In addition not everyone has access to a smartphone to use the app so they would be able to make use of the parking in Tonbridge on Sundays and Bank Holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2285**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I visit my church in Tonbridge (St Stephens) and the Waterloo Road Car Park is available free of charge on Sundays in respect of this. Introducing charges, both later and on Sundays would significant increase the cost of attending church - I believe this is unacceptable and adversely affects a specific faith group.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2286**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2287**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If people are struggling to find spaces it's because this area is so densely populated now that there isn't enough venues, events, shops, swimming, or other such activities for people to use let alone park !! Just another reason to stop building in TMBC due to the lack of space/facilities for people. To many people in this area, that's the problem. !! Although saying this a great money spinning idea for the council !!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2288**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object to parking charges , pure greed , and will make west malling a no go area for shopper and destroy small business !!! This should not be allowed and a ugly sight for village with pay machines everywhere !!!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2292**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2293**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You are trying to deter people from using their cars. In that case I suggest you improve the transport system.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2294**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I don't believe extending the charging period and introducing charges for Sundays and Bank Holidays would increase the councils income by a significant amount. However, not extending our charging on Sundays and Bank Holidays could be used as a way to significantly encourage visitors to our High Street at these times. With support, our High Street could return to being a vibrant place to shop with a diverse variety of shops to visit, something that is not provided in some neighbouring towns.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2295**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2296**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Cost of living keeps rising. Salaries don't. We both work and try to have some nice family time with our two young children. We try to utilise what is around and near us. Towns, parks, etc. but adding parking fees is increasing things and causing us to avoid going out at all. Trying to find free or very cheap family things to do outside the house is becoming harder and harder these days.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2298**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is an imposition on already stretched budgets during this cost of living crisis and to my mind is a cynical exercise to get as much money out of people as possible.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2299**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2300**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2301**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It will just encourage more on street parking

**Off-street response – Reference number 2302**

I support charges until 8pm.



Charge yes. Make it appropriate and proportionate though.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2303**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2304**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2305**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2306**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2307**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2308**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2309**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2310**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2311**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 2312**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2313**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People will think twice about coming into town if parking charges are extended.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2314**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

The car parks are not over utilised at these times. There is no need to extend the period.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2316**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You are making it more expensive for anyone who works in the area which is unacceptable.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2317**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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.

Just because there is demand after charging hours, especially on Sundays is high does not provide the council an excuse for milking extra revenue.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2318**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2319**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2320**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I live in a flat next to the castle and due to restrictions for new permits my partner and our family and friends use this car park regularly to visit meaning a higher cost in cut throat economic times if this goes ahead. We already suffer from people parking over our drive and not being able to get in at busy times to access our flat because people try to already avoid paying at the car park. This is not what I pay my council tax for so that this increase can be implemented.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2321**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will reduce the number of visitors which will have a negative impact on the Kent and Medway economy.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2323**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If TMBC are to go ahead with charges they should seriously consider giving immediate residents a free permit

**Off-street response – Reference number 2325**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As a user of the Tonbridge Swimming pool it is great to be able to park to use the pool. If the parking fee is extended it will affect ALL the learn to swim classes at the Tonbridge Swimming Club. The Club is the main customer of the pool and this will have a significant impact on the club and pool users. Swimming is a life skill and life saver. Please do not extended the hours of charging.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2326**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Living as I do in the heart of Tonbridge and yet working outside the town the current arrangements work very well indeed. I can always get parked when I return home in the evening. Other than as a fund raiser for the Council I don't see the merit in this.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2327**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2328**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2329**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2330**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2332**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2333**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2334**

I object to charges until 8pm.

My family all travel in one car to save cost. Why charge us for meeting up and using local businesses ruining people's livelihood and lives

**Off-street response – Reference number 2335**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2336**

I support charges until 8pm.

Less destructive for the high street as it's out of hours

**Off-street response – Reference number 2337**

I object to charges until 8pm.

To increase charges to 8pm each day and to introduce charges over the weekends as well as the Bank Holidays is deplorable!

Not satisfied with the daytime businesses being affected, now it's the turn of the already fragile night time economy and leisure businesses.

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. They already have staffing issues and for that reason close earlier than they used to. With the introduction of the charges more visitors will stay away until parking becomes Free of Charge at 8pm, giving diners or pub goers a potential window of 2-3 hours to enjoy their meal or social event! Alternatively they will visit out of town areas where these restrictions do not apply. More empty units are inevitable, and so the antisocial behaviour will increase and the sense of community will naturally diminish.

The 'basis for this proposal' makes no sense whatsoever!

So it's seems our community are to be penalised for working longer hours to boost our personal, local and national economy.

Shop owners, already forced to schedule their opening hours around the ridiculous parking charges( something that should be subsidised for businesses) , have to find even more money on top of rent and business rates costs. Utterly unfair!

Plus the 'demand' for parking on Sundays is, by the sounds of it, something of an inconvenience to the Borough Council rather than something to shout about and celebrate.

Locals enjoying time outside, family time, exercise and leisure time are now used as cash cows! The wonderful companies who have increased events in the park, at the Castle, on the River etc are now being penalised, with their customers potentially being attracted to other events with free parking.

"There is significant demand for parking on Sundays – not driven by free parking. It is extremely difficult to find a parking space on a Sunday for leisure activities' your proposal states.

An unbelievable statement!

This is due to the popularity of the area enjoyed by people of all ages and backgrounds! Once again encouraging community.

This proposal is being dressed up as helping the 'poor visitors' find a parking space when it is an achieving the exact opposite! Discouraging visitors.

Alternatively encourage walking/cycling /the use of public transport. We're not stupid, we all know this is all about collecting more money from us!!

This statement is utterly condescending!

The 50p rise here and there may not seem like anything major but the consequences are far reaching, effecting everyone in Tonbridge one way or another.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2338**

I object to charges until 8pm.

the existing free parking is helping to keep the high street viable.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2339**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2340**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Increasing these charges will have a very negative affect on the town. Already businesses are going under. Increasing charges and charging periods will only make this worse. I only wish the people of Tonbridge were listened to on these issues - you only have to look on Tonbridge Mums & other community Facebook pages to see that no one wants these increases apart from the council, it's very depressing

**Off-street response – Reference number 2342**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Business will suffer as a result of more charges

**Off-street response – Reference number 2343**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2344**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Give us a break!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2345**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge High Street has too many unoccupied shop spaces, free parking on Sunday and Bank Holidays encourages local residents to use the town. Restaurants and pubs have closed, you need to encourage people into the town rather than inhibit them. The charges the way they are helps keep the community together and encourages people to shop locally, especially with the Sunday Market. Extending parking charges to 8pm will also keep people away. The high street will crumble.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2346**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2347**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Do you not look at other towns ? Tunbridge wells did this and lost revenue because people decided to go else where because it was cheaper and better !!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2348**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These parking charges will stop

People coming into do shopping on Sunday,like the rest of the week ,it's killing the high street.I volunteer in a charity shop and have seen the drop in our takings in the last few years as we have no decent shops for people to come into Tonbridge.Sevenoaks has lovely shops and there charity shops take double what we do as people go in there.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2350**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Please stop trying to rinse more money from us working class people. We already pay enough into the government and earn scraps. Its not our fault our government don't know how to manage our money and keep giving each other backhanders

**Off-street response – Reference number 2351**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As you have stated yourself in the consultation, normal working hours have changed since covid and so bank holidays and sundays are no longer the only day that people venture out. to add parking charges in places on these days is purely a money generating system which seems wholly unfair for those families who can still only go out on those days. I believe it will severely impact those businesses who rely on sunday/bank holiday opening to bolster their customers as it will deter people going to towns/villages etc on those dates.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2352**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2353**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2355**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Introducing charges on Sundays is the final straw, and will make me go elsewhere.

This would damage retail or business investment, particularly for an economy which is relatively weak compared to neighbouring towns.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2356**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I don't mind parking charges being extended for regular working days. I believe it would make sense to have a 30-min free period of parking so that one can nip into the shops if needed. I disagree with the introduction of parking charges on Sundays - I go to church at the other end of town (over 2 miles) and would probably stop doing so, particularly during the winter, as I would have to pay to park my car, or take the bus (either way at least £2 per week which I cannot afford). This would have an impact on the church, which is a fantastic community hub, and my own wellbeing too. I feel Bank Holidays should also be left alone - more for public morale than anything else.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2358**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2359**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Key supermarkets in Tonbridge (e.g

Sainsbury's) are utilised on a Sunday precisely because the parking is free, and not all families can afford parking charges. Introducing charges risks lowering customer numbers and potentially even closure of such stores close to the town centre. This is short sighted.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2360**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will quite frankly kill off high street trade, too expensive now!!! I really feel for all the retailers on the end of this cash grab!!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2361**

Completely the wrong thing to do to support the local businesses and community - why deter people ?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2363**

If parking charges are introduced local people living in the flats etc will park on the road side to avoid parking charges.

Also people shopping in Martin Square will be deterred from using the shops.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2364**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Need to support children playing sport and this will have an impact on TJFC

**Off-street response – Reference number 2365**

I object to charges on Sundays.



As a committee member of Tonbridge Junior Football Club where we support over 925 children in Football this will have a huge financial impact on our parents and volunteer coaches. No where else in the county do our teams have to pay parking, this includes Saturdays. The reasons to charge on Sundays feel like this would be to take advantage of the many families using our club who have no choice but to park in pay and display car parks.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2366**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2367**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2368**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Extending these charges are going to put more financial pressure on locals and put off visitors coming to the town both to visit family, attend local events and sport

**Off-street response – Reference number 2369**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is ridiculous and will not help the local economy it is just an act of greed.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2370**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2371**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2372**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2373**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2374**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

This will massively impact on business but also sports clubs in the area especially on a Sunday. A complete disgrace!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2375**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2376**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Your argument that businesses are open till late is baseless. Go to the high street after 6 and it looks dead. The reason car parks are full on Sundays is because people are able to benefit from free parking. As if inflation and high interest rates were not enough you want to dissuade people to go out to the parks or worse pay for it. What next- charges to open your windows?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2377**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2378**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As a football coach, I need to be able to bring equipment to the park on Sundays/summer evenings. The increase in charging will essentially mean it will cost me £20 a month in order to volunteer with our local club. This is prohibitive. Most of the car parks are full with families attending games and staying to spend money on the high street. Any charges on Sunday will discourage this activity and could lead to kids being unable to play sports and keep active.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2379**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2380**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The idea of extending the parking charges till 20:00 will again hit local residents in the area and their visitors. It will also impact the local restaurants and pubs with visitors being drawn to the town. This will also impact local sports clubs who play on a Sunday. One of the few benefits of being in Tonbridge is the free parking on a Sunday and Bank Holiday and introducing charges on these days is

short sighted.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2381**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The financial impact on families, particularly those whose children play sport, will be significant. And during the current cost of living crisis is unacceptable

**Off-street response – Reference number 2382**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2383**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2384**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2385**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2386**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2387**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2388**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There is no serious justification for these changes other than the Council's desire/need to raise funds. The rationale provided is flawed and weak. At least be honest with tax payers.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2389**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2390**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Current Tonbridge Juniors coach, any increase in charges or extension of charging to Sunday will prohibit my involvement with the club and our team would fold, resulting in 16 boys aged 15 being unable to play football in the community.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2391**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I strongly object to introduction of parking charges on Sundays and extension of charging period. We already pay enough in parking charges in Tonbridge. I don't think that it is unreasonable for there to be a concession on Sundays and after 18:00 for those who would like to participate in recreational activities in the area on Sundays and/or after peak hours.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2392**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Why on Earth would you do this!!!?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2393**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending parking hours will kill businesses. Sunday and bank holiday charges will kill businesses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2394**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2395**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This will massively impact our children playing football

**Off-street response – Reference number 2396**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Why don't you just close Tonbridge!! For the sake of a few quid, the revenue lost to local businesses on these days would be the final nail in the coffin. So you lost a bit of revenue during covid and the government has tightened the purse strings.... Why not try and revitalise the high street to encourage more visitors, rather than drive them away... (not everyone wants a coffee/vape/second-hand stuff). Will traffic wardens still finish at 5:30pm (thought so... no need to buy a ticket after then

then..)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2397**

I object to charges on Sundays.

These days are often used for charity events

**Off-street response – Reference number 2398**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

If certain drivers abuse the system, there could be an introduction of a free parking period of up to 4 hours, then charge for any additional time as the majority of users on Sunday are volunteers for the Football Club etc so any additional costs could prohibit their continued participation as they don't get paid and it is to provide a safe and healthy pursuit for all of the young people in the area. If there are specific events that cause additional volumes of car park users, then you could introduce event parking but again, the price of parking could be included in the event ticket price rather than in the car park itself. Also the ones that rent out to local businesses should divert some of their profits to supplement parking for staff, customers and visitors otherwise it is always the least financially able are covering the "increasing costs" which come from where?!

Our town should be encouraged to thrive rather than be turned into a ghost town if parking and its associated costs, become prohibitively expensive/not possible.

There are also numerous brown field sites around the town that sit derelict which could & should be put to better use. I hope this feedback is of help in the development of our town. Thank you

**Off-street response – Reference number 2399**

I object to charges until 8pm.

All of these proposals are excessive in my opinion.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2400**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Same answer as for 16

**Off-street response – Reference number 2401**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2402**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2403**

I support charges until 8pm.

I'm against the Sunday charge because that is a day we do come into town with the car to do a decent shop, plus when the kids do sports the opposition teams can park for free which is positive. But my biggest issue is that permit parking for residents in the streets where we are finish at 2, and only apply Mon-Fri. Can these have a further restriction added (say 6-7pm) and also apply to weekends too?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2406**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People will stop coming to Tonbridge, just look at Sevenoaks, it means restaurants will lose money as people will think it's too late to come out for dinner and drinks 6.00 is a perfect time also parking on a Sunday brings people to the town

**Off-street response – Reference number 2407**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These are essential facilities throughout the year for kids sports activities. Already spend a fortune within the current hours

**Off-street response – Reference number 2408**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I currently come to Tonbridge during the free parking periods and this will deter me from coming into the town. I already avoid Tunbridge Wells for the same reason. It will make me more likely to go to Bluewater.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2409**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2410**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think charging for parking on Sundays is completely wrong. Particularly in relation to the Upper and Lower Castle Fields car parks which are extremely busy at weekends with people attending football and rugby matches etc. If people have to pay they will try and park in the Slade residential area for free instead. It is already difficult for residents to park in the local streets when there are tournaments on.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2412**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This would deter many people who use the park from parking there and coming into the town to spend their money in the local economy

**Off-street response – Reference number 2413**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2414**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Free parking encourages shoppers in which supports local traders. We don't want businesses closing due to lack of customers

**Off-street response – Reference number 2416**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

This is just wrong in every way. I strongly object to the greed of the council wanting to charge out of hours.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2417**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2418**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I use the Tesco car park on Sundays to attend church services at the Baptist Church in Swan Street. There are other churches in West Malling and the imposition of parking charges will force people to park in the High Street and cause even more congestion on Sundays. There are very few councils who are so mean to apply parking charges on a Sunday. The increased cost of running car parks can be reduced in the long term by better use of technology which should be considered instead of imposing charges on its residents and visitors.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2419**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2420**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2422**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This will impact locals - there is not any shortage of space available and would be detrimental to use of businesses outside of peak hours. Free parking on Sundays pulls people onto the high street - learn the lessons from tunbridge wells parking nightmares please.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2423**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Too expensive. Prohibitive for many. Will deter me from using high street shops. Will lead to more people trying to park in residential spaces in the Slade.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2424**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It will drive people to out of town shopping away from the high street

**Off-street response – Reference number 2425**

I object to charges until 8pm.

By increasing the charging periods you are putting in a further deterrent to the use of high street / town centre retailers to the advantage of the likes of M&S and Aldi & others in Canon Lane.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2427**

I object to charges until 8pm.

St Stephen's Church is a prime example of where this would cause more disruption. As there is no carparking facility specifically for the church, on a Sunday and in the evenings when there are groups on, this would cause more people to park on surrounding residential roads which would cause more disruption to neighbours.

This would likely be the same around the swimming pool. It may also discourage people from pursuing their activities on a Sunday, which would be a big shame for the community, as it is lovely to see Tonbridge Park busy and lively with activities. Ultimately, the swimming pool car park would probably still be busy, so the only difference that would be made would be benefit to the council through additional parking charges, which isn't necessarily in the best interests of the community.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2428**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extension of parking charges will encourage more people to park on residential streets.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2429**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

Sundays is the only day that Tonbridge gets customer in there shops.putting parking charges up and on Sundays will kill the high street

**Off-street response – Reference number 2432**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2433**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2434**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will be devastating for a town that already has poor shopping options- this will put people off visiting our beautiful town - the later charge will prevent me going to leisure activities as I couldn't afford that on a weekly basis.

A very bad idea - not worth putting people off visiting

**Off-street response – Reference number 2435**

I support charges on Sundays.

This will not help residents locally unless resident bays (on street parking) in the Slade area are adjusted also, to prevent people parking here instead of the car parks where they avoid paying the small car park fee.

As parents with a young child we are often forced to park a few streets away as spaces have been taken by those attending events at the Rugby field and the sports ground, and often in quite a selfish way, taking up a 2 spaces.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2436**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2437**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will damage grass roots sports for children.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2438**

I object to charges until 8pm.

My husband and I have parked for free on Waterloo Rd, Tonbridge on most Sundays for the last 27 years in order to attend St Stephen's Church. Please do not consider imposing parking restrictions or charges here as it will impose restrictions on who can worship at the church. Nobody should have to pay to go to church. It should be accessible to everyone. Thank you

**Off-street response – Reference number 2439**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again, Tonbridge has very little available on street parking that this impacts everyone especially those who are more impacted than others in the cost of living crisis. It doesn't give them any options whatsoever.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2440**

I object to charges until 8pm.

1. As a member of Tonbridge Music Club I regularly attend recitals which start at 7.30pm. Sovereign Way is the nearest car park. I will thus need to pay for 1 hour's parking, having arrived at 7.15pm. This discriminates against all those supporting a valuable local cultural resource.
2. On Sundays and Bank Holidays it is possible to park in any available space and both shop and have coffee or lunch at leisure without having to worry about exceeding a pay-and-display limit or curtailing activities in order to comply.
3. Payment requires cash which is an increasingly scarce commodity and not always readily available. Ring-Go is both more expensive (which is totally unacceptable) and technically either unreliable or completely non-functional. Any smartphone-based payment system is extremely discriminatory against all those not having or wishing to use such devices. The payment machines need to be upgraded to accept credit card payment as well as cash (at the same rate) BEFORE ANY CHANGES ARE MADE EITHER TO CHARGES OR CHARGING TIMES.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2441**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking charges are already expensive enough and you are causing more people to travel to out of town shopping where parking is free. It's cheaper to go to Bluewater

**Off-street response – Reference number 2442**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think it is very important to encourage people to use the Town's shops, pubs and restaurants in the evenings and at weekends and Bank holidays, and to maintain the free provision at these times.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2444**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Introducing these charges will continue to reduce footfall in town, impacting businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 2447**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2448**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2449**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Disgraceful as a coach of the tjfc for a Saturday and Sunday team to expect us to pay £7 per week to park to volunteer in our local community is disgusting and I strongly oppose these you could potentially with the cost of living crisis we're currently eliminate young children from taking part in a sport they love and coaches from volunteering.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2450**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2451**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2452**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2453**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2454**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2456**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2457**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2459**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I personally avoid travelling to other towns where this has been introduced. This will lead to a downturn in support for local shopping and tourism.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2460**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking costs being extended to 8pm deters people from using the high street at periods when it is less busy, will have an reverse impact on business as well as residents that use facilities such as gyms which as hugely beneficial to mental and physical heath and shops that in the current climate greatly benefit from the footfall.

The including of charges Sunday and bank holiday charges will again deter usage of the high street and cause greater damage to an industry which still suffers and struggles, it adds no real benefit. No costing of what a car park takes to maintain vs income generated is provided to show any need for this change, it fundamentally appears nothing short of a cash grab given the political language used. If the car parks cost more to maintain than income generated which is extremely unlikely a breakdown of this should be provided to price clarity to constituents so truly informed decisions can be made regarding a need for change, if they profit it is not honest to state that they need further income generation to provide sustainability.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2461**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2462**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Car parks are often empty after 6PM, not there is no obvious benefit to extending this to 8PM

**Off-street response – Reference number 2463**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Imposing parking charges on a Sunday will have significant negative impact to families who utilise the park, swimming pools and participate in local sports. The impact to the community will significantly outweigh the councils financial benefits.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2464**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You are trying to squeeze more from an already stretched budget from local people and it is small local businesses who will suffer as a result.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2465**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2466**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2468**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2469**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2470**

I object to charges until 8pm.

8pm seems unreasonably late to start free parking. Doubtful many people would be shopping at this time. Sundays and Bank holidays are less busy, despite more shops being open. Free parking at these times is a benefit enjoyed by many and introducing charges will just create more misery - something that is often overlooked when making policy decisions. I was previously proud that Tonbridge has resisted going down this route like some other councils (e.g. Sevenoaks). I thought it reflected concern on behalf of the council for residents and town centre users. Things like this make a difference to overall sentiment about the town, its reputation and its council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2471**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Most shops still close at 5pm in these areas and offices are normally located in other areas so making parking charges another two hours after this will discourage people, especially those who are affected by the cost of living crisis, from visiting leisure facilities and restaurants.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2472**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2474**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

As above there should be a full cost and benefit analysis made available to the public before proceeding - many families use these car parks to support their children's sporting activities on the weekend - they are also taking the brunt of the wider cost of living crisis and inflation - this is grossly unfair

**Off-street response – Reference number 2476**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think that short time parking should be free and longer stays charged to avoid abuse of parking. To introduce parking evenings and weekend will effect evening business and damage businesses who are already hit by current difficult times . Enjoying evenings out is already costly so please do not add to expense.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2477**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As above. Anyone , who goes to Tonbridge regularly on a Sunday / Bank Holiday as I do, knows how popular it is and I challenge the assumption that this is not at least partly driven by the fact that it is free. How does Tonbridge & Malling Council know that it is not? Where is your evidence?

Has the Council considered at all the medium and long term consequences of introducing these changes and charges?

I,for instance, would go to Paddock Wood Garden Centre instead...if you begin charging on a Sunday.

I think it would affect the footfall at the Farmers' Market...local coffee shops...popular meeting places...we could see more closures...less income in rates...

Many shops are not open later - in fact since the pandemic , and the rise in the cost of electricity , staff shortages etc many open later and close earlier. So I do not agree with the premise upon which you base your proposal.

Such alterations to the current charges would threaten the future of the High Street...there has been enough publicity about the increase of on line shopping...Tonbridge was a success story during the pandemic I don't want to see all that has been achieved - disappear due to what seems to me to be a short sighted, blinkered plan.

Finally Isn't there a plan to re -site the Angel Centre? If so, can't the plan include users only parking? That would help to resolve the issue you raise re lack of parking for people pursuing sports activities.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2478**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I attend West Malling Baptist Church on Sunday's and for evening meetings. As I play for the morning service I would arrive before the service to prepare. Usually I would be attending the church for three hours. On occasion the church holds special celebration lunches following the morning service. This would have to come to an end on a Sunday if charges and length of stay is introduced. On a limited income and being no bus service on a Sunday what alternative do I have to get into West Malling. I am also concerned that the work of the church in serving the local community during the week through free Warm Spaces and charity coffee mornings will suffer. When we try to support the lonely and those who are struggling with the rising cost of living all are going to be hit by extra costs. I think it is disgraceful to consider introducing charges on public holidays. The town will suffer the loss from the local churches in the Good Friday Walk, Christmas Day services will become a thing of the past. Sunday charges will also hit the Sunday Market both for stall holders and visitors coming into West Malling. Keep parking free for Sunday and Public Bank Holidays and save businesses, freedom to worship on a Sunday without hindrance.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2479**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Driving local people elsewhere to shop & socialise when the town needs more trade not less!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2480**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2482**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I write as a (REDACTED) at St Peter & St Paul parish church Tonbridge

We have only limited parking on the church site and worshippers need to use public car parks to attend services and evening meetings.

Whilst I appreciate the increased cost of maintaining car parks, I am concerned that the extension of car park charges is effectively taxing many of those worshipping at the church.

I think the community impact of these proposals should be considered as well as the financial factors.

Aside from the church, extending the parking charges could potentially have an impact on community events held on Sundays and Bank Holidays by deterring visitors.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2483**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is a sure fire way to kill tue High Stret. A short-term gain in income all result in 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 charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2486**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The extension of the charging hours, will likely harm our restaurants and evening eateries, which sadly seem to be the only thriving central businesses in Tonbridge (with big name shops and bank having already closed). Similarly, parking charges on Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays, may negatively the tourism industry and cafes/eateries. We avoid going to Tunbridge Wells due the very high parking charges and Tonbridge is not far behind, so I fear it will put others from visiting Tonbrige and further harm business on high Street; at time when we need to support these businesses. Also, I attend evening Tonbridge Society talks at the Angle Centre, so it may deter people from attending these, so some Societies may look at alternative venues.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2488**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The proposed extension to parking charges hits people trying to use sports facilities after work and on weekends. The council should be investing in access to local businesses and encouraging the use of sports facilities, not trying to drive people away with ever increasing costs. It simply is not feasible, for example, for a family to walk to the river with a canoe or paddle board and you won't be taking that on public transport either

**Off-street response – Reference number 2489**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The council needs to run its financing better and be far more creative in its thinking rather than keep impacting the community with evermore increases of charges & restrictions. You will impact the local businesses directly with your proposals and make more less appealing for people to visit. Stop trying



to make peoples lives more difficult than is actually valid.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2490**

I object to charges on Sundays.

West Malling relies heavily on the evening and weekend economy, and I am aware that a number of businesses have already suffered reduced turnover as a result of previous introductions of restrictions in respect of the Ryarsh Lane Car Park. Extending charging periods to 8pm, to Sundays and to Bank Holidays will only make matters worse, particularly for businesses that have struggled to recover following the pandemic. There has been an observable and significant shift in people's habits with restaurants and pubs much quieter later in the evening and a tendency for people to meet earlier in the evening. These changes will heavily penalise those people and the businesses they frequent.

West Malling also has a thriving Farmers' Market on certain Sundays and the introduction of parking charges on those days will have a significant impact on both visitors and traders, potentially driving both away.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2491**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I go to church on Sundays in West Malling ,if you start charging this will impact the time i spend in church on Sundays ,going to church is very important to me.

We also have church socials on Sundays and bank holidays ,

**Off-street response – Reference number 2492**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2494**

I object to charges until 8pm.

My objections are because any such additional parking charges times will deter the general public from visiting the town for both enjoyment and shopping plus exercising for their general health and well being.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2495**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2496**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Currently we now only shop in West Malling on Sundays, due to the available free parking. Again take this away and we will no longer support the local bussiness in West Malling High Street.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2497**

I support charges until 8pm.

I understand the need to increase revenue, but sadly the data signal in town is poor and security links for app mean my bank security flaga it regularly and app purchases are slow, unreliable and hugely frustrating. What is even worse,it was not a problem when first introduced. People are obsessed with convenience, if you make it simple and easy, your revenue will improve. I often "pop to the shops" at m&s or Sainsbury's local to avoid having to use the app for Waitrose parking. It's a good £100+ a year you are losing just from me because of poor mobile signal.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2499**

I object to charges until 8pm.

All above will kill Angel Centre, which I truly love.

So please if there is a plan to build a new Leisure Centre, could you please consider place outside the town, with free parking and facilities fit for purpose similarly to Larkfield Leisure Centre.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2500**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2501**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2502**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I will generally avoid driving to anywhere where/when there are parking charges. My custom goes where I go.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2504**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2506**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The reasons given are not evidence based..eg my personal reason for shopping on a Sunday is solely driven by the free parking. I have never been asked/completed questionnaire so there really cannot be correct data as all users have not been consulted on their use.

There have always been available spaces, when I have used the car park, so the suggestion of users of Angel centre not able to park is ludicrous,; it may appear drivers are unwilling to walk from a space furthest from the Angel centre entry??

The committee should consider capacity users of Angel centre and them all arriving in single numbers by car on a Sunday vs a Saturday and compare this; which is again not defined or statics given;

Also is the evidence based on Angel centre users defining the car park for their priority use rather than any member of public -which I understood (was any member of public)- therefore would one be penalised financially with introduction of financial charges to discourage use except late at night- where single (usually) female drivers may feel unsafe in a car park where previous cctv foi requests have been met with no i evidence can be given as cctv does not cover whole car park.

It is, in my opinion, the council trying to gain financially by further extending hours and day charging period using unsubstantiated reasons which would suggest a reduction in town centre visits which in turn will reduce spend per head.

Finally if reducing numbers of car park users is the aim alongside increased revenue...wouldn't improved public transport links and especially walking/cycling improvements be a better achievement??!!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2507**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2508**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Free parking is a draw to any person going anywhere, why pay when you can park free? Examples pay parking to eat in west malling high street or park free kingshill , pay to shop west malling or free parking kingshill Asda Aldi Larkfield Tesco

**Off-street response – Reference number 2509**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2510**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2512**

I object to charges until 8pm.

In the current climate it is hard for businesses & shops to survive. Extended 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 charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2514**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge town centre is struggling as it is. Less people will use the facilities if parking charges and times are increased.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2516**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is wholly unreasonable and greedy. Our town has little to draw into it in a Sunday. This will just push people away from our town to the larger supermarkets with their own parking - and will penalise our growing elderly population who can not travel as far away for their groceries. This will be to the detriment of our residents. A wholly terrible and misguided idea.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2517**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2518**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2519**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2520**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I attend the West Malling Baptist Church on Sundays. This very important to me. If parking charges are put in place it will very reduce my attendance to church. This will apply to many others who also attend the church. We also often have socials and revival meetings on Sundays and invite people from others churches to join us. The number of people attending these functions would most

certainly fall.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2521**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You need to introduce free parking for retail workers.

Where a parking charge is not fully utilised parkers should be able to suspend and reuse the unused period paid for.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2522**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2523**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Local businesses are going to suffer. If charges are to increase, which will deter visitors, then local bus services need to be improved.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2524**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Strongly object - this is the worst of the proposed ideas. Just look at what has happened in Tunbridge Wells (and Sevenoaks!) since they introduced Sunday parking - it has become a ghost town as parking charges deter visitor footfall meaning decreased spend. Allowing free parking on Sundays is a huge benefit and ENCOURAGES expenditure in local shops and visits to cultural events. I have NEVER found it difficult to find a space.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2526**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As a resident of the Slade it is already increasingly difficult to find a place to park on a Sunday when events are taking place locally. If parking charges are introduced on Sunday's and Bank Holidays then residents of all streets near to the town will be affected as people want to avoid paying to park. The parking near to the Slade school at weekends is dangerous, not only do people park near a junction, but also on a hill making it impossible to drive in or out of the Slade with clear visibility. As with increasing charges to park in Tonbridge, charging for longer hours will drive people to shop elsewhere.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2527**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This smacks of pure money grabbing. Extending the period of charging absolutely does not help locals living in the areas where they need to park. Again these moves will directly affect local businesses and residents in a negative way if imposed. Council workers have delegated spaces so do not share the same impact. I strongly oppose.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2528**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2529**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See point 15 comments.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2530**

I object to charges on Sundays.

As a (REDACTED) of West Malling Baptist Church in Swan Street, West Malling I am very concerned by the introduction of parking charges on Sundays because a significant proportion of our congregation do not live in West Malling but in surrounding villages such as Leybourne, Larkfield, Aylesford, Ditton, Barming and Kings Hill and having to pay at least £2 to attend a service will be a financial burden for some. You will be aware that there is no alternative public transport (buses) on a Sunday.

In addition, a four hour limit will probably preclude some activities such as Fellowship Sunday Lunches.

I hope there are no plans to change the method of payment in West Malling High Street Car Park to phone only as this would not be possible for many older members of our congregation.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2531**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Evening Extension There are a number of community and social activities that take place early evening- Bowls, Swimming clubs, Choirs. In other areas the introduction of charging for early evening parking has had the unintended consequence of people stopping their involvement in such activities.

Sundays and Bank Holidays. The town benefits from people visiting when it is free to park on both Sundays and Bank Holidays. This results in money being spent in the town. Extending parking charges to these has the high likelihood of stopping people from going into Tonbridge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2532**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2533**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There are meetings which take place in the town on weekday evenings. A parking charge will put people off attending. Most meetings start around 7.30pm. An extension to 7pm would be acceptable, but not to 8pm.

Sundays are days for family leisure and church attendance. These should not be discouraged by parking changes.

Bank Holidays are time when families can enjoy freedom from clock-watching; parking charges would be unwelcome

**Off-street response – Reference number 2534**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Each car park should be treated differently, For example Martin Square car park is nearly empty on Sundays and Bank Holidays. Only the newsagent is open in the morning, Only a few residents or visitors to the area use it. Don't force those vehicles onto the roads and so leave the empty car park as a skate board paradise or football pitch. Anti-social behaviour may well follow in the car park desert created by TMBC car parking charges.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2537**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2539**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

As a regular user of the Angel Centre in the evening and Sundays I object to these extra charges unless there is a scheme to reimburse Angel Centre users, as happens in other locations. I believe this will also have a negative affect on the user base for the centre at a time when they want to increase membership and usage.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2540**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2541**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Until roads are without pot holes and the general up keep of roads improves it would theft to extract even more money from shoppers or residents

**Off-street response – Reference number 2542**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2544**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2545**

I object to charges on Sundays.

The town shops and restaurants depend on the weekend and evening clientele: charging during these periods will significantly increase the cost to these consumers and will either cause hardship or drive some away. If it is as cheap to drive to Bluewater, with its superior shopping facilities, it will dissuade people from coming to Tonbridge, whose High Street is suffering already.

Tunbridge Wells did this several years ago: I no longer will go there. I will shop in Tonbridge during weekdays and readily pay the hourly parking rate whatever it is. I shall think again at weekends and Bank Holidays or in the evening when considering a restaurant meal or visiting High Street shops. Amazon is made to look even more attractive thereby.

Finally, TMBC mounts regular public events at the Castle and its surrounds. Placing a levy on parking for these events, which frequently aim to attract children, will place a burden on young families and very likely cause them to stay away: the cost will be substantial, as the aim is to attract people to the event for as many hours as possible.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2546**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It will ruin the high street which is struggling now

**Off-street response – Reference number 2547**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2548**



I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2549**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It's bad enough having to pay to use the Angel Centre and swimming pool before 6pm but it means the classes between 6pm and 8pm will be less attractive.

With the increase in monthly cost and the constant cancelling of Aqua classes in school holidays it makes the TM Active membership less attractive. It may encourage more people to move to alternative gyms.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2550**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2551**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2552**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2553**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Residents of Tonbridge already pay significant charges to park in the town to shop, the introduction of further charges in the evening and weekends/ bank holidays would encourage less people to use the high street which is already struggling. Also, for residents such as myself, it is helpful to have some perks of time you can pop to the shops and know you don't have to worry about paying.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2555**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2557**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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. As a Father who shops in the evenings to avoid

parking charges, this would add another £150+ annually to my expenses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2558**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The cost of living crisis has already made things extremely difficult for families these changes would impact many of the local team sporting activities

**Off-street response – Reference number 2559**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is sheer greed on the part of the Town Councils and will result in more unnecessary fines just to swell the coffers of councils and it will stop people coming into the town. Businesses will die as a result of this.

Is this what you want to achieve?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2560**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2561**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object to the increased parking charges and extended daily charging hours/Sundays and bank holidays as I feel that this will encourage shoppers to go to retail areas where parking charges are not applied. This would cause even more of a decline to our town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2562**

I object to charges until 8pm.

By charging for parking on a Sunday the council is reducing the accessibility of sports for young people, who's parents simply cannot afford any extras. Sundays are a day for family time and by putting parking costs in this could significantly reduce the amount of footfall in Tonbridge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2564**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2565**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Money grabbing scheme.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2566**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I disagree for all charges but for public holidays and Sundays is just silly

**Off-street response – Reference number 2567**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I am part of a local church in West Malling and these changes will make it difficult for people wanting to attend church.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2569**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2570**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object to the time changes because it is wrong to say that the high Street shops in Tonbridge are open later than 6PM. Granted the supermarkets ( Sainsbury's, Waitrose and Iceland) . Many do their shopping straight from work. A change in the times will either scare people away from shopping in Tonbridge or force them on to side roads or resident parking causing possible parking to pedestrians and other road users

**Off-street response – Reference number 2571**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending charging time around the Angel Centre will reduce footfall, and losses there will probably be greater still. So let parking be free after 1800 and on Sunday to support the Angel Centre balance sheet.

If Sainsbury's extend their opening hours then revisit these charging times.

Include provision for 'one off' occasional events like fairs and markets.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2573**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2576**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2577**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2578**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2579**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2580**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2581**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Those attending evening meetings and evening services should have access to FREE parking if for eg. West Malling. There should not be Sunday charges, which would penalise churchgoers.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2582**

I object to charges until 8pm.

What you're proposing should be a criminal offence! This is disgraceful.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2583**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2584**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is madness, are you trying to destroy the high St shops

**Off-street response – Reference number 2585**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As above

**Off-street response – Reference number 2587**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Not many can afford parking and shopping

**Off-street response – Reference number 2588**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2590**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2591**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2592**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2593**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You seem determined to kill off Tonbridge high street business and takeaways. They are moving away from the high street to areas with out parking charges and where the council now has serious traffic and pedestrian safety issues .... fix them (Cannon Lane). MacDonald's, Halfords, Costa, Home Bargains have all moved from the High street over the years ... ever wonder why?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2594**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again you are killing the trade on the high street and the community. No one can afford to go there. Soon it will be a ghost town with no shops as they won't be able to stay open with no customers. With the parking charges I have to avoid and shop elsewhere. It is cheaper to go to the industrial estates or bluewater to shop

**Off-street response – Reference number 2595**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These charges will deter people from supporting local businesses, church and markets

**Off-street response – Reference number 2596**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2597**

I support charges until 8pm.

I do not live locally, but I do use the Angel Centre for various events, which normally are on Sunday. These events, such as the Model Railway Club and the Cavalier games events generate a lot of interest and visitors, which may be put off by Sunday charges. Also, of more concern is the use of the car park outside the Angel Centre by vans of the Traders at these shows. One of the attractions of the Angel Centre is the free parking on Sundays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2598**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will discourage people from visiting Tonbridge town on Sundays and Bank holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2599**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The local authority should be looking to help the 'night time' economy and local business - extending the cost of parking to 8pm goes completely against this. Parking should remain free on Sundays to encourage the numerous sporting events (rugby/football/tennis etc) that takes place in the park on a Sunday.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2600**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The service being axed without any consideration for the elderly or to the members of the public that do not have Bank cards, MOBILE PHONES or unable to use computer to down load the APP or be able to use one.

Then only can do it on your phone, this means a lot of Tonbridge residents will not be able to use the car parks in Tonbridge

**ANOTHER RESTRICTION FOR THE ELDERLY NOT BEING ABLE TO SHOP IN TONBRIDGE**

This is another nail in the coffin closing small independent shops, we should be encouraging more independent small business which will make Tonbridge an attractive place to shop here, and help to grow the economy.

I understood the government was demanding councils had to cater for members of the public to be able to pay by cash or on a app being Ringo in Tonbridge, by the way in the Waitrose car park there are times you are unable to get a contact to Ringo to pay for your car park ( I have known members of the public have to wait up to twenty minutes to get through for a WIFI connection )

With the council adding 20p per hour you are raisin the PARKING PRICES UP BY 14.28%

With the cost of living going up it means the parking prices are going up by 7.1% as it costs 10p to 30p extra to use Ringo App for parking, the supermarkets return you the first hour when you present your parking slip, by using the phone you do NOT get issued a receipt for the prove of parking in the car park, another reason why the council are turning business away from shopping in the High Street.

Just a point of interest we went to Tunbridge Wells centre to do some shopping two years ago I went to the machine and found out it was cards only, I was unable to use the Multi Story car park because I was unable use or understand what we had to do, so we came home have not shopped there since.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2601**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2607**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2608**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2609**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

People will likely look to the free parking in the Slade area making it even more difficult for residents and their visitors to park near our house. People may well park on the bend outside Slade Primary School more ( as they are now in the habit of doing, and by doing so they create a visibility and hazard problem).

People have enough outgoings at the present time, so increasing their costs will impact their lives.

Please could the parking machines in Tonbridge be changed so that they accept card payments? It is very difficult to find coins now due to hardly any banks in the town. Also Sainsbury's used to refund the money in coins when you shopped, but no longer do this. Not everyone wants to or can use parking apps.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2610**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2611**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Greedy this will keep people away then shops will close

**Off-street response – Reference number 2612**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2613**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2614**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am a regular gym user and although I try to cycle as much as possible but this isn't always possible or safe in the dark or inclement weather

**Off-street response – Reference number 2615**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2616**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2617**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending hours of parking and stopping free overnight parking as well as Sundays and bank holidays to be charged will only effect business' in surrounding areas as members of the public will not visit these due to having to pay for parking. Many business' have suffered already due to cost of living etc but this is likely to make it too difficult going forward.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2618**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking charges at these times is purely for income gain and does nothing to improve the community

**Off-street response – Reference number 2619**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 2620**



I object to charges until 8pm.

You are killing Tonbridge...

**Off-street response – Reference number 2621**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge high street is already failing! Any increase in charges of time extensions will finally kill it off

**Off-street response – Reference number 2623**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

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. Times are already tough this will cripple Tonbridge

**Off-street response – Reference number 2624**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2625**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Do you really want businesses to suffer times are hard as it is with the council penny pinching

**Off-street response – Reference number 2626**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2628**

I support charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2629**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Big mistake in the run up to election, everyone will be taking note of who implemented this if goes ahead. Why punish shops with putting of customers! Stupidity!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2630**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2632**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People should be able to park for a certain period for free and I feel these are evenings, Sundays and bank holidays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2633**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2634**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending periods of parking charges will encourage people to shop elsewhere and therefore local businesses will lose out. The Council should introduce a free parking period of 1hour instead, which would enable more people to visit Tonbridge and would also encourage a faster turnover of parking spaces.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2635**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2636**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Absolute not!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2637**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2638**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2639**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2640**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2642**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking charges till 8pm will impose a surcharge on voluntary clubs and activities taking place in the town centre, many run by volunteers and some for charity (for example, Ton Historical society, Civic Society, the Lions). Members park at 7pm, and would pay, so this fee imposes a surcharge on attending. The impact is to make voluntary activities less viable - while they are still struggling to recover from the pandemic. These evening activities are run by volunteers giving their time freely and should be supported by TMBC not penalised, as they are central to the community spirit of Tonbridge.

The same applies to Sunday parking charges. Tonbridge attracts visitors for its leisure and shopping on Sundays, and the absence of parking charges is a draw, and good for the prosperity of the town. This is a Unique Selling Point that could be used to promote the town, as different from T Wells and Sevenoaks.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2643**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 2646**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2647**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If you want to drive away customers and adversely affect the hospitality sector this is the way to go about it, you should be considering how to increase footfall.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2648**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2649**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2653**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2654**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2655**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Need some freedom of paying for people who are shopping late, doing fitness classes and swimming

**Off-street response – Reference number 2656**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2657**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2659**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The extension of parking charges to 8pm will make it restrictive for residents who are often forced to use car parks near their homes due to lack of space in residents bays. The introduction of Sunday charging means an increased cost to residents in West Malling town centre who will now have to ask all family and friends to pay to visit them or pay themselves for a 24 hour visitor permit. This is an unfair new cost for residents - £1.40 x 52 weeks of the year for a family member coming each Sunday to visit for lunch! It will also push cars visiting residents to on-street bays to avoid car park charges. Not great to have to ask your family to move their car after 4 hours on Christmas Day if they are forced into the car park as there are no spaces in residents bays even if I do pay for a visitors permit it often cannot be used as there are no spaces. Town Centre parking is needed by residents too. This new scheme is entirely focussed on trade and commercial activity.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2660**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2664**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You lot really are despicable.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2665**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

The same comments as to the proposed increase in charges apply here. Many residents who are struggling with increases to the cost of living cannot afford parking charges and so utilise these free off peak parking periods will be kept way 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. Further, charging Angel Centre and swimming pool users to park at off peak times will keep residents away from using these health and fitness facilities which will have a knock on effect on the health and wellbeing of the residents of the town.

Personally, I currently have a membership at the Angel Centre. I live 7 miles away so walking is not possible. If car parking is going to be charged for at off peak hours (evenings, Sundays and Bank Holidays) then the additional cost to me will make my membership no longer worthwhile - I would be able to join a private gym in the area with far superior facilities (including free parking) for less cost. I expect many users of the Angel Centre (and swimming pool) would be in the same position, thus TMBC will lose many of its members (and the income generated from the membership fees).

If any changes to the car parking charges at the Angel Centre and swimming pool should be considered, it should be that the charges be reduced and/or free for users of these facilities as TBMC are already generating significant income from these users through their membership fees. This would encourage more people in the borough to be physically active and healthier as a result, the importance of which cannot be underestimated.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2667**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2668**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2670**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It sounds like a money making exercise for the Council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2671**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2673**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2674**

I support charges until 8pm.

Bringing in charges for Sundays & Bank Holidays will affect the various Farmer's Markets and special events held on these days.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2675**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sundays are driven by free car parking - where is the evidence that they are not? Especially in the towns where people may go shopping and lunch on a Sunday or Bank holiday. Also free parking during week days should stay from 6 pm onwards. To say the shops have changed their hours is incorrect - most retail shops close at 5.30 apart from supermarket which have historically closed at a slightly later time. You are now targeting your charges at people that come home from work and would then have to pay to park near their place of residence or people frequenting local pubs and restaurants for an early drink or meal. By raising the parking costs and introducing further hours you are driving people away from businesses that rely on this trading time.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2677**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2678**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Bank holidays and Sundays should always be free.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2680**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2681**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2683**

I object to charges until 8pm.

tmhc are money grabbing due to the fact they cant do what they were elected to do that is to care for those who put them where they are not ROB THEM

**Off-street response – Reference number 2689**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2690**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2692**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The increase in charges and extension to 8.00pm and Sundays and Bank Holidays will seriously impact churchgoers especially with reference to the Waterloo Road car park. St Stephen's does not have it's own car park and many members of the congregation drive to church. There is limited parking space in the roads around (Waterloo Road and Douglas Road) and this will impact on residents in these areas too. It will also impact on evening meetings if the extension is to 8.00pm on every day of the week.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2693**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The extension charging to Bank Holidays seems disproportionate given the little it would raise and especially given the likely additional costs of enforcement on Bank Holidays.

The proposed extension to the charging period to 8pm from 6pm is not a move that I support. Many citizens use the facilities at the Angel Centre for health and sporting reasons after work, and making this change to the charging period would add a disincentive to pursuing social and health activities. Such a change would disproportionately affect older citizens, many of poor means, who enjoy the stimulation and company of evening meetings of such groups as the Tonbridge Civic Society, and the Tonbridge Historical Society.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2694**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This doesn't help the local community or businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 2695**

I object to charges until 8pm.

You will kill all the reasons people chose to visit Tonbridge

**Off-street response – Reference number 2697**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2699**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2702**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2703**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2704**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2707**

I object to charges until 8pm.



Tonbridge is my town of choice for shopping and dining out. This is because of the plentiful and free parking from 6pm and Sundays. I would not use Tonbridge high st otherwise.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2708**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2709**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2710**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is just a money grab, other car parks around Maidstone and Medway have done this and the towns have either lost business or visitors have parked in side roads causing parking problems for residents.

Given the current cost of living crisis this can't be right?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2711**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2714**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2715**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2716**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2717**

I object to charges until 8pm.

No one will want to come to Tonbridge and will go to Bluewater or Lakeside .. The Town needs visitors and with these stupid proposals the town will be dead.Well done TMBC

**Off-street response – Reference number 2718**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2719**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2722**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

This follows the route that Sevenoaks has taken over the years of gradually eradicating any free parking. We frequently visit towns in France that are thriving centres of shops, markets and restaurants where parking is free and visitors plentiful and small shops thrive. People are happy to spend money and support local businesses and spend more freely where there are no charges. Businesses are successful, business rates are paid. Decrease income for businesses, they close, no rates and boarding up shops/eateries. I do wonder what TMBC really wants for its towns and villages.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2724**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2725**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2726**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I believe the current parking fees and times are sufficient to control the car parks

**Off-street response – Reference number 2727**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2728**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2729**

I support charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 2731**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2732**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 2733**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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

**Off-street response – Reference number 2734**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2735**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will only push people to the free-parking superstores that will do more harm to the town centre.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2738**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2739**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2740**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2741**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2742**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See my previous comments

**Off-street response – Reference number 2743**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2744**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2745**

I object to charges until 8pm.

My response is written from a Public Health Perspective, as I am a Public Health Practitioner. I do not support the proposal to extend charging periods, or to charge on Sundays or Bank Holidays, in Tonbridge. As described in the text above "There is also significant demand for parking on Sundays - not driven by free parking – but driven by the opportunity to participate in leisure activities [i.e., sports] and attend events [i.e. sports events]". That is to say, the main utilizers in Tonbridge of the car parks close to the Racecourse Sportsground Park and close to the swimming pool, on Sundays and Bank Holidays, are those wishing to participate in sport!!

It's absolutely non-sensical, in an era of obesity and the huge cost of obesity, to remove free parking and thereby put people off coming into town to participate in sport, or put people off support their children to participate in sport. Those participating in Sunday morning rugby, football, running, swimming, walking in the park and many other sports activities would be affected. I fundamentally do not support a proposal which discourages families and others from participating in vital physical activity. I would like to request a comment from the Public Health Team or the One You Team on the proposals to remove free parking in Tonbridge on Sundays/Bank Holidays and thereby put people off coming to the Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground Park, rugby club, football pitches and the pool, to participate in sport.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2746**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2747**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2749**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Motorists and motorcyclists are not money -pits

**Off-street response – Reference number 2750**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2751**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2754**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Introducing these proposed charges will drive people away from using West Malling, harming local businesses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2755**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2757**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2758**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It is extremely expensive in tonbridge and shop opening hours in tonbridge are hardly any different

**Off-street response – Reference number 2759**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2760**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2761**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2762**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2763**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2764**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2765**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I believe that this proposal is a poor excuse for an opportunistic cash grab and is not beneficial to any stakeholder other than the council itself. My partner and I are members of the gym at the angel centre and the swimming pool. We go to the gym or pool 5 days a week - after 6pm on weekdays and during the day on Sundays. This is mostly driven by the free parking during these hours. Changing these times so that they are chargeable would result in a 100% increase in the cost of these activities, which would likely mean we stop going. I am sure there are many others in the area in the same position. This proposed change only negatively affects the businesses in the area and discourages people from improving their physical and mental health.

The summary text above references that the high demand on Sundays is not driven by free parking. However, a charge will deter people from carrying out tasks, participating in leisure activities and attending events for which you state there isn't currently enough parking. You say that it is extremely difficult to find a parking space on a Sunday for leisure activities, so you are considering charging people to engage in those very leisure activities so that there are less people engaging in leisure activities taking the spaces of people who want to engage in leisure activities? How is that better for the users of the car parks or the surrounding area?

Thank you for your consideration.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2766**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Given the state of high businesses, the council should be doing everything they can to support them including free parking at times when people have time to actually use the shops!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2768**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2769**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2770**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It is especially necessary to encourage people to participate in sport, and even with changes in usage hours I still believe most car parks are underutilised on weekdays after 6pm. Also, it is appropriate to encourage people to visit retail venues at off peak times and on non peak days, and introducing charges as planned would negatively affect this.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2771**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2773**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This will significantly affect local community use. Very unlikely to impact on those visiting Tonbridge to use the river etc or play football/rugby against Tonbridge teams. Would discourage me and my family from using local facilities in evenings and weekends.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2774**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2775**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2776**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This is a pure money grabbing scheme. Would be detrimental to local restaurants, pubs and shops.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2778**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2779**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2780**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2781**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2782**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2783**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2785**

I object to charges until 8pm.

anything to to take more money from the motorist again. THINK ABOUT IT ! this needs more planning and being fair to the public.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2786**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2787**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2789**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2790**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These proposals will have an adverse impact on regular users of Tonbridge Swimming Pool and, in particular, the Angel Centre. I have detailed this in a separate paper to the Council however, fundamentally, regular users of both centres that use the facilities to enhance their personal physical and mental health and wellbeing will suffer a significant financial disadvantage that may result in detriment to the overall health of our local community. These proposals may also undermine the financial model of the Trust that is currently proposing a zero sum Service Fee to operate and manage these vital community services on behalf of the Council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2791**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2792**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I strongly object to this proposal. Very short sighted. West Malling is an attractive place to visit and stroll and eat . This will deter people from outside and also lead residents to do their shopping in Kings Hill where parking is free.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2793**

I object to charges until 8pm.

parking charges deter shoppers and they will go elsewhere and local traders will disappear

**Off-street response – Reference number 2794**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2796**

I object to charges on Sundays.

As stated above, 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 2799**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object to the extension of the charging period to 8pm for the car park based at Sainsbury's in Tonbridge as most of the surrounding shops are closed so the demand for this car park is very low at this time. This proposed change will primarily impact the users of the Angel Centre gym as most of the classes are scheduled between 6 - 8pm, and as the classes are an hour long users will need to pay for two hours in order to arrive and set up for the classes on time. This will reduce the affordability of the gym. It is not clear what benefit this would achieve since the car park is in low demand at those times.

I support the proposed changes to charge for parking on Sundays and bank holidays as the demand for the car park is high during these times.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2800**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This has an awful effect for people struggling in a cosy of living crisis and the business that so rely on their business. Please do not extend these hours it will drive people away from an already failing high street.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2801**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will damage the local community's ability to gather together especially in these economic times.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2802**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2803**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2804**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Apart from mainly bank holiday weekends where there may be nearby events there is little in Tonbridge High Street area to attract many shoppers on a Sunday.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2805**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There should be free parking for at least either 30 minutes or 1 hour. Without this, there will be increased parking on nearby residential roads. If charging is proposed, the rates for over 1 hour to be increased to give the same financial outcome. No data is given to support the need to charge on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays, nor is any survey data quoted to demonstrate the claimed low turnover, which is not my experience.

Free parking on Sundays in the West Malling High Street and Ryarsh Lane car parks are necessary to support the monthly farmers' markets and church services.

Since one of the objectives is conformity, Ryarsh Lane should be free after 5.30pm as will be the West Malling High Street car park.

On 13 December, I wrote seeking the number of tickets issued in the West Malling High Street for vehicles staying for 30 mins, 1 hour, 2 hours or 3 hours from which one can see the effect of free car parking for 30 minutes or 1 hour would have on the other tariffs if the same financial outcome is required. I have not received any reply.

The consultation document also does not state the increased income expected for each proposal, which is necessary to judge between them.

Mary Portas recommended that market towns should have free parking to assist their viability. When car parking charges were introduced in West Malling, many lost footfall and had reduced income, some closing altogether. This reduced the business rate income to TMBC. This should be factored into the calculation.

It is not easy to follow this method of consultation. For example, the proposals for Ryarsh Lane cannot even be read as the writing is truncated, nor have I seen a series of questions about Ryarsh Lane. The consultation re Ryarsh Lane is thus flawed and should not be used as a basis for decision making.

I have also not been able to find a paper copy of the questionnaire which might have been easier to follow. In addition, I wanted to save my draft comments whilst I considered the matter further, but this hasn't been given as an option and doesn't seem possible. I feel that this method of consultation will therefore deter many from submitting their comments or result in incomplete responses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2806**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2807**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2808**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2810**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2811**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It's okay, I'll go to Bluewater, Hempstead or Lakeside.... Free parking!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2812**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The papers state that the car parking charges increased proposed in section 14 are designed to cover the increase in costs. The changes proposed in this section will increase revenue. Where is this money being allocated? Many people in the town are under some financial pressure. This change will provide an additional cost / barrier to undertaking leisure activities in the town. Such activities improve the physical and mental well being of those involved for all age groups.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2813**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2814**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2817**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The proposed increases in hours would leave The Society members incurring additional costs for our monthly evening meeting, commencing from 7.15pm, at The Angel Centre. The Society will have to monitor the effect this charge may have on its activities and respond accordingly.

In-lieu of always increasing charges, has the Council considered introducing a Free Parking element within the overall parking period similar to Tunbridge Wells BC parking charges in Paddock Wood and by other local authorities. A number of coastal authorities in South-west England have free parking

after 4.00 or 5.00pm in the evening. This helps stimulates the local late afternoon and early evening economy. The Council should be doing everything to help stimulate growth and vitality within the Borough and all these proposed charges will have the opposite effect.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2818**

I object to charges until 8pm.

One of the reasons I may drive into town to shop on a Sunday is that there is free parking. I feel the high street, including the pubs/restaurants, would suffer if these charges were introduced.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2819**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Car parks close to stations provide a safe space for vulnerable people to quickly get to the safety of a car. It should be affordable/free after 6pm as darkness falls. Lots of people will be unable to attend their support groups. Valuable family bonding time may be less attainable at weekends. Not all supermarkets will refund the charge when using their stores.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2820**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2821**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Any extra charges will discourage people from parking and visiting the town. Will you also introduce card payments at ticket machines as in Sevenoaks and Tunbridge Wells? I also think it is important that the council owned swimming pool continues to refund car parking charges if extra charges are put in place otherwise it will put people off swimming memberships and lessons.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2822**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2823**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2824**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2826**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As a regular user of the Angel Centre for the benefit of my mental and physical health & wellbeing and a full time worker, I would feel very much less inclined to attend sessions, as the majority are after 6pm.

I am able to park up straight from my place of work, which I drive to and attend sessions that I pay a substantial amount for, in a building not fit for purpose. I would object to paying more on top of the session cost to park. On the weekends when I am not working I am able to cycle or walk. Once again, I would object to attending a health and fitness centre where I pay a membership and then have to pay for parking on top. I would look to taking my money and custom outside of the town to fit in with my work and fair/free parking.

The instructors are paid a minimal wage, as I am sure the centre staff are too and I am sure would object greatly to paying for parking without any subsidy.

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 charges until 8pm.

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. I also choose to visit the pool and gym when parking is free as it helps reduce my costs.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2828**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will stop visitors coming to the town.

I am a member of St Mary's Church and I can walk to services but there are a lot of people that can't, this will stop them coming. Also what about the weddings, funerals and baptisms. There are also concerts held in our church at different times and Music at Malling.

We have a lot of independent traders who will lose trade.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2830**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2834**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am a member and regular worshiper at West Malling Baptist Church, many of the congregation come from outside West Malling. A number of events take place at the church serving the local community as well as Sunday worship. These events often last a several hours. Paying for parking could and would not only make taking part in worship and these events costly and more difficult but it would also put people off using the local facilities; with so much competition around the area with out of town shops, West Malling traders would suffer greatly.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2835**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2836**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2839**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2840**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2842**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2843**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Church congregations do much to serve the local community, whether these be young, older, or needing foodbanks. These new charging periods will result in churchgoers having to pay to park when they are in church - and, no, not all are able to walk! So, probably for over 2 hours. This is most unreasonable and I strongly object.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2844**

I support charges on Sundays.

Charging until 8pm would affect the footfall of local businesses that depend on evening trade. I.e. restaurants and pubs

**Off-street response – Reference number 2845**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2846**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Parking charges are high enough in my opinion.

I strongly object to extending the hours and including everyday.

The parking wardens, in my experience in Tonbridge, have become quite intimidating lately. On a couple of occasions I have pulled into a near empty car park in Tonbridge town centre, turned my car off, picked my phone up to use the Ringo parking app, and I have literally had a warden knocking on my window to ask where my ticket is. This approach is not acceptable.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2847**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will affect local businesses. People cannot afford these charges. Locals do not benefit

**Off-street response – Reference number 2848**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

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, especially in the evenings, on Sundays and on Bank Holidays which are the usual and traditional times for visiting friends and family.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2850**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Introducing charges at these times will absolutely kill off the few businesses which remain in Tonbridge town centre. Charging into the evenings will push people to visit out of town pubs and restaurants for dinner and drinks, instead of businesses in the town centre. Similarly, the Angel Centre gym and Tonbridge Swimming Pool will be affected - I would have to cancel my membership if these charges were introduced, as I cannot afford to pay for parking on top of the membership cost.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2851**

I object to charges until 8pm.



If you extend the charging period to Sundays and Bank Holidays, you will kill Tonbridge. People will no longer visit events in the town and will not come to shop here and spend the whole day as they do now. Businesses will suffer and eventually close. They already have to pay a lot in Business Rates and if footfall is reduced they will surely close. Please support the very few shops that we do have in Tonbridge. The local council should be working towards bringing our town back to life again, and free parking on Sundays and Bank Holidays will help.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2852**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Completely unnecessary

**Off-street response – Reference number 2853**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2854**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2856**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is unnecessary in Tonbridge

**Off-street response – Reference number 2858**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2859**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2861**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2862**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

This impacts business and families having access to affordable fitness activities

**Off-street response – Reference number 2863**

I object to charges until 8pm.

None of the shops in these villages are open until 8. Why charge beyond working hours? It's just a money making scheme which again will dissuade people from using the area. It is our local area and it gradually being degraded every week.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2864**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2865**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2866**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2867**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2868**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I find the reason for these increases unbelievable. The impact on the town will be disastrous. Tonbridge car parks are heaving on a Sunday. It will kill the Sunday Market. Charge, and that High Street footfall will be adversely affected. Given the heavy business rates, what else do you fancy doing to kill the town.

If the current ticket machines are not taking enough to cover expenses (and are needing extension of hours and Sunday charging), then the council needs a forensic accountant to review the situation.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2869**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The proposal to introduce parking charges in the evenings on Mondays to Saturdays and on Sundays, although unsurprising, is still disappointing. As a regular user of Tonbridge swimming pool, I have tended to visit on Sundays and weekday evenings to take advantage of free parking. The addition of parking charges immediately makes membership much worse value for money compared to other

private gym / swimming operators who offer free parking. Could consideration be given to providing Tonbridge Swimming Pool / Angel Centre members and users free or discounted parking while using the facilities e.g. through a permit or through terminals in the premises that users could input their registration?

Parking machines that accept credit / debit cards would also be welcome. I think Tonbridge is rather behind the times in having machines that only accept coins. Machines in Tunbridge Wells and other nearby areas not only accept cards but allow customers to check in and out, thereby only paying for the time period they actually need rather than having to guess in advance how long they will need and therefore be likely pay more than should be necessary. While I appreciate that users can already pay by app, I have personally had a bad experience with another parking app and would much prefer to be able to pay directly by card, not to mention that the app charges a service fee on top of the cost of parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2870**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2871**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

By introducing parking charges on bank holiday and Sundays you will kill Tonbridge High Street. I'm a retail manager and know full well that Sunday's are a busy day on the High Street as lots of people come into town mainly as it's free parking which is a good thing as they are supporting local businesses. Neighbouring towns such as Sevenoaks, Tunbridge Wells and Maidstone charge on Sundays hence why people choose to come to Tonbridge surely we want people coming to the town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2872**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2873**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2874**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2876**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sunday free parking in west malling supports attendance at Church and also aids visitors joining for baptism services and concert type events. Sunday free parking helps enable the Farmer's Market to

be a success and contribute to local business and economy as well as a thriving village community. I believe parking charges would suppress this and send people out of borough to places like Bluewater which offer a greater range of shops and experiences and free parking

**Off-street response – Reference number 2877**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It is unfair to penalise people during their leisure time and this may mean they go elsewhere to shop and socialise IE Bluewater

**Off-street response – Reference number 2879**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2880**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2881**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2883**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am (REDACTED) Christ Church URC on the High Street next to Boots. Since Sunday bus service is not the same as the rest of the week, most of our congregation (and the RCCG church that also worships here) use the Angel Lane car park on a Sunday morning, which at the moment is free. We also have AA groups, MIND cafe, Brownies & Guides and other groups that meet in the evening who utilise the free parking after 6pm. As a church, we are concerned that the proposed changes to car park charging times to extend to 8pm in the evening and include Sundays and Bank holidays (which would include Christmas presumably) would cause problems for people accessing support and practicing their faith. That may not seem much to people without a religion, but reality is quite a few in our fellowship are older people who have been bereaved and church is their social contact and emotional and spiritual support. As we all found during covid, these things are important for wellbeing- physical, mental and emotional. For some folks, support groups that meet in our building and church community are a lifeline. Introducing an extension of charges could cause an unnecessary barrier for folks accessing support for mental health, addiction and social interaction, as well as spiritual support. Please reconsider.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2885**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Do we not pay enough taxes and other charges without these extra compulsories?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2886**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2887**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2888**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2889**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2890**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2891**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2892**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Any charges made from 6 till 8 will affect the restaurants and local pubs. This will be bad for the local trade and small businesses

**Off-street response – Reference number 2893**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2894**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge has always been such a better place for parking especially in the summer periods if in change that will stop

**Off-street response – Reference number 2895**

I object to charges until 8pm.

West Malling Car Park (Tesco's) does not need to charge. There is always space on a Sunday so the only reason for charging is to make money and I do not feel that is the right way to do things. People will park on residential roads which will cause difficulties for residents.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2897**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2898**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

Tonbridge is a vibrant family friendly town. Need to support all the activities (eg xmas and St Georges day parades), and evening clubs etc. Council is being money grabbing and cynically treating visitors as cash cows! Deter visitors and Tonbridge will be so much poorer.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2899**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2900**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2901**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2902**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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. Bank holidays are for relaxing and not panicking you're going to be back to your car late. By all means wardens should give penalties to those parked obstructively or by the taxis all parked over double yellows at the rank but leave those parked responsibly in bays alone.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2903**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2904**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Council just wanting more money they don't care about other people we pay enough council tax for the area. You are gonna lose people wanting to come and visit and effect businesses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2905**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2906**

I object to charges until 8pm.

There are places I reserve going to until the parking is free. Introducing charges on Sundays and Bank Holidays will have an economic impact on local businesses as many people and families in the current cost of living crisis will only be able to visit places when parking fees do not apply.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2907**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

I needless charge. Such proposals reflect badly on the council. Money grabbing, and not offering anything in return.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2909**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2910**

I object to charges until 8pm.

With the restriction of only being able to claim back 1 hour parking at sainsburys it is making it increasingly more expensive to use any other shops or services in Tonbridge. I'm a member of the angel centre gym so if I were to drive and use the gym and then go to sainsburys I would be paying for 2 hours and only getting one hour back now. If charging is introduced past 6pm (when people pop to sainsburys after work) or Sundays then more and more people will go to out if then shops or away from Tonbridge losing more trade. Especially on farmer market days etc. why not put in a small multi-storey car park on one of the sites to increase parking and encourage more people to come. On the Sainsburys site in Worcester Park they did this with great success.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2911**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We already are suffering with the rise in items in shops so by changing when charging applies in car parks is just adding to this!

By extending the payment times to after 6pm, Sundays and bank holidays the people who will struggle the most are bars and restaurants because people will go elsewhere which in turn will cause Tonbridge to become more of a ghost town than it already is!

The council need to help its residents and the local business and in my opinion this isn't the way forward!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2912**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2915**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2916**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2917**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2919**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2921**



I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

Introducing Sunday charges would mean people have to pay for parking when they go to church in Tonbridge town centre. This will push cars onto free streets nearby. It's already annoying that to do a food shop in Sainsburys you have to pay the majority of the time and charging on a Sunday will reduce trade as people are more likely to shop where parking is free. I never have change for the car park to be able to claim my parking back and this pushes up the cost of a weekly shop unless you go on a Sunday when it's free.

Charging later on weekdays and weekends will make it more expensive to visit my friends in town, attend my evening classes at the adult education centre and attend evening church events. It could reduce restaurant trade, pushing people to out of town options where parking is free.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2923**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The only shop open is Sainsburys, not the whole high street. It will put people off using the Angel centre and the swimming pool. This is a cynical, money grabbing exercise by a council that does nothing for its residents but fleece them. Our town needs to encourage visitors, not rip them off. I bet allowances for councillors go up nicely too.

This will be a punitive step that only serves to swell the council coffers, rather than benefit the town or its residents. There is no justification for it at all.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2924**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2925**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is a revenue generator. We already pay too much for parking. The machines don't give change and some are placed with no wi-fi

**Off-street response – Reference number 2926**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2928**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This would discourage people to visit Tonbridge and is not required please leave it as it is as it works perfectly well.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2929**

I support charges until 8pm.

Charges should

- cover maintenance costs, and
- ration use.

Prices should be lower during quiet periods, but higher during busy periods.

Have policies that encourage walking and cycling

**Off-street response – Reference number 2930**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2932**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Stop trying to ruin peoples lives.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2933**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2934**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2936**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking charges are reducing footfall on the high street and causing closure of local businesses. I work from home and actively plan my trips into town based on when I do not pay for extortionate parking

**Off-street response – Reference number 2937**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Our high street is already struggling, this will only destroy it further. We should be encouraging people into the high street and shops. Not making it more difficult and costly at a time when people are struggling financially.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2938**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2939**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We need people to come to Tonbridge to shop and use the restaurants and cafes. There are a lot of sports going on and the swimming pool and park are a major draw as is the castle and river. Why not lower the business rates, perhaps enticing more independent shops rather than big companies. How about Beales old shop, three years empty is not really good enough, surely there's someone with the necessary good ideas to use the Beales shop, although I very much doubt Sainsburys will be very obliging. I thank you for providing this chance for us to put our points.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2940**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2941**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The proposal to extend the periods of parking charges makes me think that the council would like to turn Tonbridge into a Ghost town! I would have thought that the council would like to encourage businesses to be more successful, not shackle them by imposing further parking charges. We should be celebrating that Tonbridge is busy on a Sunday and that people want to come to Tonbridge to enjoy the excellent choice of venues for evening meals, not penalize them by charging for parking.

In the explanation notes for this section of the consultation for the extension to 8pm, it states that "However, retail opening times have changed significantly – many shops are open later and some (large retail supermarkets) are open 24 hours." It can be of no surprise to know that most of the shops on the High Street have closed by 6pm, so not additional income generated from parking charges there and the supermarkets in Tonbridge will refund the parking on a £10 spend in the store, therefore no additional income from there either. What would be impacted by parking charges to 8pm are the sporting venues, clubs, entertainment and hospitality. As an example, we are very lucky to have an excellent choice of places to go out for a meal in Tonbridge and free parking certainly makes a difference when people are deciding where to go.

Another point made in the explanatory notes, is "There is also significant demand for parking on Sundays – not driven by free parking, but by the opportunity to carry out tasks, participate in leisure activities and attend events on what is for most a non-working day." Is this statement based on a survey of people using the car parks on a Sunday? Because without the data, this statement is invalid and therefore should not be considered. Although, if the council is using this an excuse to introduce Sunday charging, then that goes back to my original point, that the council want to discourage people from using Tonbridge centre businesses and amenities.

If there is great pressure on parking spaces, maybe the council should consider adding additional levels to some of the town centre car parks, as has been done in the car park at Tonbridge Railway Station.

I wonder whether the overtime wages of the parking wardens to monitor the proposed extra parking hours would outweigh and extra income generated.

My comments about Sunday charging also apply to Bank Holidays.

Please give Tonbridge a chance to prosper in these difficult times and make a place where people want to shop, have their hair done, have a coffee, enjoy a Pilates class, volunteer at a Charity shop, choose a book in the Library, and go for a walk around the Racecourse Park, without having to worry about how much the parking is costing or if their time has run out.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2942**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The proposed changes would be detrimental to encouraging people into the town and people would then go to shop elsewhere out of town for free therefore there would more likely be a loss in revenue.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2943**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2944**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2947**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2950**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2952**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2953**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Free parking at these times is important for our local economy as it draws people into Tonbridge town centre.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2954**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I have a personal interest in not extending the charging period because it will likely kill attendance at our support group on Monday evening. I support Sunday charging because car parks can get full early and stay full all day.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2955**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This proposal will deter the public coming to Tonbridge for shopping or recreational purposes late evening and weekends./bank holidays .We need the footfall in the town, to encourage more business operators to remain and develop. There are insufficient "late" transport services into the villages, and people will go elsewhere. Tonbridge is not a second rate town & we need to continue to build on it's attraction not push it back into decline.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2956**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Paying to park on Sunday could have an adverse effect on the Farmers Market, and extending the time until 8pm means that you would need to employ more parking attendants. Are you going to bring in pay and display at the TMBC offices at Kings Hill.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2957**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I feel this would have a detrimental affect on the already struggling High Street on Sundays and the various eateries in the evening.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2960**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Keep it as it is

**Off-street response – Reference number 2961**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is ludicrous. You see how the shops benefit on a Sunday during free parking. DO NOT introduce this insane idea.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2962**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2963**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2965**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2966**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2967**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The Council must want to Kill off Tonbridge to Residents and Visitors alike, making it a Ghost Town like Tunbridge Wells.

Charging for Sunday parking means people regularly attending Church Services will have to pay to park. Sunday and Bank Holidays, visitors to our Castle, our big asset, and River Medway and surrounding grounds will be targeted.

Being a member of Tonbridge Lions, the community events we organise for charity for the benefit of Tonbridge residents, Community Fete, Christmas Festival, St George's Day Parade, Dragon Boat Race etc, our own members and the rest of the public will be penalised.

To extend charges to 8pm is grossly unfair to people attending concerts and social occasions in our town of Tonbridge.

We trust the Council will see reason and let our Town be enjoyed by all on Sundays, Bank Holidays and Evenings without extra charges!

**Off-street response – Reference number 2968**

I object to charges until 8pm.

A lot of lower paid residents would be discouraged from shopping locally and businesses would suffer.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2969**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge does not need any more reasons to drive people away from using the town centre

**Off-street response – Reference number 2970**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I strongly oppose these changes. Free parking in the evenings and on Sundays helps to boost footfall to the High Street and supports local shops and restaurants. Particularly in the winter when it's dark, it's good to know I can drive down to town and get home safely if I want to go out in the evening.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2971**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I think the increased charging hours will hit pubs as people will go out later to avoid parking charges. I also think introducing charges on Sunday and Bank Holidays will push people to shop elsewhere. I for one will go to Bluewater or Lakeside as they are both free to park.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2972**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2973**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Awful idea. We need to encourage people to come and support local businesses, extended car parking hours 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. It's good that businesses are open beyond the charging period, it creates positive impact on the town, it's economy and vibe. It's awful to see the town dying and becoming silent in late afternoon/early evening, why would you want to encourage that? Similarly, on Sundays and bank holidays, we have people visiting our town from other places, sightseeing, checking out the castle, the park, Haysden. It's a great tourist destination, why would you penalise people by extending the car parking charges period? It's short term thinking completely not envisaging the impact on our economy and attractiveness for visitors.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2974**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If people have reasons to use local business/facilities/amenities, to see that as an opportunity to take more money off people is disgraceful, the 'people' already pay for amenities, it's what that vast amount of council tax is for, if services cannot be provided maybe that money should be withheld.

I for one often pop into Wetherspoons for a cheap meal after work, if I then have to pay parking it is no longer a cheap meal and I won't do it.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2975**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I very strongly object to these proposals. The after six parking charge would hit those coming in to town to socialise and use our remaining pubs and restaurants. These businesses keep the liveliness and character of a town and create vibrancy. Also, many people, me included, would stop past the

shops on the way home from work to pick up a few things. The convenience of it being free makes it an easy thing to do. Families are so financially squeezed, paying for later parking would stop children using sports clubs such as Weald gymnastics, the angel centre, or the sports ground to walk, run and cycle in.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2976**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Being a member of the angel centre tonbridge and using every day between 1600-2000 hrs this adds more money which alongside the monthly membership will make it a better and cheaper options at the other gym operating in Tonbridge with free parking, so the increase and extra days would cause me to cancel my membership as soon as

**Off-street response – Reference number 2977**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking charges should remain up until 6pm and West Malling High Street should remain as short term parking for 1 hour to maintain the "turn over" to enable shoppers to visit short term, this also helps the shops. I no longer visit Tesco in West Malling to do my main shop as I now have to pay, in fact, I hardly go to West Malling these days. I will visit Nationwide, Post Office or Tesco as and when I have to and use the 1 hour free parking as I'm usually gone within the hour. It also costs a fortune if you have booked a restaurant. I feel the Council is trying to kill off all our local shops and high streets and will force businesses to close. Is this what you want?

**Off-street response – Reference number 2979**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Of late many Tonbridge car parks have been emptier and this increase in charging hours may simply be the last straw added to the cost of living, which means that people shop more online or in nearby retail areas with no parking charge.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2980**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I attend early evening meetings in Tonbridge Christ church our group use the Angel car park and the increase of payment required until 8pm would adversely affect many of the group members

**Off-street response – Reference number 2982**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I use a support group on a Monday 7/8 and members may not come if they have to pay to park

**Off-street response – Reference number 2983**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2984**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2985**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending the parking charges on weekdays will stop people from dining out and affect the restaurants in town, also greatly affect people who need to shop in Sainsbury's and Waitrose on weekday evenings.

Introduction of parking charge on Sundays and PH are severely destroying the business on high street, as people will tend to shop in retail park nearby instead of going into town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2986**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The free parking on Sundays and bank holidays bring people into town helping to support local businesses. If people have to pay they simply not come to town or use the local residential area particularly the slade area where residents already struggle to park on their own street despite having to pay for their residents permit. As you don't need a permit on a Sunday visitors to the high street will try to park on the roads instead of paying for the car parks

**Off-street response – Reference number 2987**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is such a negative move. I know elderly friends who shop on Sundays or evenings to avoid paying parking for reasons of financial hardship. It will certainly discourage me from driving to Tonbridge and I will go elsewhere where the parking charges are less punitive. 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 charges until 8pm.

Whilst I appreciate the need for the council to raise money these proposals will have a detrimental effect on visits to the Borough. People will be put off from and simply go out of town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2989**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I will be shopping elsewhere if this happens.

I often pop into Sainsbury's on my way home (6.30pm). Or into town on a Sunday. Because of the free parking. I wouldn't do this if I had to pay. I would shop in the industrial estate.

The town will suffer.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2990**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As a registered Charity in the centre of Tonbridge we always try to hold special events for our Gymnasts and their parents on Sundays, because of the free parking locally. Having to pay for parking on Sundays would adversely influence the number of people who would attend our events. We try to make the sport of gymnastics affordable for all people in the community but adding parking charges as well is going to put people off coming to our events.

This, of course, doesn't only effect us but the Tonbridge markets and The Angel Centre and the shops that open on Sundays.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2991**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I attend a support group in Tonbridge and the extension to parking charges will have a massive effect on attendees to that group.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2992**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The AI Anon evening meetings on Mondays (7-8 pm) at The Christchurch United Reform Church on The High Street provides the vital support to those affected adversely and often severely by an addicted partner, relative, friend or colleague. This support is not provided in a way that truly works by any other agency such as counselling, NHS or Social Services etc. We need to ensure that free parking for our meetings is provided to properly enable us to continue this work dealing with the family disease of alcoholism and other addictions which can often lead to the recovery of the addicted person as well. A small price to pay/allow indeed! Also held on a Wednesday evening is the Alcoholics Anonymous meeting which would suffer the same fate and restriction for attenders.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2993**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Local support groups for Alcoholics Anonymous and Cocaine Anonymous members use this car park at 6:30 pm onwards. Saving the local community the damage of these drugs and keeping vulnerable people safe. Not very many others use this car park other than local residents. The amount this saves local community money and protects from crime. The local businesses would also be supported outside of these paid hours. Please keep things as they are and support these important groups and the local good that it does.

**Off-street response – Reference number 2994**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2995**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2998**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 2999**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I use the car park behind Sainsbury's just off Tonbridge High Street for an Alanon Support Group at the local church every Monday night between 7-8pm. Approximately 30-40 people attend every week and this will affect all of us.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3000**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3001**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Are you trying to kill our town I read earlier its up for the most depressing place to live in Kent. I don't think it is but perception by visitors is important

**Off-street response – Reference number 3002**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I object to the proposal in it's present form & additional consideration should be given to:

Reduced fee for electric cars- thus encouraging less pollutant vehicles in the centre of town.

'15mins grace period, no return within an hour' This will permit drop-offs & subsequent pick-up of vulnerable/young persons from either shopping, sporting, scouting/girl-guiding activities; where the person might need to be 'checked-in'.

To introduce charges on a Sunday at the same price as all other days is unfair & unnecessary. Suggest prices are at 50% on these days to reflect the likely demand profile. Presumably parking enforcement would presumably be required; what is the cost of this both financially and also in reduced morale for the attendants?

I do not think that Bank Holiday should see any charges. From my experience, car parks are not widely used on a bank holiday's due to the limited activities. The few business that are open would suffer. Presumably parking enforcement would presumably be required; what is the cost of this both

financially and also in reduced morale for the attendants?

**Off-street response – Reference number 3003**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again this will put people off using what local shops Tonbridge has left.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3004**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3005**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Local business are struggling, by increasing the days on which parking charges are required 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 object to charges until 8pm.

I fully object to all three proposals of extending the parking charging times.

You highlight the fact that many people use the sports facilities out of hours, meaning they will be penalised for exercising at a time when there is a huge government drive to get everyone as active as possible. I train at the Angel Center on a Tuesday evening from 8-10pm and play matches on a Sunday meaning the cost of playing is going to increase significantly across the season. The volleyball club will incur huge costs for referees who will potentially be there for 4 hours if officiating, meaning out club fees would also have to increase.

There aren't that many businesses bar restaurants and pubs and Sainsburys that are open after 5pm so those mentioned above that have been massively affected post-Covid are going to hit by this.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3007**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge High Street is dying on its feet as a desirable shopping destination. Free parking encourages visitors. Don't give them even more reason to go elsewhere. If you have to pay you're more likely to go elsewhere or out of town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3008**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Use council tax more effectively

**Off-street response – Reference number 3009**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3010**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3011**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking charges out of peak times and at the weekend will discourage 'out of hours' sport and socialising, both of which support mental health.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3012**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These charges would push even more cars onto the residential parking places such as the Slade. Please introduce restricted parking on neighbouring residential streets on Sundays and Bank Holidays as well. I live in the Slade and frequently arrive home on a Sunday at around 10:30am to find all the residential parking places, as well as the double yellow lines, occupied by cars belonging to parents who brought their children to the rugby games in the fields nearby. I cannot park my own car until the Sunday rugby games are over. Please introduce restricted parking on Sunday and request the club to create enough parking for the parents if they are to continue to organise these rugby games, so the residents don't have to suffer. Thank you.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3013**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I live in Havelock Road, which is part of the Slade area of Tonbridge. The Slade is made up of narrow Victorian roads which are already congested and it is often difficult for residents to find a parking space. The Lower Castle Field car park is very busy, particularly on Sundays when parents are taking their children to football/rugby and my concern is that if this car park is no longer free, these people will be searching for other places to park, eg in nearby residential roads. Unfortunately, these vehicles are usually large, eg Range rover, large SUV type vehicles which are not suitable for the narrow roads.

If the Council intends to go ahead with their proposal to charge for Sundays and Bank Holidays they should consider reviewing the current arrangements for residents parking and extend these restrictions to cover Sundays and Bank Holidays to limit the amount of non-residents who are able to park in our roads.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3016**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3018**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3019**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3020**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3021**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This will kill the high street. A shortsighted policy that will do nothing to help trade in Tonbridge. This will encourage people to go out of town, Bluewater being a good example. We desperately need to attract new shops and shoppers. People would come from miles around.

Regarding the extension to 8pm, you will severely penalise those residents who enjoy getting out to clubs and activities. My choir is trying to attract new members, this will severely hamper this.

Regarding Sundays, this will really penalise people who attend the various town churches for worship.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3022**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3023**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is destructive of tourism and trade to small towns and must be stopped

**Off-street response – Reference number 3024**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3025**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3028**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3029**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Very few shops are brave enough to open later but those that do will really suffer by extending the time to 8pm

Your plans are very shortsighted. There was a good article in the Daily Telegraph recently saying that parking charges are discouraging shoppers and trade. A brave council would reduce or eliminate charges so as to support businesses and shoppers.

Charging till 8pm will affect many residents who are involved in clubs to support the town.

Charging on Sundays and Bank Holiday is so wrong. Let's help people to enjoy Tonbridge on relaxation days. They bring in much needed revenue to shops, cafes and restaurants.

.And this is a penalty on those who worship on a Sunday.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3030**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3031**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I moved to this town as it is a friendly place to shop at but introducing these extra charges shows how greedy the council are. We already struggling with other bills and now increasing parking is just down right greedy! The only shops open after 6pm are the main big supermarkets and the gym. Gym is a major draw and is needed for everyone mental and physical health. Sometimes I drive to the gym due to weather or lateness and I will have to rethink if I do come therefore cancelling my gym membership!

I often shop after 6pm due to working and kids so come after 6pm but this would add to my weekly shop!

**Off-street response – Reference number 3032**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3033**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3034**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Residential areas in tonbridge such as Meadow Lawn see an influx of non-resident parking in the evenings when permit restrictions do not apply as it is. Extending the charging hours in these car parks will drive more people to these areas. I am unlikely to get a parking space on my street if I return home after 10am or 4pm

**Off-street response – Reference number 3035**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3036**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Strongly object. Everything is monetised. It will means more people will try to park on residential streets. It will impact on Sunday trading and local businesses. It should be possible for local people and visitors to come and enjoy the town, visit amenities and local businesses on one day per week and on Bank Holidays without being charged to park. Similarly after 8pm. It is just squeezing money out of mostly local people at every opportunity and there being no public access to the town. There needs to be a sense of community and provision for people without a charge for every possible thing.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3037**

I object to charges until 8pm.

After 6pm there is no problem with finding spaces to park. To extend charges till 8pm will cause confusion and is entirely unnecessary. It will be a disincentive to people enjoying activities in the town in the early evenings. The excellent leisure activities and events on Sundays and Bank Holidays are a jewel in the crown of Tonbridge and draw people to the town to spend money with local traders. The introduction of charges on Sundays would be counter productive. The same arguments apply against the proposal to introduce charges on Bank Holidays. You will presumably incur extra costs for the wages of traffic wardens which you hope to cover from increased parking fines. Don't destroy the community spirit of Tonbridge!

**Off-street response – Reference number 3038**

I object to charges until 8pm.



(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3039**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3040**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3041**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3042**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3043**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3044**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3045**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The High Street is already suffering massively. This will negatively impact all businesses, shops and events in the local area.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3046**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We want to see the town centre grow with support from residents and also visitors. Sundays are very much for family time & adding the cost of parking to a day out would stop people coming into town.

Charging to 8pm would stop people coming into town to supermarket shop after work and also stop them coming into socialise early in the evening when some, especially the older generation, would prefer to eat out

**Off-street response – Reference number 3047**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3048**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again, this proposal will damage local businesses.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3049**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The current time allows off peak visits to supermarkets and leisure centers which reduces peak time congestion in these car parks and benefits a lot of local businesses in Tonbridge which would be adversely impacted as people may choose to park in other boroughs / councils.

Collecting Parking on Bank Holidays just seems predatory and Sundays has restricted trading hours anyway for local businesses. Allowing free parking on Sundays brings footfall and traffic towards these businesses which would otherwise go elsewhere or continue during peak times during the weekend causing negative impact to the local area in terms of congestion and other parking spaces

**Off-street response – Reference number 3050**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3051**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

The shops and businesses are under enough pressure getting people to come in and spend money. This would destroy our town permanently. I have lived here all my life. Having free parking helps Sunday trade and evenings to allow restaurants to survive. Please look at the past of what Tonbridge is meant to be please do not destroy it.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3052**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am a member of St Peter and St Paul Parish Church and attend the church on Sundays and of an evening. By making people pay for parking you are creating a barrier to socialisation and encouraging isolation. Although there is a small parish car park, this has been made smaller through a different council proposal. Please do not create barriers to social activities when so many older people are struggling to get out of the house. Secondly, I live in a village (Golden Green) where there is NO BUS SERVICE on Sundays or Bank Holidays so many people in the village, including myself rely on using cars and the free parking to get into town affordably on these days.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3053**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again, driving people away, your plans will kill the town for sure, we already are lacking decent shops, the time will gone where people won't visit Tonbridge for what is left and will go elsewhere

**Off-street response – Reference number 3054**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This proposal is greedy and unfair on residents of Tonbridge. If revised charges are to be introduced they should also be the same in other residential areas in the Borough and so far that is not the case definitely a NO from me.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3055**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Everything is so expensive & more parking increases will mean I won't be able to afford to go out.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3056**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I don't see any reason to extend parking charges to 8pm, we do not have enough entertainment in the town to warrant this and I think it will deter people from coming to the few places that are open. Losing the free parking on a Sunday will effect a lot of local businesses especially the monthly farmers market...I think less people will attend if they have to pay for parking. This will also effect the traders who need to park their vehicles during the trading hours of the market (there isn't room for all traders to park on site!)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3058**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge is one of the least attractive town centres already to shop. Almost the only time I go to visit the town, go to a café, walk or shop is on a Sunday or evening. If free parking at those times is taken away it will only encourage people to go elsewhere away from Tonbridge. Instead of penalising people who can ill afford more costs, try investing in the town, which has been non-existent and dire for decades, and make it a more attractive place for locals and others to want to visit, then the town might increase it's income!

**Off-street response – Reference number 3059**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3060**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3061**

I object to charges until 8pm.

If you start changing fir later and for Bank Holidays then you you will have a higher wage bill for the ticket wardens as well as bad feeling in the car users. Tonbridge residents already pay premium prices for petrol. So it would be a double whammy. You will sion get voted out.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3062**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3064**

I object to charges on Sundays.

If you do this, people will be going elsewhere and Tonbridge town centre will die. Free parking on Sundays and Bank holidays allows families to utilise the sports ground and go for walks along the river to the lakes, the barrier, into Leigh, go shopping, have coffee, eat in the restaurants, without worrying about going over their parking time and being fined

**Off-street response – Reference number 3065**

I object to charges on Sundays.

It's important to keep Tonbridge an attractive location for shopping, tourism and events.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3066**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Bad for night time economy

**Off-street response – Reference number 3067**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This sounds like sheer greed. Visitors and residents are an easy target when wanting to use tonbridge and its facilities. We like to come to town on a Sunday but won't anymore to pay nearly £3 for 2 hours! I'm sure we won't be the only ones and it has been shown that free parking in areas

encourages people to come and shop. Its the local businesses that will suffer in the high street environment that us already hard for them to try and survive.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3068**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3069**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3070**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3071**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As an elder of Christ Church URC which backs onto one of the main Tonbridge Car Parks (Sainsburys), I strenuously object to this. Many community groups hiring space in our building cater for the most vulnerable in society and operate in the evenings. Charging them for parking will dissuade them from getting the support they need, having a real, tangibly negative effect on their wellbeing. Similarly on Sunday, many of our congregation are elderly, on fixed income, and having to pay for parking when attending Church is a real concern for them, particularly as you are also proposing increasing charges - a “double whammy”. I urge you to seriously reconsider this proposal.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3072**

I object to charges until 8pm.

These extensions will damage Tonbridge, and is an example of a shortsighted council who doesn't have residents interests at hand. The current situation gives encouragement for people to come into Tonbridge for events and entertainment. Justifications include that the car parks are often full. That is incorrect. On any Sunday there will be spaces behind Sainsburys and Waitrose. The busiest periods are during the day when charges are already in place. Charging after 6pm and on Sundays and Bank Holidays means my family and many I have spoken to will spend less time and money in town. I am staggered that this has even been proposed. It seems designed to make Tonbridge less attractive and damage our high street. If someone asked me how Tonbridge could be damaged, I would say to introduce car parking charges. This should not be allowed.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3073**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Outrageous to extend and add parking charges.....you will not benefit the people of Tonbridge by doing this.....stop being greedy for money by making our lives harder;

**Off-street response – Reference number 3074**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3075**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is a terrible idea especially in West Malling. Why the need to charge people until 8pm is beyond me, the council just want to make more money. It's just preventing people using West Malling in their leisure time. The car park in West Malling is never full so this is pure greed on the councils part. I totally object to this, maybe think of introducing more permit bays for the residents and not charging customers wanting to use the shops and amenities in the high street. Again, it will be the businesses that suffer as people will just go to the big supermarkets instead.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3076**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3077**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3078**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3079**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3080**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sundays, bank holidays and after 6pm parking should remain free.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3081**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Will stop people using area and affect shopping activity on local areas and business also unfair as some people can't afford parking charges so will shop at those times

**Off-street response – Reference number 3082**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3083**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3084**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3085**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3088**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I am of a certain age and need a car to be able to enjoy the library and warm spaces and company this will stop me doing this we have no busses from Ryarsh I worry not being able to meet people and socialise it will stop me from going to westmallng and Larkfield

**Off-street response – Reference number 3089**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3091**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3092**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3093**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3094**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3095**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Extending the hours and introducing charges on a Sunday will make using the facilities in the town centre less convenient and will impact mine and others spending on the high street. This seems like a very greedy move by the council.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3096**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3097**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3098**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3099**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Our high street is suffering enough without discouraging people even further to visit. It's likely that people will think twice about using the car parks if the charging periods increase, pushing people to use out of town shopping more, where there is no charge to park. If they do come into Tonbridge it will also make people look to park in free residential areas where it's unfair for the residents to have more cars parked on their roads. We should be encouraging people to come into Tonbridge and be able to park for free rather than making them pay even more.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3100**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This is a terrible idea - do you want to ruin Tonbridge in the way that Tunbridge Wells was ruined especially with the introduction of parking charges in a Sunday .

Sporting activities, social clubs and cafes, restaurants (the hospitality industry is suffering anyway ) all rely on people being able to park easily without charge after 6pm and on Sundays . Haven't all these



organisations - and supermarkets - got enough to contend with at present ? Just leave things alone - please

**Off-street response – Reference number 3101**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Pure greed, why do this when the car park is hardly used anyway. Ridiculous idea.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3102**

I object to charges until 8pm.

TMBC cannot expect to have vibrant towns like West Malling if all you are doing is discouraging shoppers/visitors by stopping the very limited free parking on bays and extending current charge periods in the week and especially weekends. Small businesses are already struggling with increasing costs across the board.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3103**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Another greedy idea of the councils to make more money. This is crazy how will you monitor this, will you be sending out traffic wardens to check on weekends and evenings. You would be better off sending them out on the roads outside the fish and chip shop and restaurants picking up takeaways on Friday and Saturday evenings. There are always spaces in the car park, its pure greed.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3104**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3105**

I support charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3107**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3108**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This seems incredibly short sighted and, frankly, stupid. I have lived in tonbridge until the age of 25 and now live in Bristol but visit regularly and often go shopping. The shopping part of the town is already becoming worse- putting charges until 8pm and on Sundays and bank holiday seems entirely excessive, greedy and just money-making. There are very very few shops open past 6pm, and even if people are using these spaces for leisure activities, the vast majority also pop into the shops or a cafe

at the same time. This will just be a deterrent for people to come shopping in tonbridge - bare in mind free parking at very close and good shopping districts within 30 minutes. In a cost of living crisis, what are you thinking?! I have lived in many areas and cities in the UK, and have never had to pay for parking on evenings/sundays/BH. If the major cities who actually have shops open most evenings don't charge for these hours, why on earth would Tonbridge?!

**Off-street response – Reference number 3109**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3110**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3111**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge High Street is already dying , this will add to its demise.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3112**

I object to charges until 8pm.

By increasing the parking charges to 7 days a week and to later and bank holidays will have a detrimental effect to events that go on in the town, it will deter tourism and locals to actual come into our town

**Off-street response – Reference number 3113**

I object to charges until 8pm.

See answer above. This is daylight robbery

**Off-street response – Reference number 3114**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Parking costs are already exorbitantly high and are a huge factor in dissuading people in coming to Tonbridge!

**Off-street response – Reference number 3115**

I object to charges until 8pm.

People visit because it is free - this is highly valued by people

**Off-street response – Reference number 3116**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I am a member of St Stephens church and on Sundays, due to distance and now back problems have need of parking in the Waterloo Road car park. The proposals would make my attendance at church difficult (I am on a low wage) and would force me and many other members of this well-attended church seek parking in the Meadow Lawn area.

This car park is not near the shopping centre and is used more by commuters. While I understand the Council's need to cash in on Sunday trading, I feel my freedom to worship is impinged by this proposal.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3117**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3118**

I object to charges until 8pm.

This has no relevance in terms of overuse of car parks and is purely a moneymaking idea.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3119**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3120**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Seems a bit stingy and money grabbing to charge on Sundays and bank holidays to me. The fees on a Sunday are paying for what exactly? We are encouraged to go out use the facilities of towns but changing on these times is a step too far.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3121**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3122**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3123**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3125**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 3126**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The extension of car parking charges will effect the cost of various evening clubs and activities in Tonbridge and the will probably make people think twice about visiting on Sundays

**Off-street response – Reference number 3128**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I understand parking charges have to increase but I do not agree with charging for parking after 6pm and on Sundays. A lot of sports take place in the park on a Sunday for a few hours. It is vital everyone has the opportunity to take part. A lot of people's finances are already stretched and bringing in new charges will stop some families from taking part in sport as they won't be able to pay for parking. Thank you.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3130**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3131**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3132**

Having two parallel consultations is confusing. In addition, multiple screens have to be accessed to see all of the consultation documents, and it is not possible to refer back to them when compiling comments. A single document would have made it easier for people to comment, along with the facility for saving draft comments. It would also have been helpful to receive an acknowledgment of submissions, including the submitted text which is lost when the submission is submitted.

The public notice of the Order says that charges will be increased in Ryarsh Lane, for example, by 10p to 60p for parking up to 30 minutes, up to 40p to £3.80 for parking up to 4 hours, yet parking is currently free after 3pm. The Order is therefore incorrect.

The Order also does not say how a printed copy of the consultation document can be obtained for those not able to access the on-line version, but only refers to the fact that the Order and Statement of Reasons can be obtained. This discriminates against those who cannot use computers.

The section of “Changes to car park charging periods” in which the changes for Ryarsh Lane are partially obliterated and illegible.

There is no place in the consultation document to indicate whether respondents support or object to the proposals for Ryarsh Lane.

For all the above reasons, I feel that the consultation is flawed.

According to Para 8.02 of TMBC’s Constitution, the Report to the relevant Committee should, when recommending a decision, should evaluate realistic alternatives prior to decisions being taken. I would hope that the alternatives outlined in this submission will be considered.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3133**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

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 charges on Sundays.

the extension to 8pm and also to sunday parking will have a negative effect on sporting clubs and also the sunday farmers market... any charges introduced will cause a decline in footfall which will be devastating to the town centre

**Off-street response – Reference number 3135**

I support charges until 8pm.

Currently, independent businesses in Tonbridge are more likely to be closed on Sundays than chains like the supermarkets and Boots etc. I would like to encourage people to shop in the town at the times when these valuable businesses are open as they make the town interesting and worth visiting.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3136**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3137**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3138**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3139**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

We can't afford any free parking anymore in tonbridge

**Off-street response – Reference number 3140**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Give us all a break!! Paying to park your car to go to church?? Really?? And into evening?? Bad enough in the day completely unnecessary

**Off-street response – Reference number 3141**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3142**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3143**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3144**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again this is detrimental to EVERY business in West Malling who are ALL struggling to make ends meet. This will again put people off coming and enjoying an evening out in the restaurants and pubs. They can go to a pub elsewhere that has free parking.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3145**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3147**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3149**

I object to charges until 8pm.

We need our town to thrive and continue to be a place that we all want to use, tourists to visit, using local community attractions and activities, Castle, riverside evening events, park, restaurants, bars swimming pool and Angel centre gym etc. Charging after 8pm, Sundays and Bank Holidays adds a significant costs to visits.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3150**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3151**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The introduction of charges into the evening and on Sundays should be resisted, the current approach encourages people to visit the town centre out of main times and ensure Tonbridge remains a vibrant town centre.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3153**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Why do the council persist in hammering motorists. You should be encouraging more people to use the shops. We might get better quality shops. The machines are old and frequently out of order.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3154**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3155**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3156**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Again it's a relaxing time for family's to spend together. This should not be added. Again business will suffer and people can't aff The extra!.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3157**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3158**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I oppose parking charges on Sundays; I attend church some weeks and the free parking does much to ease congestion that would otherwise arise. Introducing charges would decrease the quality of life for multiple people.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3159**

I object to charges until 8pm.

The current charging periods are fair, just leave them as they are. Again, protect businesses and encourage people to attend our Sunday Markets etc

**Off-street response – Reference number 3160**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3161**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3163**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3164**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3165**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Sundays should be an invitation to come into the area ..a relaxed day

Charging 8 -8 removes that goodwill gesture

**Off-street response – Reference number 3166**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3167**

I object to charges until 8pm.



An extension of parking charges will introduce an additional cumulative inflationary impact on the community on top of the proposed increases that reflect significant cost inflation.

Extended retail opening hours reflect demand which may well be driven by the availability of free parking in the evenings, at weekends and on bank holidays despite arguments made to the contrary.

In addition, an imposition of new charges will also impose an unnecessary financial levy on leisure activities, favouring those that can afford the costs.

I believe these proposals will further drive activity from the centre of town towards out of town locations where free parking is available, eroding the viability of local businesses.

Perhaps a targeted limitation on length of stay might address the problem of cars being parked for long periods, without the need for imposing yet another financial penalty on residents.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3168**

I support charges on Sundays.

I believe that there is a requirement to charge for parking on Sundays as currently free parking encourages visitors into the towns on the one day that many independent shops are closed.

I do believe that there should be free or cut price permits issued for car parks adjacent to places of worship for a period of time while the residents attend the relevant services in the same way that some parents are able to park for free at school pick up times. This is a policy used successfully at other councils.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3169**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3170**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3171**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3172**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I as a local (6yr ) have not had issues parking in town on Sundays or bank holidays and do not see an issue, shops are not open till late but only restaurants and pubs , these businesses have different public hours as that's when they trade.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3174**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3175**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3176**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3178**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3179**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I object to the introduction of later parking charges as well as the charges on Sundays and bank holidays. It will stop people using the high street, which is already underused, and build resentment as it has in Tunbridge Wells.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3180**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3181**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3183**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3184**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3186**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3188**

I object to charges until 8pm.

It is completely unacceptable that parishioners who need to attend church in WM with a car, are penalised. This results in the churches being penalised financially. Not only does this apply on a Sunday but also to any attendances during the week, for services, funerals, weddings, memorial events, concerts, the Music at Malling annual festival. Again a short sighted approach on your part but also who exactly are you representing when you give thought to such proposals? People of faith and of no faith are outraged.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3191**

I object to charges on Sundays.

Always aimed at the road users, we pay enough through road tax !!

**Off-street response – Reference number 3192**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3193**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3194**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I just can't see why this is necessary, who is asking for this? What is to be gained by doing this? (other than money for the council?)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3195**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I attend a support group in Tonbridge High St on Monday evenings from 7-8pm, for which I and several other attendees rely on being able to park for free in the Angel car park in front of Sainsbury's. If charges were extended to 8pm that would have a detrimental impact on attendance at our support group, which is self funded and plays a vital role within the community.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3196**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 3197**

I object to charges until 8pm.

As someone who frequently uses the Angel Centre, Racecourse Park and pubs specifically in the evenings and Sundays, the charges for car parking would be significant on me and my friends, and would be a deterrent.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3198**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3199**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Tonbridge needs to keep free car parks on Sundays and Bank holidays to keep attracting people into the town rather than other places with free parking like Bluewater.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3200**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I coach and train at 8pm on Tuesday nights and on Sundays. Charging at these times would be a disaster for our club

**Off-street response – Reference number 3201**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I use the Farmers Market on Sundays in Tonbridge and West Malling If charges are levied on Sundays I will park further away so I don't incur these punitive charges The Sunday charges will also effect pubs , restaurants and the stall holders especially in West Malling

**Off-street response – Reference number 3202**

I object to charges on Sundays.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3203**

I object to charges on Bank Holidays.

The government are currently trying to get the nation fit. I use these car parks for my training and sport matches. You are therefore going against the government's by charging me to be active. Make the right choice please

**Off-street response – Reference number 3204**

I object to charges on Sundays.

This will discourage people coming into town at these low traffic times, increasing pressure at other times.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3205**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3206**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3207**

I object to charges until 8pm.

(no comment supplied)

**Off-street response – Reference number 3208**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I have to pay to park in Tonbridge car parks 4-5 days a week for work, in effect working the first half hour just to pay

for parking for the day. I travel before public transport operates so have to drive. I then use Tonbridge pool afterwards

and condense my leisure time to an hour, again for the purposes of paying to park and am grateful for the free hour

provided. Whereas I treat myself to a longer session on Sundays or later on Saturdays because it has been free, and

the benefit mentally to swim and relax without constraints of parking costs cannot be understated.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3209**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am a retired person with limited income and if the change is implemented I am likely to be no longer able to use the Angel Centre. It seems somewhat hypocritical for TMBC to provide non profit making facilities on the basis of a Leisure Trust yet seek to increase income by subjecting users of the trust facility to increased parking charges.

I am a retired, regular user of the Angel Centre (5 - 6 times per week). I mostly use the centre later in the day or weekends. The centre is important to me and I use exercise to help with both my physical

and mental health. The effect of the proposal more than DOUBLES my cost of membership and hence I am greatly concerned.

Cost of membership £45 / month

Cost of parking 2hrs x £3.10 x 24 £74.40

Following the recent announcement regarding the future of the Angel Centre I am also aware that the Centre is operating at a deficit and surely the impact of increasing charges can only worsen this situation.

Could I also ask for clarification regarding this consultation. The notice in reception first appeared in reception between Christmas & New Year (I first noticed it on 30 Dec '23). The consultation period ends 7 Jan 24; which given this is a holiday period seems insufficient. I would also question why, given that the trust holds contact details for members there has not been an attempt to proactively advise and consult with members.

At very least it would seem fair and appropriate to give Angel Centre members a concession or a refund of the parking charge. Provision of Activity and Leisure Facilities are a vital part of our community and empower people to take ownership of their health and well-being, reducing potential impact and cost to society overall. I think TMBC recognise this, but pressures on finance should not be permitted to adversely affect the overall ambitions of the authority.

As an aside, Tonbridge High Street is already a failing proposition and I can't see the change proposal doing anything other than making this situation worse.

Charging from 6 - 8pm will impact many hospitality business' in the town - have any of these organisations been consulted with? I have copied this email to our local MP Mr Tugenhat who I am sure will already be aware of the concerns.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3210**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I am a regular gym user and would probably have to cancel my membership and join snap fitness if I had to pay a parking charge after 6pm or on a Sunday. The increase in cost would really hit me hard. It would be a great idea if the angel centre could give the parking fee back, as the swimming pool does. Furthermore, can't the ticket machines take credit / debit cards. Finding coins proves incredibly difficult in an age when fewer and fewer people carry cash.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3211**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Parking charges for people using the Angel gym should certainly be subsidised.. it is completely unfair when paying a gym membership and parking on top . Most gym's have free parking can you please explain how you justify this?

**Off-street response – Reference number 3212**

I object to charges on Sundays.

As senior citizens who struggle during the cost of living crisis and tend to go shopping at Waitrose or Sainsbury's in the evenings and on Sundays to avoid parking charges and queueing, we shall be going

to Aldi or M&S if you insist on charging all hours in your car parks, and I imagine many more local shoppers will be doing the same.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3213**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I accidentally found out that Car parking charges are increasing again and the charge period being extended to 8pm and Sundays - this is on top of gym membership increases and no doubt increases in council tax.

I think this would be a bad thing, it is expensive enough to park in Tonbridge already and it's time to stop penalising the motorist, furthermore this would impact my decision to continue my

membership at the gym and join another where at least parking is free.

No doubt there will be many other members who feel the same as me, I hope you will not increase the charges especially as the council should be encouraging trips into the town to regenerate the high street, how will this help. Having a full and vibrant high street would increase income for the council through business rates and my suggestion would be to make the first hour of parking free with a reduction thereafter, this would help the town no end. I hope you will listen to the feedback

**Off-street response – Reference number 3215**

I object to charges on Sundays.

You also make reference to increased Sunday trading - perhaps you could enlighten me as to what has changed?

**Off-street response – Reference number 3218**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Today I happened to see the smallest notice of consultation that can be legal. It is hard to believe you want feedback on a largely unpublicised plan to massively increase the duration of parking charges in Tonbridge - a town that has already lost much of its customers over the last 15+ years. If your intention is to swell the coffers of the council at the expense of the town's viability as a shopping centre then I am sure you will be successful at least in the short term.

The puerile arguments in the consultation make no mention of consequences of increasing the fees and increasing the time they apply for instead there is a complete lack of balance. If there is a single recurring theme in TMBC it is that the council sees the population of the area as a source of income to pay for the consequences of inept decisions, not as people who deserve a decent service.

Parking restrictions and charges as proposed will stifle growth, limit investment and annoy people looking to save money by parking outside High Street hours - why go to Sainsbury's at 7pm when it costs the same as the rest of the day?

I look back at what I have written and struggle to believe I have voted Conservative in every election since 1979. I am therefore copying our Conservative MP into this in the hope he can persuade the council to behave as if they care about Tonbridge as a local centre of commerce.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3221**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Car parking in Tonbridge is already expensive. Extending the charging period will only impact already cash strapped families and discourage use of the town and its facilities. Parking at Larkfield Leisure Centre, for example, is free of charge. Why is Tonbridge always seen as a cash cow for Tonbridge and Malling If the council are not careful Tonbridge will turn into an overpriced concrete jungle. I hope these proposals are quashed as they are unfair, unrealistic and will only serve to alienate the population of the town.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3222**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I'm extremely disappointed to see that the council is not only increasing the cost of parking in Tonbridge but most distressingly extending the charging time by 2 hours every evening and now Sundays and public holidays too. It's vital for me as a long term resident and frequent user of the leisure centre, pool and local shops that this is reconsidered due to the cost of living crisis. People supporting local businesses and taking exercise should not have to bear yet another cost especially in their hard earned evenings and rest day. This is not to mention the lifeline free parking on Sundays and evenings is for families such as mine with young children and those working in the local area. I urge the council to reconsider this policy.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3224**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 object to charges until 8pm.

I am a member of the Angel Centre gym in Tonbridge and so far it has worked out a cost-effective fitness option for me because I tend to come after 6.00pm when it is free to park in the adjacent car park. As soon as I factor car-park charges between 6.00 and 8.00pm into the equation, it is no longer cost-effective for me to attend and I will probably have to cancel my membership. TMLT's and TMBC's revenues and public health mission will be adversely affected if other people feel the same way as I do. I also tend to do my big Sainsbury's shop on Sundays because it is free to park then, and add in a trip to one of the coffee shops in the high street. If charges are introduced, I will

use a different supermarket that offers free parking, most likely in Tunbridge Wells, and not bother visiting Tonbridge or its high street. Retailers' revenues and the vibrancy of Tonbridge as a location will be adversely affected if other people feel the same way as I do.

I hope you will reconsider these proposals.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3227**



I object to charges until 8pm.

The idea of increasing the parking charge period to 8am-8pm seven days a week is crazy it will put another nail into the coffin of Tonbridge High Street as a place to shop.

Many people take the opportunity of the Sunday no parking charge to do their shopping in Tonbridge, if these changes to the charge periods are introduced people will start to shop elsewhere on Sundays.

A further issue is for the family's, players and supporters of Tonbridge Junior FC whom are using Lower Castle Field car park, that will put an increasing burden on the parents of the players.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3230**

I object to charges until 8pm.

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 3232**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Thank you for this chance to comment on changes. I am puzzled by the extension of hours and more importantly the Sunday changes

The high street is already in decline given the number of

Empty shops

Charity Shops

Shops with limited opening hours

Major banks closed

No post office

The introduction of Sunday charges and extend hours cost will force more people onto the units on the industrial shopping area

At peak times it take on average 15 minute to reach the traffic lights at the end of the ring road By forcing more cars to use the shops in this area EG B AND M HOME BARGINS . ALDI ETC you will kill the high street

All of the areas listed above are all free parking zones

It seems that the people of Tonbridge are being punished by the continuing miss management by this council

**Off-street response – Reference number 3236**

I object to charges on Sundays.

You like kill peoples enjoyment now going charge on Sundays in tonbridge, is our fault your government has cut your funding, get onto government.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3237**

I object to charges on Sundays.

I hope you will seriously listen to residents of West Malling and take on board comments.

1. Keep the business carpark free in the evenings & on Sundays. This will aid The Farmers Markets, and everyone needing to load and unload for the nearby allotments.
2. If parking charges are going to be brought in the PLEASE make purchasing tickets easy for disabled and sight impaired users. Phone apps are not an easy option. They are impossible to use if you can't see very well.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3239**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I work for coral betting shop on west malling high street. Us as staff members find parking a nightmare seeing as we do shift work til 10pm.

We have just received your proposal to extend times etc. we believe this will make matters worst for an already busy high street, especially having to pay til 8pm and Sundays. As a business can we apply for a parking space? Even 1 space would help us out? The person coming into work at 2pm is finding it very difficult to find a parking space especially on weekends.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3243**

I object to charges until 8pm.

I wish to comment on the above, but firstly stress my disappointment that this consultation notice was posted at the busiest time of the year - the lead-up to Christmas and New Year preparations and activities - when the general public, in the main, just don't pause and notice things, most assuming that the pale cream notice near a parking machine is merely telling us of an increase in charges in the future. Only on close inspection is the whole case revealed. So many people I have spoke with this week were astounded to hear that the bottom part of the notice was something else entirely, so haven't responded.

As I don't have internet/email I cant tick boxes but my comments are as follows;

The proposed new area / swings adjacent (illegible) grandparents and visitors with children, it is also a "breath of fresh air", enhancing the entrance view to the castle itself with a wider green view.

Extending weekday charges to 8pm - long after shops are closed will impact those wishing to come into Tonbridge for choir meetings, WI meetings, Church meetings etc.

Extending the charges to include Sundays and traditional bank holidays will affect a) shops which benefit from the fact that people can wander freely and actually investigate the offerings of shops they never normally visit when they are rushing to accomplish targeted shopping before their parking ticket expires, and affect b) family life. At a time when the health authorities and local GPs are greatly concerned with the public's mental and physical health/well-being, the precious opportunity for a chance in busy lives to have freedom to "take your time" unhindered by normal restraints cannot be underrated. For the less able who cannot be rushed, the vulnerable and the disadvantaged families the benefit of this concession is immeasurable and needs to be recognised and acknowledged. Simple things, such as the opportunity to spend hours in the local park, enjoying a long stay using the play equipment, ball games on the playing field, stopping for a picnic etc, make a difference and help people cope when times are difficult.

c) Sunday worship - The simple act of worship in the several churches/chapels situated in the heart of Tonbridge will be affected - i.e. paying to attend church!

As many churchgoers I come in to Tonbridge centre for the morning family service and also the evening 6pm service. No doubt those worshippers who go to Holy Communion at 8am on a Sunday will face "overnight parking" charges as they need to arrive before 8am?

For the reasons I have stated, I strongly disagree with this form of money-making by the Council and urge you to re-consider and seek other ways to raise revenue.

**Off-street response – Reference number 3244**

I object to charges until 8pm.

Comments supplied but due to size constraints cannot be entered - see individual supplied responses